



Lydia L Hartman

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There are people you meet along the way who influence you in subtle ways and then retreat to the vague recesses of your mind, never taking up too much time or space as you go on about the business of living the rest of your life.

Lydia Lynette-Hope Hartman was certainly not one of those people.

There was nothing subtle about Lydia. She'd come crashing into your orbit like a turbo-powered wrecking ball of chaos and glitter and your life would never, ever be the same. She changed people. She changed policies. She made the world better.

Lydia was born on February 3, 2013, and left this world behind on November 21, 2025. Her life was not an easy one, and she learned to be brave and strong from a very young age. She was a complex, many-layered survivor. She persevered with pure sass and grit, and possibly at times purely out of spite. She was fiercely independent and often seemed more like 52 than 12. She was so wise beyond her few years and could be one incredibly tough little nut to crack. When she felt safe enough to let you in, though, it felt like a wave

of summer sunshine exploding inside your soul. She was like that--- she made you feel. She required authenticity. She asked hard questions and demanded truthful answers. She never settled for ordinary or easy. She drew you in and never let you go.

Lydia commanded the attention of every room she ever entered. She unapologetically took up space and expected nothing less than the complete admiration and devotion of those around her. Lucky for her, she was absolutely hilarious and impossibly cute, so admiration and adoration came easy. Every day was "Lydia Day." Every day was a purple princess party. Despite her royal status, Lydia cared deeply for those around her. She assigned nicknames that stuck forever. She asked about everyone's friends and family because she legitimately cared for and wanted the best for everyone. She gave the very best "huggie-wuggies" to those she loved. She was sarcastic, witty, and opinionated, and she was absolutely never--not even once in her whole entire life--at a loss for words.

It would be impossible to list all the people Lydia is survived by. In each of the seasons of her life she has been loved abundantly by those lucky enough to be in her orbit. Lydia's village was as dynamic and mighty as she was, and we are eternally grateful for all the love and care that each and every one poured into Her Majesty the Princess along her journey. You were all her home, you were her family, and you mattered so much to her and for her. Lydia also leaves behind her large and incredibly diverse army of stuffed animals, unicorns, ponies, dolls, Smiling Critters, and Nightmare Critters that were her most prized possessions and her constant companions. Each gift was a treasured token of love.

We will not despair that Lydia is finally free of the pain and challenges she faced, but, oh how we will mourn a world without her in it! Our lives were richer and more colorful for the time we got to spend with her. We will see her

in every rainbow. We will hear her loud, raspy voice singing every time we hear her favorite songs on the radio. We'll remember that laugh and the mischievous twinkle in her eye. We'll shed tears over every little unexpected wink she'll send us through rhinestone barrettes, butterfly stickers stuck on surfaces where there should absolutely not be butterfly stickers, dried smears of nail polish on the floor, and the occasional disembodied doll head found stuck haphazardly in the back of a drawer. We'll retell our favorite Lydia stories and laugh until we cry--like the time she asked, "Is Dr. Dre a real doctor or just a nurse practitioner?" We'll take her and all our precious memories with us everywhere we go until we join her in the beyond. She will never leave us. Oh, sweet Lydia. We will never, ever forget you.

Moving forward from this devastating time, we will appreciate that Lydia's life was short but not small. We will cherish getting to be a part of the family Lydia built. We will honor her legacy. But, for now, oh, how we will miss her and all the extra giggle sprinkles and drama confetti she brought to the everyday.

Please join us at Phillips Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Pike, In Nashville, TN, 37216, on December 3, 2025, from 3pm-8pm for visitation and celebration of Lydia's life and legacy. We request everyone wear something purple to help us honor Lydia's precious memory. A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced in the near future.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216
Nashville, TN 37216

Tribute Wall

PR

“ TSH Princess, as Lydia wanted to be called and was fondly called, was brave, courageous, confident, intelligent, smart and loving child. Even though she had her moments. She had a beautiful heart and a beautiful voice. I had told her that one day she will sing at 'American Got Talent". Her best songs were, "Jesus loves me, this I know" and "Jesus take the wheel". She was so talented that she composed her own songs.

Princess Lydia's dream was to be a Veterinarian, as she loved animals. And this keeps her going because anytime she was feeling not ready to go to School, she would be reminded about her Dream of being a Veterinarian and that motivates her.

She impacted every life that came across her. She was so loving and wanted to be loved, and she was really loved. I love her boldness and genuineness. She would tell me, Princess I love you, you are my best Nurse, and I loved her too. Since she came to TSH, she had progressed a lot and I told her I was so proud of her, and that made her happy. Whenever she came to me to say she was not in a good mood, our relaxation technique was to do some deep breathing and sing, and this usually helped her. Its hard to believe she is no more. I really miss her. But my consolation is that she had given her life to Jesus Christ. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Princess Amucha

Princess - December 04, 2025 at 01:04 PM

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“ Sending love and comfort to those whose lives were changed because of Lydia.



Brittany (MillarRich) - December 03, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BH

“ Brittany H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia L Hartman.

Brittany H. - December 03, 2025 at 03:14 PM

DO

“ I first met Lydia in the Fall of 2024 during her 5th grade year at Pennington ES. She was at the time, working on a math activity with Ms. Menchaca. She would eventually become one of my students at Two Rivers Middle. During her time at Two Rivers, one thing I always wanted to impress on Lydia was a 'can do' attitude. She was at times stubborn, but what middle school student isn't?! However over time, what I noticed was her incredible ability to push past her circumstances and develop a growth mindset around all things in her life. She truly became one of my most memorable students, as she would make a point to always stop me in the hallway to discuss whatever was going on in her life at the time. I will truly miss her smile, her laughter and her incredibly infectious spirit. She truly did pull me into her orbit as we developed a positive teacher-student bond that proved to be immeasurable. - Mr. Oglesby, 6th Grade Exceptional Education Teacher

Daven Oglesby - December 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LK

Thank you, Mr. Oglesby, for pouring into her like you did! I am certain you were important in her life. Lynne King, CASA for Lydia.

Lynne King - December 03, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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“ Oh how I'm gonna miss my Nina aka Lydia. She was my bonus grandbaby. She adopted me. And I loved as if she was my own. My heart is broken. But she i loved her and she loved me and I was her family. I will miss her deeply. She will always have a piece of my heart but I will always have the memories of her and the pleasure of meeting her and having her in my life for that small moment in time

Sevetra - December 02, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia L Hartman.



December 02, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lydia L Hartman.



December 02, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MS

“ Mollie and Shep planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia L Hartman.

Mollie and Shep - December 02, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lydia L Hartman.



December 02, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DD

“ David and Martha Mills “Ma and DaeDae” planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia L Hartman.

David and Martha Mills “Ma and DaeDae” - December 02, 2025 at 04:37 PM