



Maxine Olivia Ilona Knoepfel

September 17, 1999 - March 11, 2026

Maxine Olivia Ilona Knoepfel, Age 26, of Nashville, TN, passed away on March 11, 2026.

Preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Max Rene Knoepfel (Switzerland), her paternal grandmother, Ilona Kemeny Knoepfel (Switzerland), and her maternal grandfather, Don Barta (USA).

She is survived by her father, Max Knoepfel, residing in Nashville; mother, Nancy Knoepfel, residing in Massachusetts; and her maternal grandmother, Ginevera Barta.

Maxine was born in Washington DC, lived in Virginia, New York and eventually completed high school and college in TN. She was a graduate of UT Chattanooga with a degree in Engineering. She was employed in Smyrna, TN with Schneider Electric, where she enjoyed her work and co-workers. Maxine loved animals and nature. She grew up with dogs, cats, horses, chickens and was responsible for rescuing many. She trained a Labrador puppy for Southeastern Guide while in High School in Robertson County, TN. She was able to take the puppy to school and teach about guide dogs to children about guide dogs throughout the county school system.

Barrel racing was a favorite activity along with endurance equestrian riding

with her many horses. She also trained 2 of her rescue dogs in dog dock diving competitions. Her interests besides her animals included hiking, mountain biking, camping, and weight lifting/body building. She was a very bright and beautiful woman who was loved by and will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be announced very soon. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Team Mica Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle TN. https://cfmt.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2279

Tribute Wall

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“ We were neighbors with her father and I remember her bright light visiting often with Ninja. One night we just sat in their backyard drinking wine and talking about life for a couple of hours. Her smile could light up a room and her presence was so calming. I'm so sorry - we have truly lost an angel. Please let me know if you need anything.



Courtney L Kowalske - March 18 at 08:36 AM

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I knew her from buying her horse Romeo. She shared a video of her riding him bareback in a figure eight. Then she halts him and slowly stands up on his back and jumps off. It was the best! Romeo is part of our family now BUT NOW... I WILL BE RIDING HIM IN HONOR OF MAXINE ❤️👍

Carolyn Widmoyer - March 28 at 07:29 AM