



Abigail "Abie" Phillips

May 6, 1988 - March 3, 2025

Abigail "Abie" Marie Phillips passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 3, 2025. She

was born in Chicago on May 6, 1988, and was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, granddaughter, and friend.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Phillips, and her grandparents, John

Murphy and John and Carol Phillips. She is survived by her mother, Margo Murphy Parkes, and

stepfather, Shawn Parkes; her brothers, John Mycroft Phillips (Jenna Gorman) and Wyatt

Phillips; her stepbrothers, Zach and Harrison Parkes; and her cherished nephews, Johnny and

Dean Phillips. She leaves behind many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Abie dedicated her career to preserving knowledge and fostering education.

She earned

her undergraduate degree from Cornell College and her Master's in Library Science from

Dominican University. She was an Archivist at Sacred Heart Schools for over a decade. Her

colleagues did not hesitate to ask for her support, whatever the subject, and

Abie relished a challenge, especially if it meant a deep dive into Sacred Heart history. She connected with students of all ages. She made learning fun by completely being herself: humorous, creative, and down to earth - a winning combination that the students loved. Abie was a childhood brain cancer survivor, and despite the challenges that followed, she bravely pushed forward, building a life filled with love, joy, and compassion. Her adventurous spirit took her to incredible places. She swam with dolphins in Hawaii, explored medieval castles and ancient sites in Ireland, became a certified scuba diver, took sword classes with a Tai Chi grandmaster, and once caught a 4.5-foot hammerhead shark, winning the boat pool for the largest catch of the day. Abie found happiness in the little things—playing Nintendo Switch, enjoying nature walks, spending summers at Art 4 All Camp, and even indulging in good gossip. She loved Legos and sharing them with her nephews. She liked to bake; at family gatherings, her homemade apple pie and raspberry cordials were legendary and longed for. Abie had a special way of making life brighter for those around her and made deep connections with relatives and strangers wherever she went. Her heart was filled with joy when she was with her cousins and nephews, whom she loved to spoil. Whether caring for aging relatives, buying groceries for immigrant families and meals for homeless

people, or simply

lending a listening ear, she gracefully found ways to make life better for all who were near her.

For Abie, life was about feeling love, spreading joy, and embracing the moments that

mattered. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her kindness, humor, and

unwavering love for her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Rush

MD Anderson Cancer Center or The American Brain Tumor Association.

Services are Sunday, March 9th at St. Gertrude Church, 1420 W. Granville Ave, Chicago

IL, 60660. Gathering at 12:00 pm, Memorial Service at 1:00 pm.

There will be a reception following the Memorial Service in the social hall.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering in Church

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St Gertrude Catholic Church
1420 W Granville Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 764-3621

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Ellie Sassana lit a candle in memory of Abigail "Abie" Phillips*



ellie sassana - December 03, 2025 at 10:35 AM

RA

“ *Dear Margo and family,
We learned only this evening, as names of the departed of the parish were read at mass, of the loss of your dear Abie. Our deepest condolences.
In sympathy,
Silvio & Rose Marie Anichini*

Rose Marie Anichini - November 01, 2025 at 07:49 PM

LR

“ *Dear Margo, Mycroft and Wyatt,
There are not words to tell you how sorry I am for the loss of your dear daughter and sister. There are so many beautiful memories I have of all my students at NCA St. Gertrude. She will always have a special place in my heart.
Love to you all,
Linda Ruby*

Linda Ruby - March 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM

AV

“ Witty, happy, joy, and awful jokes that made us belly laugh, are all things that describe Abie. We always looked forward to seeing Abie’s fitness progression when she would come for personal training- but more so looked forward to hearing her stories and witty humor. We miss you already. Armando and Robyn



Armando and Robyn Valerio - March 08, 2025 at 10:59 PM

CN

“ Claire Niciforo sent a virtual gift in memory of Abigail "Abie" Phillips



claire niciforo - March 07, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ Christmas at Grandma and Grandpa's were the days I saw Abie's beautiful smile. And a visit to see her in Chicago were my fond memories. May she rest in peace.

Uncle Fun :-)

Warren Steiner - March 06, 2025 at 06:08 PM

LS

“ *Larry Schoeneman lit a candle in memory of Abigail "Abie" Phillips*



Larry Schoeneman - March 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

MS

“ *Margie Skelly lit a candle in memory of Abigail "Abie" Phillips*



Margie Skelly - March 06, 2025 at 12:48 AM

MS

I wrote something that got deleted but I don't know why. Oh, well!
Margie

Margie Skelly - March 06, 2025 at 01:07 AM

MS

Do many good memories such as Maggie and I visiting her in the hospital long ago. She was a wonderful and precious child with a sense of humor

Margie Skelly - March 06, 2025 at 01:10 AM

GR

I loved Abie and the time we spent together. My love and sympathy.

Grandma Rosalie - March 06, 2025 at 01:44 AM

CM

Sending prayers of comfort for you Monica and all of your family.

Carolyn Murphy - March 06, 2025 at 02:06 AM

LS

I knew Abe from childhood through her becoming a young lady. She was always a sweet young lady and losing her is a great loss for us all.

Larry Schoeneman - March 06, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DS

My love and prayers for all in this big loving family. I never met Abie but I heard about her from the family members and know she was amazing! May your wonderful memories sustain each of you as you mourn. With Love, Dot Santy

Dot Santy - March 09, 2025 at 10:25 PM