



## Danna Rains

April 12, 1995 - March 2, 2015

Danna Marie Rains, 19, of Grimes, died March 2, 2015, at home with family due to complications from several medical conditions, including mitochondrial disease, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, and dysautonomia.

Danna was born on April 12, 1995, in Creston, Iowa, to Carla Rains and Jamie Buffington. She grew up mostly in central Iowa, most recently living in Polk City and Grimes. Danna attended North Polk High School and Dallas Center-Grimes High School, graduating from DCG in May 2013.

Danna drew great strength from her faith and was always eager to help others, despite her medical condition. As her health failed, she set about completing as many items on her bucket list as possible alongside her family and friends. She enjoyed her time spent with people at home and the rare moments she was able to go somewhere for a special event. Danna's courage in the face of her condition provided inspiration to those she knew and met, and she made many new friends along the way.

Danna is survived by her mother and stepfather, Carla and Jon Britton; sister, Kimberly Britton; father and stepmother, Jamie and Laci Buffington; siblings Fischer and Kaelee Sue Buffington; grandparents Debra and Dale Buffington; grandmother Darlene Britton; grandparents Glenda and Duane Adamson; aunt and uncle Carrie and Kelly Adamson; uncle Larry Rains; aunt, Cheyenne

Rains; uncle, Dakota Rains; aunt and uncle Stacey and Chris True; aunt and uncle Shawn and Breanne Buffington; great grandfather Harry Wiechman; her dog, Toby; and many other family and friends that Danna held dear. She was preceded in death by many loving grandparents and great grandparents, and two special uncles, Jeremy Rains and Brian Rule.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Johnston Evangelical Free Church, 9901 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston, Iowa. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Thursday at the Johnston Evangelical Free Church

Memorial contributions can be directed to the family in loving memory of Danna.

“And she never stopped walking”

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church  
9901 NW 62nd Ave  
Johnston, IA

## Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church  
9901 NW 62nd Ave  
Johnston, IA

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ This baby girl had more strength and faith in God than anyone i have ever known. She was brave for ALL of us. I believe God made our "Blue Haired Girl", to teach us strength, love and faith. I knew from the time she was born that she was filled with something holy and spectacular. i used to be amazed to just watch her as she moved and talked and laughed...which i know sounds weird...but it was her spirit that caught my attention.

My favorite memory of this wonderful soul will always be of her and her sissy Kimmy at my home having an "Aunt Jill" lunch. Floppy hats, beads and formals and china tea set. When mama Carla came to get them, she asked what are u having for lunch??? Sandwiches and salad i innocently said. The two little sweethearts ducked their heads and stifled their giggles. Ice cream sandwiches and gummy bear salad. Whats wrong with that I ask ya?

I loved her laugh. I loved her calmness. I admired her strength. And I will always always think of Dana My Blue-Haired-Girl with love LOVE LOVE to the moon and back.

Now it's time for her wonderful Mother Carla, Aunt Carrie-Uncle Kelly and Uncle Lawrence to take a breath, sleep in for a few weeks and and take a much deserved break.You are admired for you love and care of this precious child. How very lucky we all are to have been graced with Dana in our lives!

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**Aunt Jilly** - March 07, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.



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March 04, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.*



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March 04, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.*



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March 04, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *Dear blue haired girl, ha ha grandpa Steele had a name for all of us! I know I have been away from the family for several years but still feel a part of it! Danna you are one tough girl and you of all people deserve to be right where you are with your lord and savior! I haven't seen u in quite sometime ( in person) but on fb I have kept up with you and your highs and lows in your short 19 years on this earth! Seen your prom graduating and all your great accomplishments! I will never forget you sweet girl! Keep a close watch on my babies as I know u will god bless u baby girl! Give everyone up there hugs from me! Till we meet again*

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**stormy rehmeier** - March 04, 2015 at 06:29 PM

SA

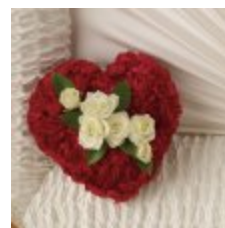
*“ I won't pretend we were close, but I will never forget baby Danna staring at me and smiling the first time we met. She watched me and I just remember it vividly. When I saw her again as an adult a few years ago, she looked at me the same way. She loved people. Through and through. So genuine. I have no doubt she has touched and changed many lives through her faith and courage. My heart aches for you Carla and Jon and family. Since learning of her passing, I have looked at my kids through different eyes. We all must cherish our loved ones and our time on earth the way Danna so obviously did.*

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**Sarah** - March 04, 2015 at 01:29 PM



*“ A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.*



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March 04, 2015 at 01:01 PM



*“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.*



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March 04, 2015 at 12:38 PM

HS

“ *Danna left such an inspiration to everyone she knew/met. After visiting with her whether it be via facebook, text or face to face I always left her feeling full of faith and thinking, that sweet girl is the strongest, bravest and mature young lady I know! She will truly be missed and touched so many lives. Fly high sweet Danna. We all love you!* ”

Heather Scarberry - March 04, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.* ”



March 04, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danna Rains.* ”



March 04, 2015 at 09:19 AM

KJ

“ *Her smile Will stay with me she has changed me forever! She is a True HERO.* ”

Kitty Jensen - March 04, 2015 at 08:30 AM

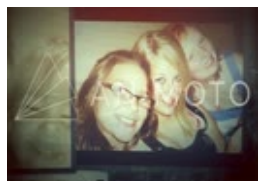
BM

“ *She was the best brownie baker sidekick when we made them at the club. She was my orange haired helper while grandma Debbie was working there. Hope I meet again in heaven loved having by my side*

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**bev mcmahon** - March 04, 2015 at 07:26 AM

 Aly  
Downey

“ *Every day with her was the best day. I love you to the moon and back forever and ever, my beautiful best friend <3*



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**Aly Downey** - March 04, 2015 at 03:20 AM

AB

*Beautiful Danna! You will be missed!♥ your mito friends, the Butler family*

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**amanda calder butler** - March 04, 2015 at 06:32 AM

AB

*Carla and family praying for you constant!!so very sorry for your loss!*  
♥

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**amanda calder butler** - March 04, 2015 at 06:33 AM



*Miss u cousin*

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**Michael Rains** - April 11, 2015 at 01:42 AM

MF

“ My heart goes out to your families at this very difficult time. Hope you find peace knowing she is free of pain and in the arms of her loved ones. Mandi Fallis (Calkins)

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**Mandi Fallis** - March 03, 2015 at 08:33 PM

JM

“ Sorry for loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Peace be with you.

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**Jennifer (Sobotka) Masemann** - March 03, 2015 at 07:49 PM

CJ

“ Buff (Jamie), so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family.  
Love, Jessen

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**Chrissy Jessen** - March 03, 2015 at 07:38 PM

GB

“ Jamie, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's the most terrible thing for a child to go before you. I'll say some prayers. Greg

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**Greg Bixler** - March 03, 2015 at 07:26 PM

KW

“ We love you Danna! You will forever be in our hearts! What a huge impact you made on our sweet Kaleighann! Love The Williams Family, Chris, Kathryn, Kaleighann and Kaden!

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**kathryn williams** - March 03, 2015 at 06:23 PM

 Donita  
Holden  
Berkland

“ *Rest in Peace Danna .... You always had a smile on your face.  
Sorry for your loss  
The Berkland Family (lennis,Donita , and Shelby)*

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**Donita Holden Berkland** - March 03, 2015 at 06:11 PM

TF

“ *The Wiechman Family lit a candle in memory  
of Danna Rains*



**The Wiechman Family** - March 03, 2015 at 05:52 PM

FM

“ *thinking of you at this time.*

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**fred miller** - March 03, 2015 at 04:59 PM

“ *She'll Keep walking*

*She took a step,  
A little girl with her unforgettable  
Red hair*

*Her next step,  
Getting stuck into a storm,  
With never ending pain*

*She took a step,  
Seeing hope in all the rain,  
Never doubting the end of the storm*

*An unforgettable step,  
Her faith overcoming the fear,  
And her strength trampling the worst*

*She took a step,  
Smiling even in the dark,  
And grasping onto light*

*She kept on walking,  
With every step  
And every trial*

*She took a step,  
Pain couldn't stop her,  
She continued walking*

*Her steps were never ending,  
With every cut,  
And every doubt*

*She took a step,  
Knowing she didn't need to worry,*

*She let her faith carry her*

*She won't stop walking,  
Her strength disintegrated the pain,  
So she walked*

*She took a step  
She walked when it rained,  
She walked when the lightning struck,  
She walked in every storm  
And she never stopped walking*

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**Dyamond Memorial** - March 03, 2015 at 04:01 PM