



Jessica Ruth McLerran

December 24, 1982 - May 25, 2023

Jessica Ruth McLerran suffered a major brain bleed and passed away peacefully on May 25th, 2023, with her family by her side. Jessica was born on December 24th, 1982, to parents Ron and Debbie Kerkes. She grew up in Cheney Washington with her three sisters Jana, Amy, and Mandy, who were her best friends. She attended schools there and she graduated high school with honors in 2001 along side her sweetheart Ethan McLerran. The two were married a year later in the Spokane Washington Temple on July 13, 2002. Jessica was a lifelong faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The couples first three children, Evelyn, Brittany, and Madison were born while Jessica was attending Eastern Washington University where she graduated with honors. After earning her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Disorders Jessica took a break from her education to focus on her children and her dream of having a large family. Ethan Jr., Alexis, and Xander were born during this time. She then decided to pursue her dream of working with children with Autism and speech disorders and enrolled in school once again. This time earning her Master of Science in Clinical Speech Language Pathology from Northern Arizona University. Braxton joined the family while Jessica was in the midst of her master's program and yet she once again graduated with honors.

Before she graduated, she accepted a job as a speech pathologist with the Moses Lake School District, commuting an hour and a half between Cheney and Moses Lake each day for the first two years. In 2017 Jessica and Ethan

finally moved the family to Moses Lake. It was here that their youngest son Jonas was born.

2020 was a monumental year for this family. They purchased a home on a property where they could begin building the farm they had dreamed of for so long. Almost a year ago Jessica was able to achieve her career goal by joining the private practice at Autism Therapy Services LLC.

Jessica and Ethan have shared a lifelong love of music that began in 5th grade band. Their passion and talents have been passed along to their children who are gifted with a natural sense of rhythm, beautiful singing voices, and an ability to play many musical instruments just like their parents.

Jessica is survived by her husband Ethan, eight children; Evelyn (20), Brittany (18), Madison (17), Ethan Jr. (16), Alexis (14), Xander (11), Braxton (6), and Jonas (5); Grandparents Enoch and Donna Lybbert of Gallop, NM; Parents Ron and Debbie Kerkes of Moses Lake, WA.; Sisters Jana (Ken) Hardy of Moses Lake, WA. Amy Hemenway of Manhattan, MT. Mandy Mitchell of Moses Lake, WA.; Seven nieces and seven nephews and one great-niece.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Nelson Road Chapel
1849 E. Nelson Rd.
Moses Lake, WA

Service

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Marilyn Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jessica McLerran*



Marilyn Stewart - June 01, 2023 at 10:48 AM

NL

“ *I meet Jessica at work with the MLSD she was an awesome person and very grateful n kind heart person and very loving with children. Prayers for her family and may she rest in peace* 🕊️🙏



Naomi Luna - June 01, 2023 at 01:15 AM

RS

“ *I met Jessica and Ethan bout 6 hrs ago they helped me move they were very nice .Ethan your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love sis Robin smith*

Robin Smith - June 01, 2023 at 12:02 AM

JE

I forgot to say this in your eyes comments but she helped me and it and this other kid see how thousand people learn like her children they're nice

jeremy - October 14, 2023 at 11:29 PM