



Meredith Alyssa Mahr-Edmunds

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Meredith Alyssa, age 29 from Annapolis, Maryland left God's green earth to join Him in heaven July 29, 2017.

Meredith Alyssa graduated from Broadneck High School in 2006 with honors and advanced placement credits before she attended Mount St. Mary's University for her Bachelors Degree. Meredith graduated "The Mount" a semester early with a Bachelor's of Science with a double major in Psychology and French Language and Culture in 2010. Meredith then embarked on her pursuit of a Master's Degree at Loyola University Maryland and graduated with a Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology Thesis track only to continue on to acquire a Certificate of Advanced Study in Counseling Psychology. Meredith was dedicated and enjoyed her quest of learning and education. She began to apply her education by working as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Institutional Research at Loyola. To follow she was a Research Extern at the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Medicine Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Next became her opportunity to excel as an ABA therapist at Endless Options. She continued on as a Lead Behavioral and Bridge Therapist at the Shafer Center. While completing her Certificate of Advanced Study she was a Counseling Psychology Intern at Anne Arundel County Public Schools. When that was complete she became the Counseling Psychology Extern for the Clinical Services Department for Good Shepherd Services. As she continued to grow and develop professionally she claimed an opportunity to be an ABA Technician at Verbal Beginnings. Meredith was currently a psychotherapist at Anne Arundel Counseling Services and the Sheppard Pratt Hannah Moore School Program at Severn River Middle School. Meredith acquired her full license to practice as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in March 2017. A very proud and deserving day for her perseverance. Meredith was always working at least two jobs simultaneously and still found the time to babysit neighborhood and friends' children, walk dogs and pet sit.

Meredith loved life and was a "Magnificent Joy" to all she encountered. She had a gift of creativity and artistry and shared her talents generously with a loving spirit and exquisite heart. Meredith loved photography and was masterful in her ability to capture beauty in the world. Her tremendous love for family, friends, little guys and their families and her precious cocker spaniels



Obituary

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Biscuit, Shadow and Lucky was endless and a compassionate source of enrichment to everyone and everything she touched. Meredith fell in love with “her little guys” every day. Her greatest pastime was spending time with YOU. Quality time with others was her signature love language and she could never get enough. Meredith’s pure love for you is “always and forever...no matter what.” Her gentle kind-hearted spirit was exquisitely brilliant and the world will never be the same without her beauty, grace, and light.

Meredith Alyssa is survived by her mother Sandee also known as Alexandra Mahr (Meredith renamed her), her father Doug Edmunds, her grandmothers Nora Lee Mahr and Audrey Edmunds, Uncle Dean Mahr and Aunt Lynn Mahr, Aunt Bonnie Moore, Uncle Robert Edmunds and Aunt Jackie Edmunds, Uncle Bill Edmunds and Aunt Carol Edmunds, cousins Hope and Patrick Latham, Holly Mahr, Erica Edmunds, Ryan Edmunds, Marcus Edmunds, Liam Moore, Molly Moore, Madeline Moore, Nicole Edmunds and Victoria Edmunds.

Services for Meredith Alyssa will be Saturday, August 5, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church located at 1300 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 at 1:00 PM. There will be a reception to follow the services in the church auditorium. Reverend Christopher Owens will preside over the services. Meredith would cherish your donations to:

Baltimore Autism Society

<http://www.baltimoreautismsociety.org/get-involved/donate/>

Mid Atlantic Cocker Spaniel Rescue

<http://www.cockerspanielrescue>



Events


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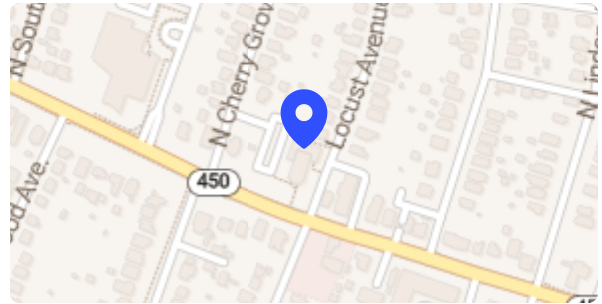
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, August 5, 2017

 1:00 PM ET

 **Trinity United Methodist Church**
1300 West Street, Annapolis MD 21401





Tribute Wall

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BW

Brittany Listman-Ward posted:

I grew up with Meredith. We were the only kids that hyphenated last names so we had a special bond. I remember that we always ate lunch together at the same table in elementary and middle school. Meredith was the most compassionate, kind, and intellectual friend. We ran into each other back in April and caught up. Nothing had changed, she was still the sweetest person I remembered! She also grew up to be an even more amazing woman! We talked about my dad's cancer diagnosis and she was so empathetic to my situation and offered love and support. When my father passed away shortly after, she continued to offer love and support. Meredith was a gem, she was a talented, selfless, loving person. She would offer advice and words of wisdom when it came to education. Meredith touched the lives of so many and had so much to offer the world. I will miss her, but will never forget her-or her light, grace, beauty, laugh, and wisdom.

August 25 at 6:06 PM

LD

Lacey D posted:

I first met Meredith when she was in 6th grade, she was friends with my sister and they played field hockey together. A few years ago in a chance meeting, the two of us ended up at the same dinner event. Even though it had been years since we'd seen each other, as soon as we saw one another we instantly hugged each other in excitement! That night she told me how she looked up to me when she was younger. After catching up on everything she had been up to over the past few years, I was amazed by how much she had accomplished in a small amount of time. While we were hugging goodbye, I told her that now I was the one who looked up to her; I was so proud of the person she had become. She was strong willed, selfless, hardworking, incredibly kind, and the most beautiful person inside and out. Meredith worked with autistic children and took on some very challenging cases, but she never gave up and truly loved working with and helping them. I am so grateful to have had her in my life, and feel extremely fortunate to have been able to call her my bestfriend. I will forever cherish every memory I have of her. From laughing together while doing yoga in the park, dancing and singing along to 90's throwbacks, and our dinner dates where we spent hours talking. She was always up to try new things with me too. She was my personal cheerleader, my therapist, and my partner in crime. She was not only my bestfriend, she was also part of my family. Whether you met her once, or you were fortunate enough to know her for years, she is someone you'd never forget. She had such a love for life and was always grateful for what she had. She loved her family and her friends. She had a light around her at all times, she made you feel loved and welcome, even if you just met her. Meredith was loved by so many, she was easy to love. There is a quote that says "a heart that is broken, is a heart that's been loved". We are all heartbroken about this unbelievable loss, and we were all loved by Meredith. There will never be a day I won't think of her, in moments when it hurts the most I hear her voice telling me "it's going to be ok, you are strong and you will get through this". If she could, she would tell everyone here the same thing. She would tell us not to mourn her life, but to honor it, by remembering all the joy she brought to our lives. I know that when Meredith got to Heaven, that God wrapped his arms around her and said "Hallelujah she's home".

August 2 at 7:25 AM



KH

Kailey Hubbard posted:

Eulogy from her Service I have been friends with Meredith since 1st grade. If you do the math that's 23 years of friendship. We met at the shy and impressionable age of 6 at Arnold Elementary School. I remember Meredith's quite voice and her sweet demeanor; she was always the teachers' favorite. She was smart and studious, my polar opposite as I was the loud goofball who would act out and do anything to make others laugh. We became fast friends and our group soon grew to four as Meredith M and Morgan G entered our clan. The four of us were inseparable. Our sleepovers were epic! I remember one night in particular when we watched one of the scariest movies ever, Ernest Scared Stupid. While watching the movie her Mom snuck outside and proceeded to make noises and spray a fragrant mist through the window to give the illusion that there were monsters outside, she scared us so bad we just about peed ourselves. Another time we all went to Taco Bell and I had decided to challenge myself to eating as many hot sauce packets as I could and my chaser was some blue fruity drink. Naturally I ended up throwing up blue hot sauce everywhere. Meredith was not impressed! But after her initial disgust all she wanted to do was make sure I was feeling ok. She was always the caregiver of the group and she carried on that role throughout her entire life. I remember the first concert I ever went to was with Meredith. We went to see NSYNC and we thought we were the coolest kids to ever walk this earth. Our childhood together was one of adventure and never ending fun. We were going to be best friends forever. As I wrote my life story Meredith was always a constant influence. She's been there for me through every changing chapter, our graduation, college, my engagement, the bridal shower, the wedding, my baby shower and the birth of my daughter. She was always there no matter how much time and life's demands would keep us apart. We were friends forever. Meredith's family was my family. I still remember our times at her Gran and Poppa's house. They treated me like one of their own, as did her Mother and Father. Meredith cherished family just as I did, which is one of the many values we shared. This past year I lost both of my parents unexpectedly only 5 weeks apart. Meredith was there as my comforter, my confidant and my friend. As many do when they lose a loved one unexpectedly, I found myself a little hole and I hid away from everyone and everything. But Meredith continued to check in on me on a regular basis. She would call, leave me messages, send me notes and texts just letting me know how much she cared about me and that she was there. Her texts were pages in length of the most eloquently written praises and admiration for how strong I was. She would tell me how proud she was of me for being such a loving daughter, wife and mother. And she would always end the conversation saying that she loved me and was praying for me and my family daily. She knew I was hurting and she took the time to check in on me, to lift me up, to encourage me and to show me I was loved. If you were loved by Meredith you knew it. Her love was tangible, solid and steadfast. She loved with her whole heart and her whole being. When I think of Meredith's defining characteristics I think of her genuine kindness, her unwavering loyalty, her compassion for those she loved including her fur babies. I think of her giving heart, her quiet and caring voice, her contagious smile, and that laugh. These traits are why we love her so much and why this hurt is so deep and devastating. I can look around this room and know without question that Meredith has had an impact on every life in here. She was the kind of person who touched lives everywhere she went. She was a bright star on earth and her light will continue to shine through her legacy and the memories that we each get to cherish and carry with us until we meet again. Meredith will always be loved and forever missed.



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KH

August 2 at 7:25 AM

RG

Russell Gately posted:

I just found out today, totally shocked and saddened. So sorry for your loss. I met her at work when she came to assist with one of the classes her mom was teaching. We had an instantly good rapport and it was a pleasure meeting her. Russ Gately NGB

August 14 at 4:40 PM

MA

Marie posted:

I am going to share what I posted on Facebook on August 5th for those of you reading this that do not have Facebook. I met Meredith Alyssa the day she moved in to Mount St. Mary's University in late August 2006. It was a very memorable day! I was a junior and she was a freshman, I was helping her move into Pang (where I had lived my freshman year) and then we were leaving for the Mountward Bound retreat! I had the pleasure of meeting her father this day and I still remember it vividly because the love they had for one another was something very unique and very special! He was leaving his baby girl at college and us upperclassmen assured him that she was in good hands! The picture below of Meredith in a hoodie and me in a t-shirt was taken on Mountward Bound shortly after we had met. We were instant friends. I just spent the last half hour or so reading through our Facebook posts to each other over the years! Two memorable ones stick out. A few days after the retreat her freshman year, was my birthday. She has written on my wall to tell me she made me something for my birthday. I was so touched by this, I couldn't wait to see what it was. It's the very creative and thoughtful picture that you see below. I loved it so much, I brought it home with me from college and believe it or not, it is still hanging on my wall in my bedroom today, 11 years after she gave it to me!!!! She had only known me for a few days when she made that gift for me!! The other memory I want to share is a funny one! During the retreat, I said good night to her as everyone was getting ready for bed and she responded, "Good night, I love you too!!" She was instantly embarrassed. I didn't say I love you when I initially said good night to her, but she was so used to saying that at home, that was her instinctive response. It was hilarious and became a joke between us!! From that point on over the years, we would bring this up in person and she would often sign her Facebook posts to be "Good night, I love you!" It was precious just like Meredith! I'm grateful for the friendship that we had and the countless smiles she brought to my face! Unfortunately Meredith developed an aggressive bacterial infection that quickly took over her body and she passed away on July 29th. It happened so fast, I still cannot believe it is true. I'm glad I found these pictures of us together during college! There is no doubt in my mind that she is in her eternal glory, but those left behind are definitely in need of prayers, especially her parents. Her funeral is today, August 5th, please say some extra prayers for all those mourning the loss of such a beautiful person inside and out!! Live your life with no regrets! God bless you!!!! Love and Prayers, Marie Graney

August 2 at 7:25 AM



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CK

Courtney Kimmel posted:

Meredith never missed an opportunity to brighten someone's day. She was so intentional when encouraging and loving her friends, myself included. She had so much love to share. Her smile was dazzling and her hugs warm. Her voice was dainty. She was graceful. She was also goofy! Her laugh was contagious. I cling tight to our memories. We sat next to each other in Mr. Rundle's calc class in high school and that's really when we became good friends. I was always pretty quiet and reserved but Meredith befriended me and made me feel special. She encouraged me not only in my schoolwork but in general. We bonded over our love for colorful ink pens and neat, organized notes. Our friendship grew as we did. When I look back at all the high points in my life, Meredith was there for each one. She celebrated her friends successes and happiness. These thoughts make me smile but they also make me sad because I wanted to be there for her in the same way, for the same moments in her life. Meredith, I am so grateful you chose me as a friend. Your life inspires me to be more intentional in my relationships and to display love and positivity in my daily interactions. My heart hurts so much but I know we will see each other again. I love you and miss you more than I can describe.

August 11 at 5:51 PM

FW

Faye Whitehead posted:

Meredith is, and always will be, my inspiration, along with her bestie, Rachel, and her cousin, Kelcie. All of them are driven to help others and to work hard for their dream. It devastates me to think Meredith worked so hard, for so long, and many will never know her special gifts. Sometimes I would be on FB and see she was up and we'd message a bit, commiserating, encouraging. She sent me the loveliest Mother's Day message one year. She was always so beautiful inside and out and we prayed for each other. Meredith, you are with God and your grandfather, in the best place ever. My heart aches for the rest of us, but I know you are there, still loving all of us. Thinking of you brings tears to my eyes, but also motivates me. I will never, ever forget you! Love you, sweet girl! 🥹 Faye

August 11 at 1:30 PM

KH

Kailey Hubbard posted:

Since I met Meredith in 1st grade I was drawn to her sweet innocence. At the shy age of 6 years old she emanated the most sincere kindness and loved with the most pure and precious heart. As we grew up together she kept her sweet innocence and only grew more kind, lovable and wise. Meredith loved others (both people and animals) with a love so unadulterated. We had a true Angel living amongst us. Her light shined so bright and touched so many lives that it would be impossible to extinguish. Meredith's light will continue to shine through all of eternity. And when we meet again, she will greet us with that bright and beautiful smile. Until then, we will miss her terribly. But one of the best ways to honor Meredith would be to love others as she did, with a pure heart.

August 11 at 4:35 AM



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RA

Rachel A. posted:

My heart shatters every time I am hit with the reality that Meredith is no longer here with us. She was my best friend, and I will always miss her quite terribly. My heart aches for everyone she loved and who loved her. Meredith and I shared a lot of special moments together full of love and laughter. I remember one time she drove us into Baltimore to support her dad in a chili cook off, and we danced and sang in the car together, with no care in the world. I remember another time we stopped our busy lives for a moment to meet up in Annapolis and have coffee together, just to enjoy each others presence. One Fourth of July we enjoyed fireworks on the beach, as we felt the sand between our toes and sat in hammocks. For my birthday one year, we went to Ocean City and she gave me the most beautiful ring on the beach. For her birthday one year, I planned a surprise party for her and made pink high heel cupcakes. The cupcakes were destroyed in the car ride and I was so upset that they were not perfect for her. She genuinely thought the crumpled cupcakes were beautiful because she saw the beauty in everything. I also remember her driving bouquets of flowers from Annapolis to Baltimore on several special occasions to show me how proud she was of me. She was my number one cheerleader. She is as beautiful inside as she was outside. I am going to miss making more memories with her. I love you so much, Meredith.

August 10 at 8:12 PM

KU

Kathy Martin Ullrich lit a candle in honor of Meredith.

I'll never forget Meredith's smile the day her daddy drove her to my house so I could meet her sweet little adorable Black bundle of joy named Shadow. From there I watched her blossom into the beautiful woman she became. She loved life and more so loved her dad. There wasn't a morning or night she didn't talk her daddy. She was daddy's girl. Each time Meredith went to her doctor appointment in the building next to mine, she always stopped by to say "hi". Each butterfly that flutters by, every sunflower I smell, I will think of Meredith.



August 10 at 6:24 PM



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Stephanie Martini posted:

Beautiful, sweet Meredith, you left this world much too soon. I will forever cherish the opportunity I had teaching you French back in high school as well as our recent Facebook chats about Cocker Spaniels. You always knew how to light up a room in a way that only you could; your endless optimism and enthusiasm has served as an example we should all live by. My heart goes out to your amazing, supportive parents who managed to raise a truly exemplary, young lady. I can confidently say that my life and those of others have been enriched for having known you. Whilst my heart is broken that you left us, I take some small comfort that you are now with your beloved dog Shadow and that you are both watching over us all. Fly high, lovely girl. You will forever be remembered and loved.

August 10 at 5:09 PM



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SW

Samuel Walton shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



As everyone knows Meredith was a gift from God for everyone she met. I was fortunate enough to meet her during our time at Mount St. Mary's University. When I think about our friendship and how it began, it always baffles me how a person I knew as merely an acquaintance in college would grow to be one of my dearest friends and most trusted confidante. I can still recall her reaching out to me after we had seen each other at a mutual friend's party and asking if I wanted to come to a concert at Power Plant that her friends band was playing. She was having many friends out because this was doubling as her birthday party. It pains me to know that she will never know how much that single invitation meant to me as I was going through one of the darkest and difficult times of my life. Yet, I know in my heart she knew that was what I needed. A true friend who threw around kindness and love like it was confetti. If I ever needed a person to talk to, or just someone to listen Meredith was always there. She always made you feel so loved, and that there was nowhere else she wanted to be than on the other side of that phone. She was famous for book long texts, some of which would get out of order due to faulty technology and thus her wisdom became a fun game mixed in the form of a jigsaw puzzle. The one thing I have always loved and will continue to carry with me about Meredith was her acceptance and over the top joy of meeting new people and making them feel so welcome. The first time I brought my now fiancée to one of Meredith's birthday dinners/parties she gave me a hug and then wrapped Colleen in an even bigger one showing how happy she was that we had found each other. While there were many other friends deserving of her attention, Meredith kept her focus on us and took the time to catch up on our lives. She was a special and loving soul that we so rarely find in this world. 3 weeks before Meredith passed I texted her because I needed help. My mother had just started chemo for breast cancer and the immediate Monday after it had began my grandmother succumbed to her battle with cancer. Meredith was so supportive and while she genuinely was concerned for my family, she made sure to check on me and made sure that I was ok. I am devastated by the loss of my dear friend, but the one thing that gives me hope is the love and courage she has given me. To be better than I was the day before, to make someone else's day better, and to be the change you want to see in the world. As I said in the beginning, Meredith was a gift and I am so thankful to her parents for sharing this wonderful young woman with the world, and making it an infinitely better place. You both are in my heart and in my prayers. Love, Sam

August 2 at 7:25 AM

AN

Annalyse posted:

What a tragic loss. I'll never forget Meredith's kindness. I had a rough time in high school and I could always count on her to offer me a seat at lunch. She always said hello and asked me how I was. Her small acts of basic human decency, though seemingly insignificant at the time, made a huge impact on how I treat others as an adult. Her spirit will live through those of us she touched.

August 10 at 4:30 PM



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Lacey shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Meredith was such a beautiful soul, inside and out. I will miss her soothing voice, her fiestyness, and her laugh. She always saw the good in people, but if someone hurt one of her friends or family members her fiesty side would come out. I will miss our long talks, and endless laughs.



August 10 at 3:11 PM



Rachael Kilpatrick Friedman shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I always admired you Meredith, you were someone I aspired to be...strong, wise, compassionate and put together perfectly. I can go on and on..you truly are someone I look up to and you were such a joy to be around. Now that you have left us I feel like I have changed. Of course my heart is broken, but I also feel like I need to stay positive and treat others as you did in honor of what a beautiful person you were inside and out. I'm holding onto my prayer pebbles for the right moment...I'm not ready to say good bye.....I'm not sure if I ever will be...I love you Meredith and I always will.

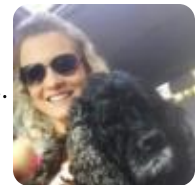


August 10 at 2:52 PM



Bev Taylor shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What an accomplished talent and beautiful giving soul with love for all Gods creatures. Love to her dearest Mom and biggest cheerleader Alexandra.



August 6 at 11:25 AM



Brian Chamberlain posted:

Again, showing the person that Meredith was, a few years ago we took our dog to the specialized hospital that is on Bestgate Road in Annapolis when she lost the use of her legs and needed to be operated on. We were only there a short time and in the exam room when who walked in but this sweet young girl, the granddaughter of close friends of ours. She was toting a tray of cookies she had just baked along with the love and smile that she always had. We were so surprised and thankful to see a friendly face in our time of dispair and have relived that event many times over. We never learned how she even knew we were there and have held that loving event in our hearts over the years. It has become even more meaningful now that this sweet girl is no longer present in our lives. God will hold her close until we join her one day in heaven.All our love, MeredithPat and Brian

August 6 at 6:22 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Mahr-Edmunds family.



August 4 at 12:44 PM



Clare Brady lit a candle in honor of Meredith.

My deepest sympathy in the loss of your wonderful daughter. I had the pleasure of working with her at SRMS and will miss her enthusiasm and passion. She was always dedicated to her students and her work. She will be missed tremendously.
Clare Brady



August 4 at 10:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Mahr-Edmunds family.



August 2 at 4:37 PM



The Jones posted:

Meredith will be missed by so many, she was a loving, caring and beautiful young lady. Loving daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin and friend to all. There was never a day without a smile. Our family was blessed to know Meredith and her family since the day she was born. God has called home another "Angel" Home. She will be looking down and smiling at you every day. She lived her life to the fullest always enjoying and loving her family and friends. Know that our family is keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Pat, Steve, Suzanne and Stephanie Jones

August 2 at 12:11 PM



Matthew posted:

I miss you, Miss Mahr -Edmunds at school! Thank you so much for your help last year!!! goodbye

August 2 at 7:25 AM



Media

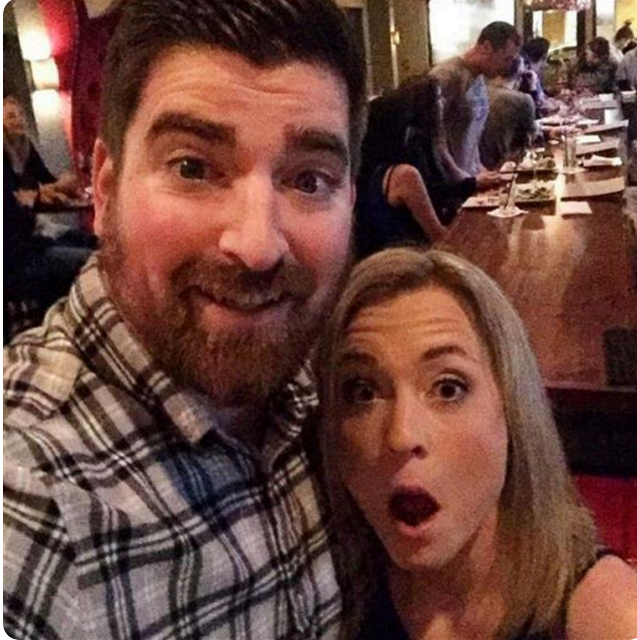
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Memories only last if you share them

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