



## Autumn Rae Fagenbaum

September 11, 1997 - October 17, 2023

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Northwest Hospital in Porter County, our beautiful ray of sunshine, Autumn Rae Fagenbaum, age 26, of Wheatfield, Indiana suddenly and unexpectedly left her life here on earth to shine eternally. She was born on September 11, 1997 to Chet and Jeanna (Tanis) Fagenbaum.

Autumn graduated from Kankakee Valley High School, Class of 2016. She received her bachelor's degree in arts and communications from Valparaiso University and was currently enrolled and working towards her master's degree through Indiana University. Autumn worked at the Jasper County Public Library, DeMotte as the Youth Services Coordinator. She was very instrumental in creating and implementing many of the children's programs at the library. Autumn was enormously creative; she enjoyed drawing, making costumes for her own delight and entertaining others. She also enjoyed making ceramics and many other crafts.

She will be deeply and forever missed by her whole family, her best friend and life partner, Emily Faye McLean, oodles of friends, exceptional co-workers, and all who knew her. She was a beloved daughter, a thoughtful and caring sister, a cherished granddaughter, and a quirky fun-loving niece and cousin.

Autumn is survived by her loving parents, Chet and Jeanna Fagenbaum;

“little, big bro” Mason Fagenbaum; maternal grandparents, Jerry & Johanna Tanis; paternal grandparents, Wanda (the late Dave) Fagenbaum; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends and family may visit at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 2:00 until 7:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at American Reformed Church on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM with Pastor Troy Nanninga officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Autumn’s name to Jasper County Public Library or American Reformed Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church  
1021 S. Halleck St.  
DeMotte, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - October 21, 2023 at 02:38 PM

RV

*What beautiful memories. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you. Praying for comfort and peace. The VanDerVeen's*

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**Ruth & Duke VanDerVeen** - October 25, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



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October 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*

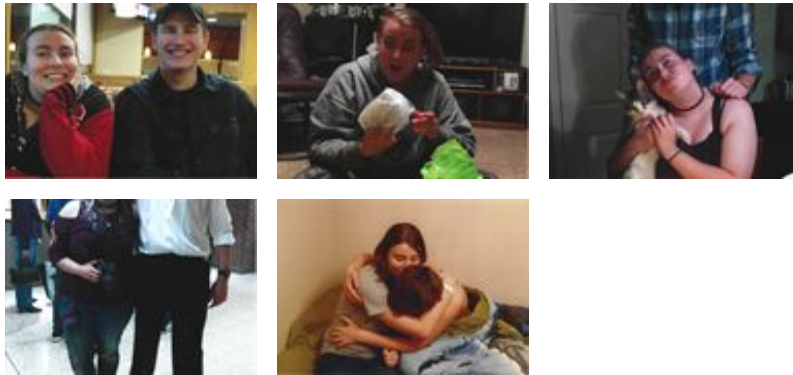


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October 21, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - October 21, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



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October 21, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*

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October 21, 2023 at 12:28 PM

KW

“ One of my favorite memories with Rae was at a mini-ren faire they helped organize and gathered a gaggle of us to help volunteer at. I said I had wanted a picture with some of my favorite “Fagenspawn” (as I like to call their cousins with the same last name), and when she walked up to join the picture, I, for some reason, didn’t realize that was also her last name... I said “I knew you had a last name, but I didn’t realize it was also Fagenbaum”! She was dying laughing. That day was so fun, and I am so glad to have that memory with her.

*Rae truly was such a special person who had a talent of bringing everyone together.*

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**Kay W.** - October 21, 2023 at 01:32 AM

RF

“ Ryan Postma & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.

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**Ryan Postma & Family** - October 20, 2023 at 08:26 PM

RF

“ Ryan Postma & Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.



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**Ryan Postma & Family** - October 20, 2023 at 08:26 PM

SC

“ I want to say I'm in a nightmare but it's real and i still can't believe it Rae meant so much to me and that all the moments we shared i never took for granted she was the strongest person I ever knew she will be missed deeply by her friends family and fans I will do my best to keep her memory alive and well as much as I can she left us with something far more important and that is to love yourself and to love others and that everything will be better when we all get along with each other Rae if you can see this I want to say thank you for believing in me and being there for me and supporting my dreams you were one of a kind and 1 In million please believe that you're memory will always be with me goodbye Rae I will always love you my Dragonborn and to the family ill always be here if you need me call me or message or anything I will do my best to be there

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**Steven Clark** - October 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM

SJ

“ Autumn was a hardworking and energetic art student at Valparaiso U. She was also thoughtful, fearless and hilarious! An unforgettable presence in my classroom. I am heartbroken for her family, her partner and her many friends.



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**Sarah Jantzi** - October 20, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



October 20, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *What happened?! I just talked to you at the library last week! You were always one of my favorites! 💔*

**Tony Cochran** - October 20, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



October 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Kyle H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*

**Kyle H.** - October 20, 2023 at 09:53 AM

JT

“ I will never forget your smile and personality Autumn. You were at our house when Michelle was here so many times. I think I spoiled you with your breakfast requests, I was glad to do that. Mom (late Helen Mudd) thought of you as a granddaughter, we watched your dad and Chad grow up and knew Wanda and Dave forever. I knew your mom, grandmother and grandfather from Boot's Pizza and Tiny's Supermarket. RIP Honey!



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Julia trapperdash17@gmail. - October 20, 2023 at 03:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.



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October 20, 2023 at 03:22 AM

JE

“ I've always seen Autumn at the library, she always had a smile on her face, I showed her my drawings and she gave me tips on how to improve them, she was a great friend, and even when I moved to Missouri, she still stayed in touched with me.  
Fly high my friend ❤️❤️❤️ Love you Autumn  
Prayers for the family



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Jessica - October 20, 2023 at 12:58 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



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October 19, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.

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October 19, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



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October 19, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ *I haven't seen Autumn since our broadcasting family in highschool, but I will never forget her kindness & intelligence. Her creativity shined throughout everything she did, and all of us loved Autumn for her pure radiance of kindness. I can not stress enough how incredibly kind she was - never had anything negative to say, always laughed at my horrible dance moves, and made everyone single one of us in the Broadcasting family smile. I am saddened by this news, and I am thinking about the family and loved ones impacted by this. She will be missed.*



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**Emily Ann Poe** - October 19, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.*



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October 19, 2023 at 09:39 PM

ST

“ I met Autumn at Saint Joseph’s College. I didn’t know her very well, but I do remember that she always lit up a room and made everyone laugh. I specifically remember that we shared a moment where we talked about her name being Autumn Rae and mine being Sunshine Rae. It was such a cool coincidence. You will be missed by so many.



Sunshine Thompson - October 19, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.

October 19, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.



October 19, 2023 at 06:46 PM

DT

“ I remember the night you were born. We were waiting in Missouri for the news. You were a shining light and a brilliance with your intelligence, sense of humor, and talents. We will miss seeing you and your accomplishments but we know we will see you again. We loved you very much and we will always remember you with love.  
Great Uncle Jim and Great Aunt Diana

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**Diana Tanis** - October 19, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AM

“ Ardith Jean Myers lit a candle in memory of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum



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**Ardith Jean Myers** - October 19, 2023 at 06:04 PM

AM

Chet, Jeanna and family,  
Sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Praying for our God to bring you comfort, peace and strength during the coming days. Autumn was always smiling when we came through for coffee at church. We saw her amazing talent as an artist when we asked her to put on display the things she had created.  
Ralph and Ardy Myers

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**Ardith Jean Myers** - October 19, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ Wonderful young woman! I enjoyed knowing her. Deepest sympathy for all.  
Del Cleek

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**Del Cleek** - October 19, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TP

“ Fagenbaum & Tanis families,  
Please accept our deepest sympathies . May  
God and your precious memories bring you  
comfort.



Terry Postma - October 19, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Autumn Rae Fagenbaum.



October 19, 2023 at 02:51 PM



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GZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What I remember of her she was always  
smiling. My prayers are with you. May God give you comfort and  
peace.

Gayle Zeldenrust

Gayle Zeldenrust - October 19, 2023 at 02:41 PM

HS

“ *Though I haven't seen Autumn in a while, my memory of her while she was growing up was always smiling and laughing. Such a happy-go-lucky, loving child. That is how I will always think of her. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you.*

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**Holly Starkey** - October 19, 2023 at 02:31 PM

DW

“ *Oh my heart is broken. Autumn was such a ray of sunshine. She touched my family's life in ways she could never know. Her joy of all things fantasy, art, and creating, and her AMAZING talent will be missed but treasured by all who were lucky enough to have been blessed by it. Fly high sweet lady. Diana Wright and family.*

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**Diana Wright** - October 19, 2023 at 02:06 PM