



Anastasya "Ana" Jessica Farris

September 2, 1982 - November 1, 2023

ANASTASYA "ANA" JESSICA FARRIS, born SHAWN JOSEPH FARRIS, of Quinton, VA, age 41, passed away unexpectedly as the result of an auto accident on November 1, 2023. Ana's companion and love, Savannah Adkins-Reith also passed away on November 1. Ana (Shawn) was preceded in death by grandfathers Sam Mauck and Carroll Davis, and an uncle Doug Farris. Ana (Shawn) leaves a loving family including children, Hunter Farris of Virginia Beach, VA and Ember Sturniolo of Henrico, VA; parents, Mike and Marsha Farris of Toano, VA and Beverly and Joe Davis of Barhamsville, VA; brothers, Chris Farris of Toano, VA and Bryan Davis and wife, Brittany, of Powhatan, VA; grandparents, Hilda Hollinger and Mary Mauck of Toano, VA, Judy "Juju" Davis-Piggott of Newport News, VA, Ginny and Jim Stewart of Rye, CO; special friend Amber Curtis; and many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140 at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 10, 2023, with visitation with family preceding the service at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warrior Project or He She Ze & We.

Born Shawn Joseph Farris to Mike Farris and Beverly Davis on September 2, 1982, he was a loving child, sibling, parent and companion. Throughout his life, he was extremely artistic, taking after his mother. Shawn was adept at so

many styles and media. Expressions through art were a constant in his life.

As a child and young teenager, Shawn played soccer and volleyball. He also participated in the Boy Scouts and took karate lessons. Shawn graduated New Kent High School in 2000. While at New Kent, he participated in soccer, forensics, Odyssey of the Mind, and One Act Play. After graduation, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University. With his analytical approach to problem-solving, he enjoyed going to local escape rooms over the years.

In February 2002, Shawn enlisted in the US Army. He proudly served until 2008 and was a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was trained as a Russian linguist and was stationed in Germany for several years. While deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq, Corporal Farris received the Army Commendation Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in the field of signal intelligence. As with so many veterans, the horrors of war stay with them—this was the case for Shawn as well, as he suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

After being honorably discharged, Shawn continued a career of service working as a government contractor in the DC area and later in Hampton Roads. Shawn was employed at Threat Tec as Project Manager, Gaming & Visualization Delivery. He earned a bachelor's degree in game art and design and a master's degree in gaming. These college degrees played a great part in his work developing Army training programs.

Shawn loved his family, especially his children—Hunter and Ember. Hunter was born in Germany in 2007, while Shawn was serving in the Army. Ember was adopted in 2021.

At the age of 38, Shawn embraced a new vision in life and began a transition to become Anastasya Jessica Farris. She preferred to be called Ana. She

volunteered in Richmond with the trans support organization He She Ze & We. While this transition was not publicized to all who knew her as Shawn, many of us still knew her as the person and soul we had always loved.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ My deepest condolences to Ana’s parents, family and friends. There is no measurable way to ease your loss. Just know the light your child shared with others is one of honor, great leadership, wisdom, great sense of humor and a heart of service to others. Even having changed jobs years ago, I still remember well that time and Ana’s impact on those encountered. Thank you for sharing Ana with us.
-With prayers, Chris James.

Chris James - November 10, 2023 at 08:31 AM

KA

“ To Ana's family, we would truly like to express our condolences to all of you during this most difficult time. We met Ana earlier this year and had a few brief visits with her and Savannah during the year. Savannah seemed to have found happiness with Ana for which we were grateful. We definitely share in your grief during this time as saying our final goodbyes to our baby girl today broke our hearts. While we can not be there on Friday, you definitely will be in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for the loss. Ken and Anita Atkins

Ken & Anita Atkins - November 09, 2023 at 09:27 PM

SM

“ Ana was one of our most dedicated volunteers. She was willing to show up everywhere and spread awareness about our organization at our outreach events. Ana brought bright energy and love to her work with us. She was a true asset to He She Ze and We and we are going to miss her terribly. My heart is broken and know that we are not alone with so many that loved and appreciated her.
~Shannon McKay, Executive Director He She Ze and We



Shannon McKay - November 07, 2023 at 06:50 PM

JD

“ Beverly and Joey and Family: We are sorry for the loss of your child. May your memories bring you comfort. Sincerely, Lee and John Davis

John Davis - November 06, 2023 at 07:44 PM

LL

“ Dawn and Hunter, my heart is with you, you are both loved very much💕💕💕



Linda Leidy - November 06, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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“ Beverly, Joey, Mike and Marsha my heart
brakes for our loss. I am so sorry for your
pain. Ana was a wonderful person, so
talented and full of life. Taken way to soon💔
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Linda Leidy - November 06, 2023 at 04:30 PM