

HAUCK, KATHERINE J. "KATE"
February 19, 2004
Tampa, FL
December 11, 2025
Provo, UT (formerly of Viborg, SD)
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**Katherine
Josephine "Kate"
Hauck**
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Formerly of Viborg, SD
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Kate Hauck unexpectedly passed away December 11, 2025, in Provo, UT. Like too many of America's children, it was a lethal dose of Fentanyl that killed her.

Kate was born February 19, 2004, in Tampa, FL. Her parents are Alan and Debra (Parker) Hauck of Viborg, SD. She was baptized on March 11, 2018. She graduated high school in 2022 with a 3.63 GPA. Her passion was storytelling, literature, and writing. She loved waitressing. She was that server you enjoyed seeing and who made you laugh when you went out to eat.

Kate was very outgoing and strong-willed. She was a hugger, whether you wanted to be hugged or not. The last few months of her life, she matured a great deal. Many of her friends talked about how kind she was and how she tried to help and protect them. We think the hardships of being homeless made her more compassionate and less self-focused. It brought out the good in her.

She was little; barely five feet tall, but her personality was so big it was easy to forget her size. Her bright eyes and dimples were endearing and she often charmed

everyone she met. She was a leader and loved being in charge.

In 4-H, she liked archery and chickens and dog training/showing. A musician, she played piano, alto sax and ukulele. Kate loved books and movies. Her career testing showed that her strongest talents were acting and storytelling. She enjoyed traveling. In her short lifetime, she visited 19

different states.

Kate is survived by her parents and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins (far too many to list). Kate was an only child, having been adopted as an infant. Much to Kate's heartache, she was also unable to have children.

Kate is preceded in death by her grandparents, Orville and Josephine (Misar) Hauck, and Karl and Raeanne (Summers) Parker, Uncle and Aunt, Bobby and Annette (Parker) Hackett, Great Uncle and Aunt, Thomas and Lois (Parker) Knight, Great Uncles, Bert Tiesen, Melvin Misar, and Jack Summers, and Great Aunts, Evelyn Misar and Audrey (Meng) Misar.

A memorial service will be held at Viborg First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. This service will be live-streamed on YouTube (Viborg First Baptist Church) and Facebook (First Baptist Church Viborg South Dakota).