



Cordelia Bliss White

August 10, 1985 - August 10, 2019

Exeter - Cordelia Bliss White of Exeter died on August 10th, her 34th birthday after a brief pulmonary illness. She lived a very courageous life, having been born prematurely at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Throughout her life, she valiantly struggled with health and other issues.

Cordelia grew up in Rye and attended the Rye schools. She spent countless hours listening to stories and reading at the Rye Public Library. A 2006 graduate of Winnacunnet High School, she was also a member of Friends in Action. Following high school, she joined Ethel's Tree of Life, an organization that teaches life skills for young adults with various challenges.

Cordelia was a devoted volunteer and strong advocate for people with disabilities. She completed the New Hampshire Leadership Series; she was on the YEAH Council for young adults with special healthcare needs; and she trained as a volunteer advocate for special education. She was appointed by the governor to the Developmental Disabilities Council in Concord, serving a three-year term. Additionally, she was a founding member of SALT; Self Advocacy Leadership Training, that is supported by the DD Council.

Cordelia was faithful, loyal, kindhearted, and loving. She had a strong voice and a memorable laugh. Each day, she spent time on Facebook, connecting to family and friends. Her interests included baking and cake decorating, as

well as visiting many points of interest throughout the state, leading her to complete the training for the New Hampshire Ambassadors. She enjoyed everything associated with the Wizard of Oz, Mr. Rogers, Disney and Sesame Street— deeply identifying with the stories and characters.

On her 34th birthday, she posted a March of Dimes fundraising campaign on Facebook, asking friends and family to make donations in lieu of gifts. This was Cordelia's lasting spirit and legacy—caring for others in need.

Cordelia is survived by her mother and stepfather, Elizabeth and Stephen Volpone of Hampton Falls; her father Peter of Rye; her brother David of Chengdu, China; her grandmother Jean White of Chatham, New Jersey; her aunts and uncles: Margaret Ost of New York City; Frederick and Katherine Ost of Summit, New Jersey; Richard and Kerstin White, of Exeter; Donald White of New York City and five cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 A.M. Friday, August 23rd 2019 at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye. Donations in Cordelia's memory can be made to the Richie McFarland Childrens Center (<https://www.richiemcfarland.org>) and Farmsteads of New England (<https://www.farmsteads-ne.org>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Cordelia Bliss White*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *i will never forget cordelia. she was always full of smiles and she was an excellent talker. i will miss her forever.*

james goscinski - April 19, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ *James Goscinski lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



james goscinski - April 19, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *I will Miss Cordelia and her smile and her laughs. She always made my day bright. We used to video chat on Iphone or Ipad. I know she is watching over me and looking down on me and smiling at me. She was a great comfort to me when I had a bad day or just needed a friend to talk to. She was always there for me when I needed her. We used to walk the streets of Exeter together and go to Me & Ollie's.*

Andrew Peyron - November 10, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ Through the Self-Advocacy Leadership Team (SALT) meetings, I have met Cordelia Bliss White. Cordelia was always an excellent advocate. I am so sorry to learn that she has died. I extend my sympathy to her now.

Roberta Gallant - September 26, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ Cordelia could light up any room when she walked in. Her legacy will live on. I still remember the days when she would smile and just be herself- nice, helpful. That’s something I’ll never forget. I pray for her family and friends during this time.

KATE Lucarelli - August 23, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ Cordelia worked so hard at making the world a better place for those with any type of special need. She learned to advocate for herself and others and encouraged her peers to do the same. We were very fortunate at NH Family Voices to have her as a long time member of the YEAH Council. She left the world a better place. Thank you Cordelia. And thank you to her family for providing her with love, support and guidance in a life too short. Love to you all.

Terry Ohlson-Martin - August 23, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ 1 file added to the album NH DD Council Work



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 22, 2019 at 04:18 PM

MO

“ <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/photo/QgrcJHsHsHtKrqJpLBHKIGHmbJJTFbjFMVb?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>
Cordelia at a social event. She had a way with words and wrote about her experiences or was interviewed in various publications.
Aunt Margaret (Margaret Ost)

Margaret Ost - August 22, 2019 at 04:09 AM

BH

“ Cordelia's loving family and friends. Know that now her smile and amazing loving spirit will be forever etched in your hearts and minds. Her laugh at RJH was infectious, and I was fortunate to have run into her a few times in Exeter over the past few years. I am so proud of the amazing work she did as a champion for others. RIP Cordelia, our universe will never be the same..so glad you came.
Bridget M. Hughes
former RJH Teacher

Bridget M. Hughes - August 21, 2019 at 01:16 PM

PM

“ Dear Elizabeth, My heart is with you, David, and Steve. For 34 years I watched you devote 100% of your brain and soul to Cordelia's quality of life, There was no better advocate or mother for her little girl. May your courage and commitment to truth carry you through this journey of healing. It was parenting exquisitely well done with constant vigilance. We will miss Cordelia. Love, Pam,
Ray, Billy, and Anna

Pam Murphy - August 21, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cordelia Bliss White.*



August 20, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ *Carol Gamache lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Carol Gamache - August 20, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ *I will always remember Cordelia's wonderful smile and happy attitude. She was a positive influence on so many people. Kathleen Cole Rye Elementary School*

kathleen Cole - August 20, 2019 at 09:38 AM



Yes she did, my name is Andrew I was her close friend

Andrew Peyron - August 21, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sharon Saunders Fernie lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Sharon Saunders Fernie - August 19, 2019 at 01:08 PM

IR

“ 2 files added to the album NH DD Council Work



Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre - August 19, 2019 at 10:55 AM

IR

Cordelia was a powerful advocate who was very proud of her work on the DD Council. She will always be remembered as a voice for people with Developmental Disabilities.

Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre - August 19, 2019 at 11:09 AM

VN

“ *Sorry for the loss of Cordelia. I was one of her teachers way back in kindergarten. Even then she had a wonderful happy energetic spirit. I remember how she loved to sing and how she loved Barney. :) Happy to learn of her life and how she spread her wonderful loving spirit and touched others in so very many ways.*



vivian napoli - August 18, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JR

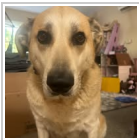
“ *I remember Cordelia as a young child at Rye Country Day School. When I read of the accomplishments she has made it filled my heart of which she always had a special place. My condolences to Elizabeth and her family and friends. Jeanne Russell*

Jeanne Russell - August 18, 2019 at 05:47 PM

MW

“ I am so shocked and saddened by the loss of Cordelia. My heart breaks for her family and friends, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I loved your laugh and sense of humor. Whether we were going to weight watchers, a new store or place you wanted to check out, or searching for new activities to do on the computer, we always had a great time with lots of laughs. I will truly miss you my friend.

Megan White - August 18, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ I miss Cordelia so much. My favorite memory is when we went to the movies together. We both were huge fans of Mr. Rogers and saw that movie and sang along with the movie "It's you I like" and neither of us minded what anyone was thinking because it felt right. You made me brownies when I was sick, and were not afraid of the stove like I am! You helped me a lot Cordelia. You pushed me to do things I would not have done if I had not been fortunate enough to meet you. Like, going to see movies. That was something I learned to get comfortable with because of your help! You may not have known but you helped me to be a better person, a braver and stronger one too. Love, Cassie

Cassandra Caza - August 17, 2019 at 11:24 PM

MB

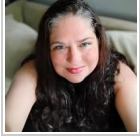
Love this Cassie, what a beautiful tribute

Matthew A Burton - August 18, 2019 at 12:27 AM

AR

“ Thank you for all u did for our world. My grandmother was Cordelia Bell and she was a faithful woman,too. Prayers for your family n friends

Ann S Reid - August 17, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Suzanne Ashkenazy lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Suzanne Ashkenazy - August 17, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Adding cheer and gratitude to Cordelia!
You have such a group of supporters left behind.
Keep your smile and your joy!*

Michele Swisher, friend of your Aunt Margaret

Michele Swisher - August 17, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Denice Albert lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Denice Albert - August 17, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Matthew A Burton lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Matthew A Burton - August 17, 2019 at 11:55 AM

MB

“ *Matthew A Burton lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White*



Matthew A Burton - August 17, 2019 at 11:54 AM

KE

“ *Cordelia- I am grateful that I got to know you through the DD Council and leadership. You are a great advocate for people with different abilities and thank you for the conversations in your apartment and in my car on how to make the world better. You my friend made the world better!*

Katie Epstein

Katie Epstein - August 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM

WC

“ *Thank you, sweet girl, for touching so many lives, spreading your Love & light to all of us. It comforts me to know you are with my Erin and can continue your amazing friendship. Please give her a big warm hug for me.*



Wendy Chase - August 17, 2019 at 10:21 AM

AP

I miss her so much

Andrew Peyron - August 17, 2019 at 11:11 AM

MB

Me too

Matthew A Burton - August 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM

JG

so do i

james goscinski - August 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM

CT

“ *As Facilitator for Dreamcatchers 2.0 Dover Group KIND, which Cordelia was a loyal member of and was about to become a leader in her own Exeter Club, I will always remember the day you "adopted" me when I lost my cousin Amber. She, like you, have a kind, giving spirit that makes you more special that words can say. You are a gem, shining brightly over us wherever we go, today and always.*



Cindy Thompson - August 17, 2019 at 10:09 AM

AP

Here is my best friend who I miss so much 🥺🥺

Andrew Peyron - August 17, 2019 at 07:25 PM

MB

I heard about this, I would love to start a Dreamcatchers club here, in her honor.

Matthew A Burton - August 18, 2019 at 02:15 PM

CT

Matthew, please contact me: Cindy@dreamcatchersnh.org

Cindy Thompson - August 19, 2019 at 02:12 PM

AP

She was a trooper.

Andrew Peyron - November 10, 2019 at 08:38 AM

EL

“ *I remember meeting her with ally years ago when we were in college, she's was a good friend even though I didn't know her that well but I still considered her a friend to me. RIP cordelia. Gonna miss you every time I'm at dreamcatchers*



Elizabeth - August 17, 2019 at 09:21 AM

CG

“ *It seems hard to believe this news, I opened The Offbeat Owl Paint Bar 4 years ago and one of my very first customers was Cordelia. She came in and painted some ceramic figurines and chatted the whole time with me and my daughters. She was so very sweet and appreciated every thing that was given to her. She loved going next door to Dsquared Java and getting her coffee! She talked about her brother often who was in China and how much she missed him. Cordelia loved going to church and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed and forever in our hearts. Until we see you again my friend. Hugs, Love, and Kisses.*

Cindy Frederico Giusti - August 17, 2019 at 09:17 AM

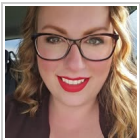
MB

“ Dearest Cordelia,

I am heartbroken, we were friends linked by illness, but we always had a good time together, I will forever miss you loving smile, and tender heart.

Matt

Matthew A Burton - August 17, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ Cordelia was such a kind spirit, her perseverance and resilience were paramount. I will remember her stories and smile!!!



Samantha Dorantes - August 16, 2019 at 06:04 PM

MO

“ Cordelia and I would play Words with Friends while we talked on the phone and it was a fun way to keep in touch. Aunt Margaret

Margaret Ost - August 16, 2019 at 03:17 PM

MO

“ 1 file added to the album Cordelia's 30th Birthday



Margaret Ost - August 16, 2019 at 03:16 PM

MO

“ <https://bwhbulletin.org/2015/08/20/former-nicu-patient-celebrates-30th-birthday-at-bwh/>
Cordelia's 30th birthday visit to the hospital where she was born, August 10, 1985.

Margaret Ost - August 16, 2019 at 02:40 PM

MO

“ <https://bwhbulletin.org/2015/08/20/former-nicu-patient-celebrates-30th-birthday-at-bwh/>



Margaret Ost - August 16, 2019 at 02:34 PM

AP

“ *Cordelia and I would FaceTime, and chat on the phone, I would often visit her when I had money to do so. I will miss Cordelia soooo much, it hurts so much. Cordelia and I went to wizard of Oz in Worcester at a hall. I will always keep the memories that she and I shared.*

She was a Jewel And a saint and a joy to be around. I will miss her apartment that we spent time in and hung out in. She took me to many restaurants in Exeter. She will always be apart of my life

Andrew Peyron - August 16, 2019 at 12:24 PM

EM

“ I went to school with Cordelia and she had the most amazing smile and personality you could have ever hope to know! That in itself was a life gift to us all (just being in her presence.). When I had my daughter 10 years ago many years after school ended and many had gone our separate ways. Cordelia sent me a gift in the mail congratulating me on having a little girl and an amazing classic book for me to read to her. She was the only person who I’ve ever come across that has been so selfless and giving towards people no matter how many years went by she still thought of us all. Heaven has truly gained an Angel. To her family our thoughts and prayers are with you. Know your daughter touched more lives in her precious year then most could ever attempt to do. She will never be forgotten and she will be thought of often. Thank you for all you have done and did for other ❤️

Erin McKay - August 16, 2019 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ Cordelia was an amazing young woman. I went to Rye with her and Portsmouth for a few years. I have gone out to dinner with her a few times afterwards and enjoyed every time I saw her. Her laugh and smile was one I won’t forget. Her love of life and determination was admirable. A person who you can’t forget. May God bless you and accept you into his open arms. My families thoughts and prayers to her family, the world lost a good soul.

Tory Bianchi - August 16, 2019 at 09:04 AM

ED

“ Ellen DeCosta lit a candle in memory of Cordelia Bliss White



Ellen DeCosta - August 16, 2019 at 08:10 AM



Melissa James

“ We went to girls group together at PHS she will be missed

Melissa James - August 15, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ me and her went to high school together she was a great person and a great freind she will be miss

Dan Cawley - August 15, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ She was such a sweet person we went to school together in Rye. When she found out I had a baby she bought him a present and shipped it to him. I was so surprised after moving to another town and it being so many years from seeing her she still remember me and was thoughtful and she truly had a heart of gold. My heart goes out to her friends and family.

Justine Cuellar - August 15, 2019 at 08:32 PM

ER

“ Sorry for loss

erika - August 15, 2019 at 08:22 PM