



## Elizabeth Samantha Shade-Ware

December 2, 1991 - April 6, 2023

Liz was born in California and grew up in the United Kingdom, Iowa, and Maryland. When she was 5 she went to live with her dad at RAF Mildenhall where she affectionately became a member of the 'Military Brat' community. There she attended British schools and later American schools on base. She developed a slight accent but it was lost in time after she moved to Maryland with her dad. In 2001 she went to live with her grandparents in Iowa for 2 years and was able to experience the Midwest. Moving back to Maryland she got to know and love her new mom, Stacey. With her mother's influence she became involved in the performing arts, playing music in the school band, joining the theater group, and becoming a Stage Manager like Stacey. She also became a 1st Sergeant in her Army JROTC unit with loving support from her father. She graduated from Howard High School in 2010 and went to Iowa City, Iowa to start college. There she was very active in the student support groups and made many friends.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Iowa. She used her love of people for her career in caregiving positions. She would come back home to Maryland in the spring of 2021. Her last position was the Activities Coordinator for the Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant.

Liz also enjoyed working and playing at the Maryland Renaissance Festival where she learned to knit chainmail. She used her creativity to paint, draw, and build Legos. She was also fond of playing video games like Animal Crossing with her younger sisters. On her days off she could be found at the movies or comic/science fiction conventions.

Liz not only loved her human family but her fur family too, adopting dogs Rocket and Sirius Black. Sirius would train to become her service dog and enjoyed visiting the residents at Liz's work.

She will be sorely missed and survived by her parents Russ Ware and Stacey Shade-Ware, her sisters Gabrielle and Bren, her brother Connor, her grandparents Temmie and Ron Shade and Dixie and Travis Martin, her aunts Stephanie Shade, Amanda Martin, Brandie Richmann, her service dog, Sirius and her extended renaissance festival family.

May we raise children who love the unloved things  
by Nicolette Sowder

May we raise children  
who love the unloved  
things-the dandelion, the  
worms and spiderlings.

Children who sense  
the rose needs the thorn

& run into rainswept days  
the same way they  
turn towards sun...

And when they're grown &  
someone has to speak for those  
who have no voice

May they draw upon that  
wilder bond, those days of  
tending tender things

and be the ones.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *This was her first Major League game...I was hoping that we could have done this more. Im so glad I have this memory.*

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**Russ Ware** - August 21, 2023 at 02:35 PM

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**Anonymous** - August 13, 2023 at 12:01 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Elizabeth Samantha Shade-Ware** - April 10, 2023 at 03:51 PM