

## Obituary

**Born:** Wednesday, December 17, 1980

**Died:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Courtney 'Krush' Dunham, age 40, of Griggsville, IL passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield with her parents by her side. She was born on December 17, 1980 in Quincy, IL to L. Dwight and Judith Williams Dunham.

Courtney attended Griggsville-Perry schools and graduated from Griggsville-Perry High School in 1999. She went on to the University of Illinois graduating in 2005 with a degree in Communications minoring in Sports Management. To say sports were Courtney's life would be an understatement. She was in love with the city of Chicago, and avidly followed the Cubs, Blackhawks, Bears, and Bulls and was very honored to be chosen to attend the Cubs Convention when she was in the 7th grade. Another opportunity in her life was when she was in college and had season tickets to Illini Basketball games and even attended the Final Four in St. Louis in 2005. Ultimately, her favorite team of all time was the Griggsville-Perry Tornados. Ironically, Courtney came into this world like a 'tornado,' arriving 3 months early weighing only 3 pounds and was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at 18 months. She was a fighter from the beginning and was inspiring to many. Her mentality on the situation she was given didn't stop her from going out and enjoying life to the fullest and what she lacked physically, she excelled in mentally. Courtney enjoyed politics and was passionate in her beliefs and watched CNN every single night. She was very intelligent and had a love for history, which was influenced by Kenny Stauffer. She had a photogenic memory especially when it came to history and sports, which made her an asset to her Quiz Bowl team in high school. Another big influence in Courtney's life was Peg Ratliff, one of her biggest advocates, and Courtney would not want us to forget her superheroes, Scott, Preston, Alicia, and Tasha, as well as her special friend and guardian angel, McKenzie Tomhave. Courtney was very lovable and considerate, and strong in her opinions. She had a way with people and the world will not be the same without her; she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her parents, Dwight and Judi Dunham; grandmother, Hilda K. Dunham of Griggsville; uncles and aunts, Steve (Trella) Dunham and Scott (Alicia) Dunham, all of Griggsville as well as several cousins; her special Cubs ally, Knox; her beloved Yorkie, Prince; her adoptive family, the Craigs; and her Griggsville-Perry fans.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Robert 'Bob' and Dorothy Williams, and grandfather, Leo D. Dunham.



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## Service Summary

### Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sat May 15, 2021

### Niebur Funeral Home

530 W. Adams  
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

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### Funeral Service

7:00 PM Sat May 15, 2021

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Game Time Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Niebur Funeral home in Pittsfield. Pregame Festivities will be held prior to the service on Saturday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. In honor of Courtney, please come wearing one of her favorite teams' apparel or their coordinating colors. Interment will be at a later date and cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials are suggested to be made to Griggsville-Perry Athletic Boosters. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Courtney 's memory to the following organization:

**Griggsville-Perry Athletic Boosters**