

# Niki's Story



Niki was my younger sister. She had two children, and she fostered and took care of many more. She was a giver in life and it was only fitting that she continued that ministry in death.

Niki was a teacher in the Rockford school district. She inspired, encouraged and pushed students to get an education and to put their best effort forward in school. She was the youth director at church, tutored after school, fostered nieces and nephews and was a secretary at church. She was generous, thoughtful, stubborn and nurturing. She would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it and she would never ask for anything in return.

I am a nurse, so I was very observant at the hospital. They treated us with so much respect and explained everything to us very well. They were patient and comforting.

After the decision was made to donate, it was a relief to know that someone else would get the opportunity to live because of her gift. I encourage all of my family members to be organ donors. Niki was able to donate her kidneys, lungs, skin, pancreas and her heart for transplantation and research.

Our loss is immeasurable, but we are happy to know that she lives on through her special gift of life.

*Written by Alanda, Niki's sister*

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