

## Beth DeCarlo, 28

Oct. 8, 1986 - March 21, 2015

**CEDAR RAPIDS** — Beth Kay (Michels) DeCarlo was born October 8, 1986, in Aurora, CO, the daughter of Lowell and Donna (Krumroy). She graduated from West Delaware High School in 2005, and was a past officer with the International Order of Rainbow Girls of Iowa and Minnesota. Beth attended Valparaiso University then Luther College, where she graduated in 2009 with a B.A. in elementary education. She was a substitute teacher in the Cedar Rapids



area before finding her first full-time teaching position last fall at Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School where she taught second grade.

May 10, 2014, Beth married her soulmate, Nicholas DeCarlo at Peace Lutheran Church, where they first met five years before as a groomsman and bridesmaid for a friends' wedding. They loved spending time together, especially attending country concerts, taking walks, golfing, and traveling. They were looking forward to their upcoming honeymoon to Italy. They had a special bond that helped them find the best in everything. Beth will be remembered for her beaming smile and a laugh that brightened every room. She was an avid reader and enjoyed baking for her family and friends. Her love of kids was evident by her passion for teaching and instilling the best in her students. She also enjoyed helping raise her brother's son after his death, affectionately calling Izan her "bro-neph". Beth died on Saturday, March 21, 2015, following a brief illness.

Beth was preceded in death by her brothers, Jason and Shawn Michels; and her grandparents, Eldon and Pauline Hansen. Survivors include her husband, Nicholas; parents, Lowell "Bud" and Donna Michels of Mechanicsville; siblings, Brandon Michels of Cheyenne, WY, Justin (Jessica) Michels of Kettering, OH, and Izan Michels of Mechanicsville; grandparents, Kay Don and Carol Krumroy of Mechanicsville, and Lowell and Grace Michels of Shellsburg; her in-laws, Richard and Candia DeCarlo of Harlan, sister-in-law, Ashley (Farfum) Ladroma of Des Moines; several nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Peace Lutheran Church in Ryan by Rev. Dr. Jennifer Edringer. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services in Cedar Rapids. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Mechanicsville.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Please share your support and memories with Beth's family on her celebration wall at [www.stewartbaxter.com](http://www.stewartbaxter.com) under obituaries.

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