

Lacey Catherine Kerner

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Lacey Kerner determined who she was and where she was going based on her experiences and knowledge of life. Throughout her high school years, Lacey took every opportunity to learn more about our world and her place in it. She went to Europe with her German class and spent numerous summers on the East Coast working as a nanny. In school she participated in multiple activities including Leadership Academy, Student Council, Prom Committee, Cross Country and Track. She was an avid fan of the Linden Eagles athletic teams and enthusiastically attended many games, even serving as manager of the varsity volleyball team. Lacey was a popular student with a smile for everyone; her kindness and approachability made her the person in school who was universally liked by all factions of students and faculty.

After four years at Michigan State, and armed with a B.S. degree in statistics, Lacey followed a dream and moved to New York City to pursue a career in marketing research. While Lacey was able to succeed due to her strong will (which also allowed her to complete two New York City marathons), her determination was disguised by her ability to touch people (regardless of their social stature) with her kind, generous and upbeat spirit.

Lacey married and settled on Long Island to raise a family. She was successful in this as well, becoming a loving and devoted wife and mother. However, despite living on Long Island, she bristled at being called a “New Yorker;” in her heart, she would always be a Michigander.

Lacey Kerner was not perfect. No one is! However, Lacey’s willingness to challenge herself, to take a risk, to grow from failure, and to always try to learn more about herself and the people around her, set Lacey apart and made her impact on this world an extraordinary one.

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