



## Erin Jessica Sirianni

March 19, 1979 - December 8, 2025

Erin Jessica (McKernan) Sirianni was born in Emporia, Kansas on March 19, 1979, to Ed and Mona McKernan. She was immediately loved and doted on and for years spoiled rotten by her older sisters, Jamie (McKernan) Pollard and Kelly (McKernan) Roberts, much to the frustration of the adults in their lives. If you knew Erin, you might have known her by one of her many nicknames: Erin, EJ, Ernie, Jess, Mack, and most recently, Coach S. Growing up, Erin was regularly outside climbing trees and riding bikes. But most often, she was shooting a basketball. She spent hours in gyms and on the driveway shooting baskets. So much time, that for every Christmas from the age of seven on, she received a new basketball. She competed in and won dozens of free-throw contests around Kansas, later playing basketball at Neosho County Community College and then at Emporia State University. Her connections at ESU led her to an assistant coaching role for the women's basketball team at Barton County Community College in Great Bend, KS. It was here, in 2001, that she met her husband, Jay Sirianni, an assistant baseball coach. The two clicked immediately over their shared love of sports, the outdoors, and true country music classics like Keith Whitley and Chris LeDoux.

In 2004 the pair moved to Arlington, TX, where Jay was a pitching coach for the University of Texas at Arlington. They celebrated marriage with all of their loved ones in 2006 and Erin continued enjoying life as a coach's wife supporting Jay and the team. Their time in Arlington was treasured with close

friends and the birth of their daughter, Mia, in 2010. In 2014 their family moved to Huntsville, TX, when Jay took a role as pitching coach and later head coach for Sam Houston State University baseball. It was in Huntsville that they became a family of four after the birth of their son, Eric, later that same year. As her kids got older, Erin took a position as a technology and PE teacher at Faith Lutheran School, where her true talent for loving and nurturing kids shone. She was devoted to her kids, her kids' friends, and all of the children in her school. If someone needed a mom to ride a roller coaster, she was strapped in. Car pools, fishing, shopping, serving lunches—whatever was needed, she was there.

Erin thrived as a mother and spent time anywhere her kids wanted to be, whether it meant she was in the stands or on their fishing boat. Her favorite place to be was next to her kids.

As a friend, Erin was quiet and reserved until she knew you well—but once she determined you were a friend, you were in her circle for life. Erin loved her family—and her chosen family—fiercely. Boy, we were lucky to be loved by her.

Erin was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Erin is survived by her husband, Jay Sirianni, and their children, Mia and Eric; her parents, Ed and Mona McKernan (Emporia, KS); her sisters, Jamie (McKernan) Pollard and family, and Kelly (McKernan) Roberts and family; her in-laws, John and Ginger Sirianni (Indianola, IA) and family; along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Faith Lutheran School in Erin's name.

The family would love for attendees to please wear Erin's favorite colors, blue and green, to her service.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Huntsville, TX. A repast will follow in the fellowship hall. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

The service will be livestreamed, starting approximately 10 minutes before service time. You can view the service at the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a24125377361917>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
1323 16th St  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Erin Jessica Sirianni*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - December 16, 2025 at 01:20 PM



*Thank you!*

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**Virginia Sirianni (Ginger)** - December 18, 2025 at 11:55 PM

BD

“ *Belinda DeMars lit a candle in memory of Erin Jessica Sirianni*



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**Belinda DeMars** - December 18, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.*



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December 17, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



December 17, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Doug Williams/Jett Minton/Ignacio Aceved planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

Doug Williams/Jett Minton/Ignacio Aceved - December 17, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Jesse W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

Jesse W. - December 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Cameron Crotte and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



Cameron Crotte and Family - December 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BF

“ Buck Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**Buck Family** - December 17, 2025 at 08:35 AM

BF

“ Buck Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

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**Buck Family** - December 17, 2025 at 08:35 AM

BS

“ Bret and Don Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

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**Bret and Don Sanders** - December 16, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BS

“ Bret and Don Sanders purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**Bret and Don Sanders** - December 16, 2025 at 12:28 PM

ES

“ Ernie and Jane Saldua purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**Ernie and Jane Saldua** - December 16, 2025 at 08:40 AM

NG

“ Nicole, Peter and our girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

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**Nicole, Peter and our girls** - December 15, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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December 15, 2025 at 10:35 PM

RP

“ Rick and Lilia Pollard purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**Rick and Lilia Pollard** - December 15, 2025 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ The Deggs Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**The Deggs Family** - December 15, 2025 at 08:55 PM

YS

“ Your Friends at BSN Sports planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

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**Your Friends at BSN Sports** - December 15, 2025 at 04:57 PM

YS

“ Your Friends at BSN Sports purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



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**Your Friends at BSN Sports** - December 15, 2025 at 04:57 PM

TF

“ The Beets Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

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**The Beets Family** - December 15, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.*



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December 15, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Remembering Erin as the shy young lady with an amazing smile. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with each of you each day. Terry, Teresa, Eric and Erin Rinker*

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**Teresa Rinker** - December 15, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Erin. Remembering, fondly, early days as young families and neighbors—our hearts are with you all. Rebecca & Mark Krehbiel*

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**Rebecca Krehbiel** - December 14, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear that Erin lost her battle with cancer. I did not know Erin, but I know her parent and my heart goes out to them, her husband and children, and the extended family. May Erin rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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**Jan Ralston** - December 13, 2025 at 12:41 AM

TJ

“ Gayle and I are so very sorry to hear this about Erin. The beautiful tribute tells a story of how her life touched and influenced so many. Her legacy lives on. We wish all the McKernan’s and Sirianni’s the strength and hope necessary to navigate the days and months ahead. All our love, Tom and Gayle Jackson

Tom and Gayle Jackson - December 12, 2025 at 02:27 PM

UB

“ University of Kansas Baseball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

University of Kansas Baseball - December 12, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



December 12, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DO

“ Wishing you all peace, strength and faith. Dorothy DeMichele

Dorothy - December 12, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LL

“ Loretta L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

Loretta L. - December 11, 2025 at 07:49 PM

CF

“ Dear McKernan family,

*My heart goes out to all of you. My sincerest condolences. May God give you peace.*

*Cathy Flaherty*

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**C Flaherty** - December 11, 2025 at 03:48 PM

RH

“ Coach, My deepest condolences on yours and your family's loss. May your memories of Erin bring you great comfort in this most difficult of times. May she Rest In Peace

*Rob Hubbard*

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**Robert Hubbard** - December 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM

TA

“ Coach, I am so sorry for your loss. Believe me, it is so hard to loss a spouse I just loss mine in September, and it's a huge painful void. Just hold tight to all those sweet memories, little ones and know she is well and happy now. Hugs and prayers for you and your family.

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**Terry D. Artherholt** - December 11, 2025 at 01:56 PM

JH

“ I have been trying to find a way to express how much Erin meant to me. When Erin was hired at Faith Lutheran, I became her mentor but right away we became good friends. She was so loving, kind and generous. Erin loved and guided all the children that she taught. They always came first. I loved Erin so much and I am heartbroken but I cling to this knowledge. Erin is whole again and is not suffering anymore. She is walking the golden streets of heaven with our Lord where she will always watch over her family and friends. I will always carry Erin in my heart. Please continue to lift Jay, Mia, Eric and her family in prayers. Fly high Erin.

Jo Ann Holleman - December 11, 2025 at 11:34 AM

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Thank you for this beautiful message.

Virginia Sirianni (Ginger) - December 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

EM

Thank you Mrs. Holleman, Erin thought the world of you.

Ed McKernan - December 26, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DA

“ Don Jon Ali Pat Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erin Jessica Sirianni.

Don Jon Ali Pat Ashley - December 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DA

“ Don Jon Ali Pat Ashley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Erin Jessica Sirianni.



Don Jon Ali Pat Ashley - December 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

SS

“ Words can't express how sad I am to hear of Erin's passing. She was such a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. 2 Timothy 4:7-8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day-and not only me, but also to all have longed for his appearing.”

Sue Sprott - December 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of Erin Jessica Sirianni for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - December 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Erin Jessica Sirianni



Gayle Kelly - December 10, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BP

“ Words cannot express how heartbroken I am. Erin was truly a wonderful person who always put others before herself. I was lucky to be able to call her my friend. She was truly a child of God and will be dearly missed.

Beth Pipkin - December 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM