



Mrs. April Tidey

July 20, 1974 - December 24, 2016

April Tidey, 42, of Tampa, Florida, born on July 20, 1974, passed on December 24, 2016. She was a Speech-Language Pathologist for Pizzo Elementary School in Tampa, where with love and an incredible ability, she changed many children's lives. She adored her family and friends and she had a spirit that touched the hearts of all that met her. She had a lust for life, a wicked sense of humour and a gift for storytelling. April loved music, travel, reading, cocktails, cooking and meditation. She is survived by her loving family and many friends. Please hold her close, in your mind and your spirit.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 2 at 2:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends following the service until 4:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation Of America http://support.lupus.org/site/TR/P2P/General?px=2122896&pg=personal&fr_id=1140 or with an act of kindness for someone less fortunate.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. April Tidey



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 30, 2016 at 03:39 PM

KM

What a lovely tribute to April Dean.

Thinking of you all at this very sad time.

All our love

Karen Lawrie Stewart and Kirsty xx

Karen Mulheron - January 07, 2017 at 03:42 PM

AM

“ *It has been many years, since around the time I was in high school that I've seen April. But I'm completely devastated by this news and I will never get over it as long as I live. April is one of the most special people I have ever known and will ever know. I'm so sad for her Husband, Child, Mom and entire family that I don't even have the words. She proved that Angels do live on earth !!!*

Aaron Mackenzie - April 10, 2017 at 04:34 PM

HW

“ I worked with April on a speech-language project two years ago. She was a wonderful, caring, bright person. Her diligence paired with her outgoing, welcoming personality made her a success with everything she touched. I will miss her. My thoughts go to her family.
Hollie D. Wayne
Speech-Language Pathologist

Hollie Wayne - January 04, 2017 at 08:02 PM

KW

“ Our family has been touched immensely by the gift of Mrs. April Tidey. The news of her illness and passing was an emotional blow to us over the holidays. We can never extend enough gratitude to her, her husband (Dean) and son (Elliott), and the Pizzo elementary family, how much she meant in helping our child learn how to communicate. When our child (Roman) started the ESE program at Pizzo, he could barely talk and now after her tireless dedication of working with him, he is amazing with his verbal language and communication. It was her gift and her passion of working with children like Roman that made her a "silent hero" to us. The loss of her at Pizzo and from this world is a limitless void that cannot be filled in our hearts and I am sure, in the hearts of those who loved her most, her family. We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to them and were glad that we were able to attend the service to tell them, thank you for her. We just want people to know that she really made a difference every day and that is what a hero to us is. She will always be loved and always be missed by many.

*The Williams Family
Kevin, Allie, and Roman*

Kevin Williams - January 02, 2017 at 08:32 PM

CW

“ *Chip Walters purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



Chip Walters - January 02, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Our hearts are with you and we send all our love to you Dean and Elliot and to all of April's family. Steve and Madeleine Orchard x*

Phoebe Orchard - January 02, 2017 at 05:14 AM

WT

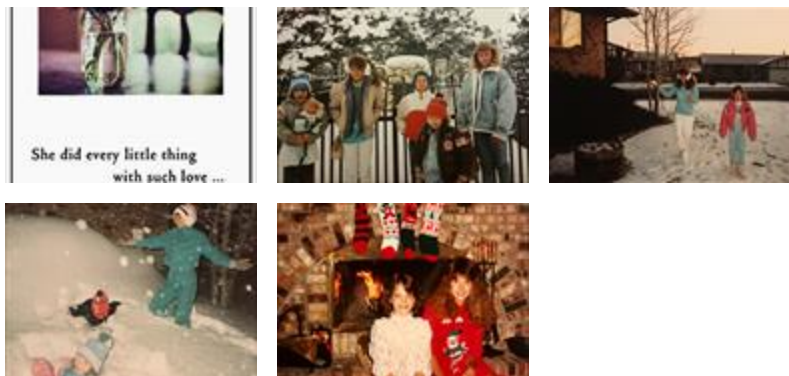
“ *With deepest sympathy, Michelle Vela, PreK Teacher purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



With deepest sympathy, Michelle Vela, PreK Teacher -
January 01, 2017 at 11:47 PM

DE

“ Prayerfully remembering not just that you died, but that you lived.
And your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget ❤️🙏❤️



Darla Edwards - January 01, 2017 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ I worked with April for many years at Pizzo. She was kind, smart and an advocate for her students. Many times April and I would meet to discuss students we shared. I always trusted her knowledge and expertise. She reminded me of a ' Steel Magnolia'...a woman who exemplifies both femininity as well as fortitude by contrasting a metal with a beautiful flower. April and I also shared some health issues. We were both intensely private people. It was April who reached out to me and I will be forever grateful to her. We discussed research and homeopathic remedies through the years. We shared ups and downs. April's earthly body gave out on her but she is clothed with a new body now and I know she is celebrating. Dean, Elliott and Pam...you will see April again one day. As you wait to join her in your futures...live as she did. Enjoy the precious moments you are given together until we are all reunited again. April always liked to travel. Think of the heavenly sights she is seeing!

Debra Mueller - January 01, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



January 01, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Patsy and I would like to give our condolences. We know what it is to lose a child. Our prayers and thought are with you and your family. Barry Hawkins*

barry hawkins - January 01, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Cindy (Knowell) Palmes*

cindy - January 01, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



January 01, 2017 at 03:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 31, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 31, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *A donation was made to the United Food Bank, Plant City - in Memory of April. Love- Sherry Shope Baldwin & Family*

Sherry Baldwin - December 30, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *I feel so honored that April and I were able to work together at Pizzo for the last 15 years. She had an incredible wit and loved a good story. She could imitate many different voices when she told her stories which only made them better. These last few years our team watched her struggle with her health and it was heart breaking! We have lost an incredible soul who will never be forgotten and will be forever missed. Much love to her family as they try and heal. Thank you April! You made my world a better place! I am grateful to have called you my friend.*

Heidi Martin - December 30, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 30, 2016 at 03:36 PM

HH

Not everyone may have known her but for the ones of us that did no matter how short of time it might have been you knew April's heart was pure as light. She just shined no matter where she was and was so humble about it at the same time. We all will feel her loss in a way that I can only hope to show each of us just a little of the love of life she had so much of. Thank you for your friendship April. My prayers are with your family as they go on in this life living for you.

Heather Holland - December 30, 2016 at 09:50 PM

TW

“ *Terry & Allison Wacaser purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



Terry & Allison Wacaser - December 30, 2016 at 08:23 AM

ST

“ *What a sweet spirited, beautiful young lady. 😇 We will miss you so much, but praise God we'll see you again!!! 🙏 I'm trying to be strong saying, I know you don't hurt anymore... My heart is on mama now oh my goodness what do you do what do you say 💔💔💔💔 I love you April. Very dear friend, Sharon*

sharon thompson - December 29, 2016 at 09:36 PM

DS

“ *My beautiful niece has joined her Father Jerry Coon in Heaven. May you both Rest In Peace, and You both will always be in our hearts. Love, Aunt Doreen*

Doreen Schield - December 29, 2016 at 07:45 PM

DK

“ *Douglas Kostelnik purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



Douglas Kostelnik - December 29, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 29, 2016 at 06:06 PM

YC

“ *My heart felt condolences for Pam and April's husband and son, as well as the rest of the family.*

Yvonne Costine - December 29, 2016 at 02:59 PM

YC

“ *My heart felt c*



Yvonne Costine - December 29, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 29, 2016 at 02:50 PM

KP

“ *April was an authentic and loving person who put so much thought into her profession and students. The world will miss her hilarious wit and funny impressions. Thinking of her family during this unimaginably difficult time. Her caring spirit will forever continue through the lives she touched.*

Kara Pepito - December 29, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 29, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *April and I worked together at Pizzo. She taught me so much. I used to love to visit her speech room. Such happiness she created around her.*

Cindy Doyle - December 29, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.*



December 29, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ *I will always be grateful beyond measure for her beautiful life and her bringing me to church so many years ago and introducing me to Jesus so we may be together again one day !!!❤️ she brought so much joy to the world and was the most amazingly strong woman I know . A true warrior !!! She will be so deeply missed . 💚💚--- all of love and gratitude, Angel Graham*



angel wooten graham - December 29, 2016 at 10:50 AM

CA

“ I am so sorry for the loss of April. She was the sweetest! She cared about everyone. I have memories of us riding around in Plant City in her red nissan 240sx with the windows down with ICE ICE BABY blaring. We would play it over and over. Memories of laughing and picking out music for Angel's wedding. I remember April laughing so hard because I was picking out all country music Life's a Dance by John Michael Montgomery. She will be greatly missed!!

Christie Abrams - December 29, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.



December 29, 2016 at 07:53 AM

PX

“ Pat, Nikki & Benedict O'Neill xxxx purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.



Pat, Nikki & Benedict O'Neill xxxx - December 29, 2016 at 07:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.



December 29, 2016 at 05:40 AM

KA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss!!! I worked with April for several years, and she always had a smile on her face. It always lifted my spirits, and I was grateful she shared it with me, and everyone else. The world has lost a beautiful spirit.

Kelly S Austin - December 29, 2016 at 05:16 AM

TH

“ Terri Hearne purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mrs. April Tidey.



Terri Hearne - December 29, 2016 at 04:31 AM

TH

“ When I first met April, my initial impression was that she was soft, delicate, gentle-- like a fine lace, perhaps. As I came to know her, I began to see that there was also a steely strength about her, a deep affection for the kids she worked with, and a fierce love for her family. April was an extraordinary woman filled with humor, compassion, and love, and it is an honor to have known her.



Terri Hearne - December 29, 2016 at 03:15 AM


Stephanie
Hildreth

“ I've known April pretty much my entire life. We grew up at Westside Baptist Church. April was a beautiful person inside and out. And while she's not suffering anymore, she will forever be missed.



Stephanie Hildreth - December 29, 2016 at 02:34 AM

DG

“ Prayers to the family. 💜



Denise Green - December 28, 2016 at 09:39 PM

AR

“ Sorry for the loss of this beautiful soul. May God give you comfort during this trying time.

April Rose - December 28, 2016 at 05:31 PM

SO

“ April was a beautiful woman! Inside and out. Praying for this precious family. ~The Ours Family

Sharon Ours - December 28, 2016 at 04:42 PM

RB

“ Our hearts are broken for April and her family. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Our prayers are with Pam (our cousin) and her family. God Bless and Love to all.

Love, Ray and Lola Bennett

Ray and Lola Bennett - December 28, 2016 at 04:12 PM

KB

“ *My sincere condolences to her family and loved ones.*



Karen Brewer - December 28, 2016 at 04:01 PM

DT

“ *On Christmas Eve, my beautiful wife April left us. She died after a twenty year struggle with Lupus. The last three years were particularly brutal, but she handled it with grace, dignity and enormous strength. She was the toughest person that I've ever met. April was the most gorgeous soul and anybody that met her knows that it was impossible not to love her. She was my everything and I'm so glad that I got to spend the best years of my life with her. April made me a better person in every way. We have an amazing son, he is kind, loving, smart, funny and strong - just like his mother. There is so much of her in him, so I know that she'll always be with us. We love her so much. April was an incredible mother and I will try my very best to continue her guidance. I'm really not sure how we're going to get by without her, but we'll find a way, as that's what she would have wanted. Elliot and I will be 'Team Tidey'. I so appreciate all the messages that we have received over the last few months, as April has been very sick. She was an incredibly private person and she really didn't want anyone to know that she was unwell, or to feel sorry for her. She was an angel in life and I'm certain that she continues to be an angel after. We're happy that she's not suffering any more, but our hearts are forever broken. April Tidey - Rest in peace. 20/7/1974 - 24/12/2016 ❤️❤️❤️*

Dean Tidey - December 28, 2016 at 03:48 PM

PA

Spectacular woman. An angel indeed! Xx

Pat - December 28, 2016 at 04:08 PM



Bobby and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are friends of her mother Pam. We are praying for your family. With our deepest condolences, Bobby and Sally Raburn

Sally Raburn - December 28, 2016 at 06:36 PM



I am so sorry for yours and Elliot's loss. I worked with April for six years at Pizzo. She was and incredible person and was loved by all who met her.

Barbara Hoffman - December 28, 2016 at 09:30 PM



I am so very sorry fir your loss. I did not know April personally but I know Pam from many years ago. My prayers for all the family. Rest in peace April. ❤️

Barbara Leath - December 31, 2016 at 08:32 AM



I am so sorry for you loss. I did not know her personally but my daughter Sarah Mason did and spoke nothing but nice things about her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her but now she is at peace with our Father Jesus Christ. RIP April your free.

linda swanson - January 01, 2017 at 12:37 PM