



Candace Palermo

February 11, 1983 - September 6, 2025

Candace Brooke Palermo, 42, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, September 6, 2025 at her residence.

She was born February 11, 1983 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Perry Palermo and Sherri Steger Palermo.

Candace had a heart of gold and fiercely loyal to those in her inner circle. She was a good loving mother with kids at the center of her universe. She was an avid lover of music as well.

Survivors include her parents, Perry Palermo of Scott City, MO and Sherri Palermo (Dominick Orlando) of Navarre, FL; significant other, Jason Keith of Cape Girardeau, MO; two sons, Benjamin Leo Joseph Palermo, Ezekiel Jace Keith; grandmother, Janet Steger; aunt, Shawna Pennington; uncle, Scott (Karen) Steger; cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Leo Steger, Vince and Mona Palermo.

A private service at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ A little over 9 years ago, I became entwined with Candace. She loved me because of who I was; not despite of who I was. Unconditional and authentic love. 3 months and 1 day ago, her light burned out. But once you find a love like that, their fire will never burn out in your mind. The embers of your pure, unique, angelic, loving soul will forever burn in my memory, Candace. Know that you are loved and missed.



Jason Keith - December 07, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SB

Candace and I grew up together. We were friends throughout high school and she's always carried a large part of my heart. I only just now today found out that she passed away when I bumped into her uncle Fred at the gas station. I've been in tears ever since. Sorry for your loss

Sarah (Dodson) Bond - March 31 at 08:18 PM

NA

“ I only just learned of Candace’s passing. I am shocked and devastated. Though Candace and I had fallen out of touch some years ago, there was a time that she and I were completely inseparable. We used to live across the street from each other. We would wait for the other one to get out of school on our front porches so that we could go into my apartment and most days, watch Alice in Wonderland while drinking overly sweetened tea on the same chair together. As the years went on, we remained inseparable for a time. Our rituals didn’t change a whole lot, but the content did. Instead of watching children’s movies, we would stay up late and watch, dazed and confused and eat instant noodles. We would go to the mall together and walk around and socialize and look for boys. I will forever cherish those memories that I have of her Sherry and Perry, I am so sorry. To any other family members that I may not have met, I am also very sorry. I am sending you my love.

Natalie Arnzen - September 30, 2025 at 03:13 PM

JK

Candace would tell me about you and her hanging out when she was growing up. And she still ate those same kind of instant noodles up to the end!

Jason Keith - October 01, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BP

This is me Ben Palermo! I am really sad right now! I wish you are still alive, and died older! I really love you and I will always remember you. It is really a strong feeling to have a loved one dying. I wish that I got mean when I was mad! Someday we will meet you in heaven someday.

Benjamin Pakermo - October 04, 2025 at 08:21 PM

RS

Awe that's so sweet Ben! God bless you sweet boy!

REBECCA SULLIVAN - October 04, 2025 at 11:37 PM

SP

“ Candace Brooke... My first niece. She loved hard & was the most genuine, open-minded, non judgmental , passionate human I knew. I see all of this; in her son, Benjamin. Who also looks just like her❤️. Little Zeke , her youngest; has her bright eyes & sweet , soft nature. It is my hope & prayer; that everyone who loved & cared about Candace; remember her as the beautiful soul she was. Losing her; when she had so much love and life in her; is difficult to understand. I guess the angels in Heaven needed her loving soul, more than we did here on Earth. I will always smile; when I remember her laugh, how stunningly beautiful she was & the glow she radiated; when I saw her; with her sons & Jason. Life can be rough on a person; I know for sure. But Candace rose above it & had something with Jason and her boys, that was quite simply encouraging and beautiful. I hope she is looking down on them (us) knowing how much she will always mean to us and that we will always keep her memory alive and love her for an eternity. Rest in peace, Can. I love you.



Shawna Pennington - September 15, 2025 at 02:18 AM

JK

“ Candace was a bright light in this dark world. I will be forever lost without her as my beacon to guide the way. She might be gone from this world but our threads are still intertwined together and will never be unraveled. I love you Candace.

Jason Keith - September 13, 2025 at 10:09 PM

KM

Jason it's Kelley, I just wanted to let you know that Barrett and I are here if you ever need to vent or anything. Praying for you and the boys

Kelley McDonald-Hoover - September 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM

RS

“ *REBECCA SULLIVAN sent a virtual gift in memory of Candace Palermo*



REBECCA SULLIVAN - September 11, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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Jason Keith - September 12, 2025 at 09:06 PM

RS

Time is a thief! I always thought we'd would have time to heal our hearts. You will always be , " my little bee girl" from blind men "the rain" miss you forever! You always laughed when I'd sing that song to you and say you were that little girl,my little bee girl! I wish I had the chance to say I love you one more time! RIP in peace my bee girl

REBECCA SULLIVAN - September 24, 2025 at 05:16 AM

RS

Blind melon,my bad!

REBECCA SULLIVAN - September 24, 2025 at 06:36 AM