



## Natalie R Knight

August 22, 2002 - November 16, 2023

Natalie R. Knight lost a lifelong battle with anxiety and depression on Thursday, November 16th 2023, and took her own life at the age of 21. During her brief life, Natalie found some joy in assisting with the Special Olympics, reading, Zelda, Minecraft, musicals, and scrapbooking.

Natalie grew up in Lorain, OH, and graduated from Marion L. Steele High School in 2020, where she was an enthusiastic participant in the theater program as a lighting technician. After high school, Natalie moved on to pursue her education at LCCC where she studied automation systems and worked at the college lab, helping and teaching anyone that needed assistance.

She is survived by her parents, Chris Knight and Monica Crowe, sibling Lee Knight, and her cats, Brad and Iggy. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor Natalie's memory may consider a contribution to The Nord Center or Suicide Prevention Hotline. A private memorial may be planned sometime in 2024, after the immediate family has time to heal. No funeral services will be observed.

# Tribute Wall

WI

“ I cannot express how much you are missed! When I found out you were gone I could not believe it. You had a spark that few have. You were not only my teacher, but a friend! Years later I still think of your kindness and how real you were!



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**Will** - January 03 at 03:55 PM

NO

“ I was in Natalie's graduating class at Steele and was enrolled in PLTW with her. Back in high school, I loved eavesdropping in on the banter she would have with some of the students we both found a bit too-arrogant. Every small-talk we had while in PLTW seemed to never end, but now they seem like they were never long enough. I remember during the day of the Fab Lab Tech interviews our class playfully placed bets on who would earn the job, not being surprised that Natalie earned the position. Somewhat recently I got hired at LCCC full-time, and I was incredibly excited to reconnect with her after all these years only to find out the news. She was always known as an incredibly hard worker with a witty sense of humor, and she is and will be dearly missed.

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**Nadia O.** - April 19, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DE

“ I am an ol' guy (over 70) and just went to the LCCC Fab Lab to do my first project of 2024. I asked how my old friend Natalie was, and heard the news. It hit me like a ton of bricks.

*Natalie was the most helpful, upbeat, humorous mentor at the Lab. She helped me with so many projects, never getting frustrated with my ol' guy inability to remember or focus. She knew all the equipment like the back of her hand, and was accomplished on each and every piece.*

*I am retired 3 times from an engineering career, and having my own company at one time. I always told her, if I still had my company I would hire you in a NY minute, and that she could always use me as a reference. She was so incredibly capable and level headed.*

*Know by all who read these pages how many lives Natalie touched. If we had only known... She will be greatly missed.*

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**Dave Erce** - February 12, 2024 at 01:27 PM

RS

“ I just found out about Natalie's passing and want to offer my sincere condolences to her family and friends. A few months ago I needed to have a few t-shirts printed and reached out to the Fab Lab. She was so enthusiastic and ready to help me with my project. I had to stop in at the lab a few times to complete what I was working on and she couldn't wait to show me some of the things that she was working on. She was so full of energy and really knew her stuff. She will definitely be missed. May she R.I.P.

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**Rich S,** - December 11, 2023 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ I came into the lab today expecting her to be there waiting to scold me for something from the lab I had borrowed a little too long. When I was told it felt like the air was sucked out of the room. All the creative energy I had coming in vanished.

Natalie was... amazing. She was kind, helpful, and possessed a sharp wit that defied her years. I am going to miss bouncing ideas off each other in the Fab Lab... her gentle mockery when I would forget obscure software settings, and her timely, immediate comeback to offhand comments. She always had an answer. Didn't matter if it was a machine setting, how to do something, what material to use, or a verbal jab, she always had a response on deck. I looked forward to seeing what she was working on, getting the latest news on the lab, and just spending time with someone who was as passionate about creating as I was.

The Lab feels so sterile without her touches on the cabinets and counters.

It feels empty without her sitting behind that desk.

Natalie: "Everything you just said sounds like a bad idea. And I don't know if I want to tell you no and ask you to leave, or just tell you it sounds like a bad idea and watch the chaos happen..."

Me: "You like your job in the Lab, right?"

"Obviously."

"Then you should tell me it sounds like a bad idea, and tell me I can't do it..."

"I just want to Vibe and Make cool things..." - Natalie

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**Josh McDonald** - December 02, 2023 at 09:46 PM

MC

Thank you for sharing these memories

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**Monica Crowe** - December 03, 2023 at 11:24 AM

AL

“ Natalie was truly one of the best people I’ve ever known. She was witty, strong-hearted, and always said what was on her mind. You never had to worry about how she was feeling or the mood she was in because she’d show or say it without any hesitation.

*I met her for the first time online and right away, I could tell she was special. She always had something to say and some sort of insight you couldn’t think of yourself. Smart, quick-to-respond, and truly just one of a kind. I am so happy to have the experiences and memories I shared with her, she was truly one of a kind.*

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**Alex** - December 01, 2023 at 01:23 AM

ML

*I met Natalie at LCCC’s FabLab. I enjoyed talking with her because she always had an interesting perspective to offer. I found her wiser and more mature than her age would suggest. She will be deeply missed by everyone, I know I do.*

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**Melissa Less** - January 05, 2024 at 03:40 PM

“ I became friends with Natalie while working at Wendy's and through school. She was always kind, helpful, and there for anyone who needed her. Natalie was incredibly intelligent, one of the smartest people I know. She would share pictures of her hard work at the FAB lab and her adorable dog and cat especially her dog:) I'm so grateful to have had a friend like Natalie in my life, and I'll always miss her. My prayers are with Natalie's family as they slowly heal from this. Rest in peace, Natalie. 💔🕊️

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— - November 30, 2023 at 09:23 PM

JP

“ I knew Natalie from her work in the Fab Lab at LCCC, where she often worked with teams of artists that I brought in to introduce them to ways to use the tech there in their work. I always received unsolicited feedback that Natalie was so very helpful and kind. Just a few weeks ago a group of us spent days there on a project that she was excited to help us create. The artists talked with her not only about their art, but they shared conversations about their tattoos and piercings. She always had a quiet and gentle way and smile. I'm so sorry I didn't give her a hug and thank her. Love and peace to all who loved her.

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**Joan Perch** - November 28, 2023 at 04:24 AM

MC

*Thank you for sharing this with us.*

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**Monica Crowe** - November 30, 2023 at 11:21 AM

RC

“ I met Natalie when she was a high school junior enrolled in PLTW through JVS, taking our Introduction to Digital Fabrication class. That summer, she became our very first Fab Lab intern, and our luck continued as she stayed on part-time. In 2022, Natalie took on the role of full-time Laboratory Instructional Assistant, contributing significantly to our Digital Fabrication Degree Program, assisting hundreds of students and community members in open labs, and playing a key role in planning meaningful STEAM programs for our community's youth. Natalie loved knowing she was making a difference in the lives of so many.

I'll miss our daily catch-ups and laughs at the start of each work day. Her mantra, "let's just vibe and make cool things," echoes in my mind. In the past week, I've replayed those words, finding solace and a reminder to approach life with a lighter heart, infuse fun where possible, and savor every moment.

To our beloved Nat, you are cherished, your absence is deeply felt, and you'll forever be one of the coolest people I've had the privilege to know.

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**Ryan Corrigan** - November 27, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JT

Natalie was in highschool with me. she is such a kind soul.. I wish she reached out to me feeling like this knowing I've been there before.. I wish she said something to me. rest in paradise forever. I hope you found the peace you wanted ❤️

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**jt** - November 27, 2023 at 10:04 PM

MC

Thank you for sharing. We appreciate these good memories.

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**Monica Crowe** - November 30, 2023 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ I am so grateful for Natalie. A friendship that I could not be prouder to have. She and I met through the Fab Lab, at Lccc. She took so much time to help me, shared her love if Red Bull, and introduced me to her brother, Lee. I got to know her as a person, as well as a worker. One of my proudest accomplishemnts was to call her friend. She and I were pretty opposite, but truly came full circle. 180 degrees. This friendship so valued. One we both wanted and worked for. My heart is broken for your family. My prayers are yours. Please, keep Lee safe. She loved him with her whole heart.

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**Judy Sargent** - November 27, 2023 at 07:11 AM

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*Thank you for sharing this with us.*

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**Monica Crowe** - November 30, 2023 at 11:18 AM