



**WHITFIELD,  
Candace Yvonne  
(nee Gronsdahl)**  
**Feb. 9, 1988 -**  
**Nov. 26, 2024**

It is with overwhelming sadness and inadequate words that we announce the passing of Candace Whitfield. She had been sick with CVID (Common Variable Immune Deficiency) for 10 years,

and spent much of her thirties in and out of hospital for various procedures, numerous appointments, and hundreds of intravenous injections. More recently, in Spring of 2023, she went into hospital and spent 19 months (579 days) there, most of which was in the ICU department of Saskatoon. Candace peacefully passed away with her loved ones all by her side at RUH on November 26th, 2024 at 36 years of age.

Candace was born on February 9th, 1988 to Garth and Patti Gronsdahl, and raised in Watrous, Sask. until she graduated from Winston High School in 2006. Upon graduating she began taking the LPN program through SIAST in Watrous and obtained her LPN licence in 2008. She moved to Saskatoon and started full-time nursing at St. Paul's Hospital. She met her husband Lindsay Whitfield in 2012, and the couple moved to Martensville. She began having more and more health problems including many periods of pneumonia or bronchitis. She began rapidly losing weight without even trying, all while she was planning the wedding of her dreams to the love of her life Lindsay Whitfield; and was in her third year of RN school through the College of Nursing in Saskatoon. The couple were married on August 15th, 2015. Shortly after getting married the couple found out, they were expecting twin boys. Not only did she have a high-risk pregnancy but she began having more and more immune problems. During her pregnancy her entire immune system went crazy, including low energy levels, constant sickness, pneumonia, extreme bruising and she had several hospital stays to intravenously offer her immunoglobulins. While she was pregnant, she was diagnosed with CVID (Common Variable Immune Deficiency), so she began going to the hospital monthly for IVGG (intravenous blood products), to replace her immune system. She unfortunately, was unable to continue her schooling to become an RN and had to leave due to her illness. In November of 2016, she gave birth to her twin sons, Cannan and Easton Whitfield, she was still having frequent colds but was managing at home more easily once she was trained to subcutaneously do her IVGG treatment at home. Upon returning to work after maternity leave, Candace and Lindsay were both struggling to maintain working, and Lindsay lost his electrician job, and so they made the decision to move back to Watrous to be closer to Candace's family for support. She worked a few jobs in Watrous, at the li-

brary and the Movement Chiropractor Clinic, but her constant illnesses and reoccurring stays in and out of the hospital just wouldn't let her continue. Due to her uncontrolled malabsorption and GI issues, Candace had become extremely malnourished, had muscle contractures, limited mobility and it had taken a toll on her independence. April 26, 2023 she was moved to the Regina hospital where she would be trained in a TPN program that provides training to do TPN (an intravenous nutrition) daily at home. Unfortunately, her time in hospital just kept growing as she began battling more infections, a fall, and complications which led to her having to go into the ICU department at Royal University Hospital where she had rebounded a few times but unfortunately just kept having more and more periods of complications.

Candace's quiet nature was not a force to be reckoned with, especially when it came to her family and her boys. Although she was small, she was mighty. She was so kind, strong and resilient. She loved being a nurse but being a mom was what she was most proud of. She will be remembered by her love of '90s country music, endless amounts of novels she read, camping with her family, Craven country jamboree festivals, love of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, her obsession of slurpees and sour keys, and her favourite show The Gilmore Girls.

Candace had a Christmas spirit like no other, and taught us all that Christmas can be celebrated any time as she truly had the spirit of Christmas in her and believed in its magic; every Christmas, even as an adult you could find her tracking Santa online on Norad Santa Tracker or watching the classics like The Grinch or Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer. She was such a thoughtful and caring person, she truly loved her sons and husband, fought so long and so hard to try to get healthy to be with her family again.

Candace is lovingly remembered and survived by her husband, Lindsay Whitfield, her twin boys Cannan and Easton, parents Patti and Garth Gronsdahl, brother Nathan wife Laura (Madilyn) Gronsdahl, sister Paula husband Shane (Erica and Corbin) Halstead, Lindsay's family, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and all those who knew her.

She was predeceased by her grandfathers Harvey Gronsdahl and Bernie Magnuson.

For those so wishing donations to Canadian Immunodeficiency Support Group (CVID), Suite 848, 439 University Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5G 1Y8 or Kinsmen TeleMiracle or Affinity Credit Union - Watrous Branch "In Trust for her boys" would be appreciated.

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