

April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski

April 15, 1971 - November 16, 2025

April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski was born April 15, 1971, in Washington D.C. She was the daughter of William Cole and Nancy Gilfoy. April grew up in Salem, Missouri and graduated in 1989 from Salem High School.

In the early nineties, April worked as a paramedic with Salem Memorial District Hospital before starting her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her nursing career was spent at the Troup Medical Clinic FLW, Rolla Manor, and Silverstone Place. The love and care she shared as a nurse touched the lives of many.

On September 7, 2014, April was united in marriage to Edward F. Hodakowski, blending two families and sharing six children. Her family was most important to her, and she treasured the memories shared with them. Her grandchildren were her true source of joy in her life.

With her husband's career, April and Ed spent time at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico and from August 2017 – June 2021 in Japan, before making Fort Leonard, Missouri their home. As a hobby April enjoyed diamond painting and growing roses.

April passed away November 16, 2025, in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of fifty-four years. She is survived by her loving husband: Ed Hodakowski of Fort

Leonard Wood, MO; children: Morgan Hodakowski, Austin Duncan, Emily Garner and husband James, Aaron Pace, Justin Hodakowski, and Grace Hodakowski; parents: William and Nancy Cole; brother: Graham Cole; sister: Hilary Cole; many beloved grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

April was the absolute most caring and selfless person to be around. She will be remembered as a vivacious woman full of sass. Her bubbly, positive, and outgoing personality will never be forgotten. She will be forever missed.

Leave the family a condolence or share a memory on her tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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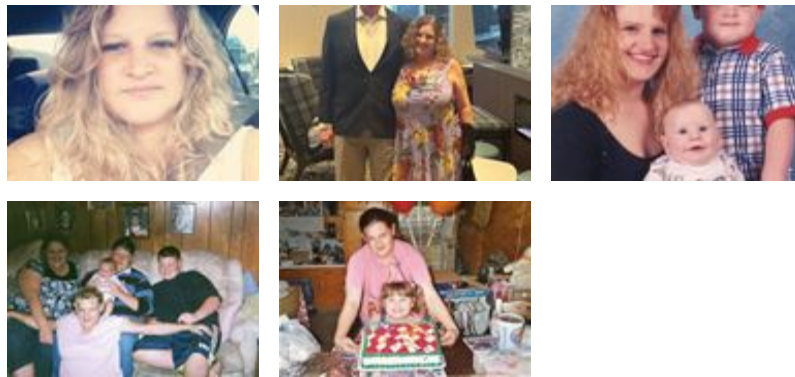
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Tyler Atkinson - November 30, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wilson Mortuary - November 30, 2025 at 10:01 AM

AC

“ Amy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.

Amy C. - November 30, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.



November 28, 2025 at 08:35 AM

EF

“ Edward F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.

Edward F. - November 28, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.



November 27, 2025 at 08:13 AM

EH

“ Edward F Hodakowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.

Edward F Hodakowski - November 27, 2025 at 08:13 AM

KD

“ She was awesome person, she will be missed

Kelly Dembey - November 27, 2025 at 02:13 AM

JH

“ You touched more hearts than you even know, and mine was one of them.



Julia Hendrix - November 26, 2025 at 11:36 PM

FD

“ FLW Public Health Department purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of April Lorraine (Cole) Hodakowski.



FLW Public Health Department - November 26, 2025 at 09:00 AM

CE

“ *She was the absolute most caring and selfless person I have ever met. The love and care she had for all of the people she took care of and us aides. She will be very very missed. WE LOVE YOU APRIL!!!*

Cecelia - November 21, 2025 at 11:26 PM

JK

“ *A beautiful soul who left to early. Miss you April! Fly high*

Jennifer Kimmel - November 21, 2025 at 06:50 PM