

## In Memoriam

### **Erica Alise Russell**

Erica Alise Russell, Clarksville, Ga., passed away on April 9, 2025.

She was born on April 7, 1996, in Stockton, Calif., the beloved adopted daughter of Pat and Connie Bivens. She grew up in the farming community of Hilmar, Calif., and was an active member of FFA. She graduated from high school and then earned a degree in business and marketing from Cal State University, Stanislaus. She showed her creativity and talent as a make-up artist and owner of Artistry by Alise.

In 2021, Erica married the love of her life, Colin Russell, and joined the family in their move from Hilmar to the Blue Ridge Mountains to establish Providence Farmstead in Clayton, Ga. The Russells have been managing a herd of Jerseys on a robotic facility in Otto, N.C., since the winter of 2024 and also raise American Wagyu cattle in Demorest, Ga.

Erica managed the marketing, website and social media for Providence Farmstead and was integral in the launch of The Farmstead Market in Clayton this past year.

In 2023, Erica and Colin gave birth to Oliver Clifton Russell. Erica flourished as a mother, joyfully bringing Oliver with her to every family business meeting or event. She radiated warmth and kindness to everyone she met and was a devoted wife and loving mother.

Erica was a parishioner of St. Mark Catholic Church in Clarksville.

In addition to her parents, Pat and Connie, husband, Colin, and son, Oliver, she is survived by two brothers, Michael Bivens (Jessika) of Patterson and Austin Bivens of Hilmar; paternal grandparents, Jim and Shanon Bivens of Fruitland, Idaho; in-laws, C.A. and Kirsten Russell of Lakemont, Ga.; brother-in-law Lars Russell of Otto, N.C.; sister-in-law McCalister Russell of Clayton; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Joe and Maria Laurencio.

Memorials may be made to Place of Hope, a Clayton, Ga., non-profit supporting children in and out of foster care at [www.placeofhopenga.com/general-5](http://www.placeofhopenga.com/general-5). Letters to Oliver may be mailed to [letters.to.oliver.russell@gmail.com](mailto:letters.to.oliver.russell@gmail.com)