

## Obituary

Julia Sinclair “Bear Bear” Sledge, 27, of Houston, Texas passed away in her home in Pearland on Thursday, February 17, 2022. She was born on January 20, 1995, to parents Frederick T. Sledge and Amy A. Kelley in Katy, Texas.

Sinclair was an adventurous, loving and funny little girl. We knew from the moment she was born that she would be strong and vocal. We love to tell people the story of how she got the name “Bear Bear”. Sinclair could be warm and snuggly like a teddy bear one day, then be a grumpy, snarling grizzly bear the next. You always knew exactly how she felt and what she was thinking because she certainly wasn’t afraid to tell you. What she loved to tell us all was how much she loved us. We love her and will miss her every moment.

Our Sinclair loved to try anything. Sinclair was a Girl Scout. An acolyte. A theater buff. A volleyball and basketball player. A practical joker. A hair color chameleon. A children’s camp counselor. But her passion was dance. She was a gifted dancer and dance teacher. She began dancing in 2010 when she was a freshman in high school. She quickly picked up many genres of dance including tap, pointe ballet, lyrical, hip hop and more. After graduating from Morton Ranch High School, she went on to study dance and become a dance instructor. She taught hundreds of children all over Houston and the surrounding communities. One of her shining moments was creating a free “pop up” dance camp for children whose homes were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. During the pandemic with no studios open, summer dance camp moved to her house because she was determined to teach. Children and parents alike looked up to Miss Sinclair for her creative choreography, patience in teaching and big heart. She was so loved by her dance family.

Sinclair is preceded in death by grandmothers Gloria Phears and Peggy Kelley. Sinclair is survived by her loving boyfriend, Kevin LaLonde; father and stepmother, Frederick and Lauren Sledge; mother and stepfather, Amy and Ross Kelley; siblings Chloe Sledge, Mitchell Sledge and Wilbur Sledge; grandparents, Judy Ayers, Fil Ayers, Bob Phears, Donald Kelley; numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; and her fur babies Charlie, Simba, Epilexus, and Squirrel.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, for family and friends of Sinclair.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sinclair’s name to BARC Animal Shelter and Adoptions at [https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/donate\\_landingpage.html](https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/donate_landingpage.html) or the Epilepsy Foundation at [www.epilepsy.com](http://www.epilepsy.com)

Celebrating the Life

of

*Julia Sinclair Sledge*

*January 20, 1995 - February 17, 2022*



Friday, February 25, 2022

6:00 p.m.

St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

Gethsemane Campus

6856 Bellaire Blvd. Houston, TX 77074

*Order of Service*

\*Entry of Family

Word of Grace

Rev. David Horton

Pastoral Prayer

Readings from the Holy Scripture

2 Kings 2: 23-26

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

Tribute

Words of Remembrance

Homily

Rev. David Horton

\*Prayer of Commendation

God of us all, your love never ends.

When all else fails, you still are God.

Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another.

O God, all that you have given us is yours.

As first you gave Sinclair to us, so now we give her back to you.

Receive Sinclair into the arms of your mercy.

Raise her up with all of your people.

Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.

\*Benediction

Rev. David Horton

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able may stand.