

There are a lot of great things to say about Naomi, and the way she's touched our lives, but here are the things I will remember most about her, and I've written each starting with what I have learned and will continue to learn from her.

1. **BE A GOOD FRIEND TO YOUR FRIENDS.** Naomi was above all A GOOD FRIEND. She never forgot a birthday —not mine, not my kids, not my husbands. She remembers my anniversary. And she did this for all her friends. I am not sure how she kept up with all those dates, but her friends were important to her and she cared about remembering their important celebrations as much as her own. When I get busy with work or with life, and I stop to think about how well I am doing at maintaining my friendships, I think of Naomi and try to be a better friend to my friends.
2. **KNOW YOUR SELF WORTH AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ALL YOU DO.** With Naomi, confidence was a state of being. It wasn't something she aspired to, it was truly innate with her. Naomi wasn't happy to just see the world and take it for what it is or work within the confines of what exists. Naomi saw a way to make it better, and she wanted to help other people see it as she did. She is a take-charge kind of person and could never understand why people couldn't see the things that she would point out. I know this came from her freedom in her own self-worth, and she knew that her thoughts and actions could make a difference. I really saw this expressed through different jobs she had over the years, as she always seemed to become so integrated where she worked that she would start as just an employee but before long she had endeared herself to her boss and she had become what seemed an integral part of the success and good fortune of the company.
3. **STAY IN MOTION.** Hiking through the mountains, her love for kayaking. Naomi was always active and always in motion, whether it was going for daily hikes, riding her bright yellow mountain bike around Austin, or just going out with friends to here or there. Naomi liked to be physically engaged with the world around her. When Naomi moved away to Colorado, I always thought she'd be back, that it was just a temporary thing. But when she got married, I started to get the idea that no, Colorado was her home. I like to think of Naomi's spirit soaring over the mountains of Colorado and floating along the streams, always moving.
4. **DO YOUR DREAM.** I remember Naomi first talking about wanting to open a bakery. She came to Austin that summer and signed up at an epicurian school, while also working in the mornings before her class for a local bakery. It took her a long time to materialize Josie's Addictions, but she did it. Moving to Aspen was a dream, to live in the mountains. Having Jesse and expanding the family, building her dream home with Oli. All of

these are meaningful milestones, and no one can say that Naomi didn't accomplish a lot in her lifetime. As much as she was determined to succeed in whatever she did, Naomi was an avid cheerleader and supporter of other people's dreams, and if you've been on the receiving end of this, you know how much it means.

5. **DO IT NOW.** Naomi was very much ahead of the game. When she wanted to do something or wanted to express a kind gesture, she didn't procrastinate. To me, this message is: Don't wait to do the kind acts you want to do for people. Show your love for your friends now, don't wait. If there is someone you know who needs any kind of outreach, call them, write a letter, bake some bread or rice krispy treats, but don't wait. Be the friend to others that Naomi was to you.