



## Grace Caitlyn Derbyshire

March 12, 1990 - December 1, 2015

Grace Caitlyn Derbyshire, of Springfield, VA, passed away suddenly on December 1, 2015. She is survived by her beloved parents, Melinda C. Burgin, Mark Hamlet Derbyshire and wife Paula and brother Sam; her brother, Josh Derbyshire, sister in law Shannon Derbyshire, nephews Ethan Ritter and Owen Derbyshire; aunt and uncle Meredith Burgin and Bob Personette; cousins Mark and Greg Burgin, grandmother Jeanne Burgin, grandparents Bob and Joan Derbyshire, many Derbyshire Aunts, uncles, cousins and her devoted puppy Hendrix. Grace was born on March 12, 1990 in Salem Virginia and spent her first seven years in Roanoke before moving with her mother and brother to Springfield, Va. Grace was a beautiful child full of joy and playfulness. Though she struggled over many years, Grace remained strong in so many ways with a wonderful sense of humor. A lover of books, Grace was well read and keen to share her knowledge. After graduating from West Springfield High School, she attended Radford University, Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University. More than anything, Grace loved animals and was at her best when working as a veterinary assistant. Grace leaves us with many wonderful memories and though she grew weary of this world she left one final gift to all of us. Some time ago, Grace expressed her wish that her brain be donated for research on mental illness, in the hope that it could be used to prevent someone else's suffering. After a call from the National Institute of Mental Health, we carried out Grace's wish. It is with this kind of love and compassion that we now say goodbye, all too

early, to our dear daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin and granddaughter. Love Wins! Relatives and friends may gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA on Friday, December 11, 2015 from 12noon until start of service at 1PM. Guests are also invited to gather to visit and celebrate Grace's life at Olympians Family Restaurant, 6432 Landsdowne Centre Drive, Alexandria VA, immediately following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention <http://www.afsp.org/ways-to-give/make-a-donation>. - See more at: <http://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com/obituary/Grace-Caitlyn-Derbyshire/Springfield-VA/1568119#sthash.p15Qw7T2.dpuf>

# Tribute Wall



“ Happy to have known her. Forever & a day, in my heart & prayers  
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CL - December 07, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ Grace Caitlyn Derbyshire

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Mindy,  
I just found out about Grace's passing away from C.D.  
We are just shocked. I know this is a hard time, but please put you  
and your family in God's hands.  
It seems like yesterday when Grace, Josh, and you would come  
over to Bob and Meredith's house and the kids would be having a  
great time playing in the court. I will cherish these memories  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Mindy, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I want you to know you  
have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Your  
Neighbor, Allison.

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December 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mindy and Mark - So very sad. You are in my prayers this day.*

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December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Saddened to learn of Grace's passing. Praying that the Eternal Promise of our Savior, Jesus, will give you Peace of heart.*

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December 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kelly & I were shocked on learning of Grace's passing. I remember the days of T-ball when Grace hustled and would get knocked down but bounce right back up. Tyler enjoyed spending time with her all those years ago. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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December 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark and Mindy ..... thinking of you both..... so sorry for your loss!  
Judy Reid Pascoe*

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December 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mindy,  
My heart is so heavy I don't know what to say. I immediately  
thought of Grace and Korey in the back seat of your car when you  
would bring him out to Plantation Rd for me to take to his Dad's and  
you would have to offer them a nickel to quit talking.  
How time slips away  
My love to you  
God's peace to you  
Sarah*

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December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grace, you brightened my days with your funny texts and made me  
laugh with your unique sense of humor. I loved how you always had  
more Ketchup then a hamburger when we went to eat. You might be  
gone from our site but you will not be forgotten. Blessings to you my  
friend.*

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December 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mindy and Family  
It is with heavy heart that I send this to you. Grace and I  
immediately clicked when we met and what a beautiful young  
woman. BOBBY, Michele, and I pray for you and your family. May  
God hold you gently in his embrace as you begin this very difficult  
journey.  
with our deepest sympathy and love  
Bobby, Brenda and Michele.*

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December 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ I haven't spoken with Grace in quite some time, but I think of her often. She was an amazing girl with a wonderful heart. I can honestly say that without her I would not be the person I am today. I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts.*

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December 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Sending deepest sympathy and heartfelt wishes.*

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December 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our hearts ache for all of you. Please know that we send our deepest sympathy,*

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December 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM