



Katie Lee Beckman

May 19, 2014

Katie Lee Beckman, 23 of Mason City, Il., and formerly of Murphysboro, IL, passed away at 6:33 pm Monday, May 19, 2014, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinios.

Katie was born on September 7 , 1990, in Murphysboro, Illinois and her parents are Amy (Massey) Cochran and Christopher Cochran of New Holland, Illinois and Richard and Gail Beckman of Carbondale, Illinois.

Katie was a full time mom to her son Derrick and was studying to be a Medical Assistant at the Midwest Technical Institute in Springfield , IL.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her son Derrick Renfro III and his father Derrick Renfro Jr.; one brother and sister in law Dustin and Katherine Beckman of Lincoln, IL; two nieces and one nephew Emma, Ansley, and Kameron Beckman of Lincoln; her great grandparents Charles (Chuck) and Harriott Cochran of Pontiac, IL; her grandparents Mesker and Sara Massey and Norman and Betty Beckman; all of Murphysboro, Richard and Carol Leggans of Elkhville, Gary and Jerri Cochran of Taylorville, and Betty Perkins of Murphysboro; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by great grand parents Fred and Ruth House of Murphysboro and Deleane and Florence Marie Smith of Alto Pass, Il.

In lieu of flowers a fund has been set up for the funeral cost and a trust fund for her son. Donations can be made to Amy Cochran, 104 N. Peoria St., New Holland, IL 62671.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm Saturday, May 24, 2014, at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro and burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 am to 1 pm at the funeral home. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Lee Beckman*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I remember the day you were born and how much your Mom and Dad had a fit over you, how protective they were of you....just how much you changed our lives for the better with that beautiful smile on your sweet little face. I thank God everyday that I had 23 wonderful years to spend with you. When all of you kids would get together...we really had to be on our toes because there was NEVER a dull moment. I remember all the singing that you kids would do. She's in Love with the Boy - Trisha Yearwood, Achy Breaky Heart - Billy Ray Cyrus, Where I come from - Alan Jackson , were 3 that came to the top of my head....lol (Even when you all were older, the singing never stopped!) When you became a Mommy to that beautiful baby boy, He is what made you whole as well.... A baby boy that stole your heart. I knew you would be the best Momma ever.... You always loved to take care of people and you always wanted everyone to just be themselves and not try to be anyone they were not meant to be. It has been over a month now and the pain of losing you will always linger for all of us....that will never go away Katie Lee. I can hear you standing over me saying.... "Aunt Rhonda?... You can't cry forever!" I just want you to know, I am so proud of you making the ONE choice that you did and that was to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and knowing that is all that I need to know without a doubt..... that I will get to see you again! This isn't goodbye my sweet Katie bug....it is just see ya later sis!!!! Love you so very much!!!! XOXO*

Aunt Rhonda

Aunt Rhonda - June 30, 2014 at 07:34 PM

DG

“ Our prayers are with your entire family. Faith and hope has carried us through our own loss as well. Please take the time to look up 1 Peter 5:10.

We are thinking of you.

*Doug and Kay Garber
Morton, Illinois*

Doug and Kay Garber - May 27, 2014 at 07:14 PM

KC

“ Prayers are with your family. Angie, Frances, Lacy, Tyler, Zach and the whole family. May God wrap his healing hand around each and everyone of you and may you find peace. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Love you.

Karen and Bill Childers - May 23, 2014 at 02:52 PM

NR

“ *Chris, Amy and Family*

Words cannot express the sorrow that we feel for your family. We want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Neal and Donna Ragan

Neal & Donna Ragan - May 23, 2014 at 09:46 AM

MC

“ *Know that you are in our thoughts and hearts daily.*

Mike&Karen Cochran - May 23, 2014 at 08:30 AM

AD

“ I knew you Katie but not as well as I would have liked. You were a beautiful young lady who had the flame of life extinguished while burning it's brightest. You will be missed. I know your wonderful family is experiencing the worse pain they will ever endure. I hope they can find a way to have some peace.

Alan Doty - May 22, 2014 at 07:29 PM

RS

“ My memories of Katie will always include the sound of her giggle and laughter. It did not matter what was going on or who was around, it always seemed that Katie's goal was to get a reaction from others, and then she would giggle or laugh.

Katie was a very young adult the last time she visited our house. I am sure it had been a great visit. But I remember the last 10 minutes as we were all standing in the entryway saying goodbye. Someone was there that had not seen Katie "wiggle" her eyes before. So she showed them. And they reacted. Then Katie giggled. ;) She showed them again. They reacted again. And then Katie giggled again. This cycle was repeated multiple times, and each time Katie's giggle became a bit more infectious.

And that is how we remember Katie: smiling, happy, and giggling. All of our lives were made happier by Katie.

Ruthie Smith - May 22, 2014 at 03:02 PM

BF

“ Ann, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. So very sorry for your loss.

Bryan & Sheila Cheatham & family - May 22, 2014 at 01:35 PM