



## Mrs. Matilda Elsie Erkkila

May 4, 1973 - November 24, 2009

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

Tuesday, Dec. **1.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
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## Service

Wednesday, Dec. **2.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist  
27800 Southfield Road  
Southfield, MI 48076

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Matilda Elsie Erkkila*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To Sonya and Tyone Evans: Words cannot express the sorrow that Femi and I both feel about Matilda's passing. I remember when Matilda came to Enterprise, Alabama during our family reunion years ago and she was such a beautiful and caring person inside and out. My husband Femi had dinner with you all, Matilda and Vince about 2 weeks ago before she died and from what I hear, you all had so much fun laughing, telling jokes and just having a really good time with Matilda and that is something you will not forget. Our hearts go out to both of you and may you find comfort that she is at rest in Gods Hands. God Bless You All! Love Femi and Kena Oguntala##imported-begin##Kena Clark Oguntala and Femi Oguntala##imported-end##*

December 10, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ *Words can not express your loss at this time. However, I do know someone who can help you at this time when it sames like the world has crashed, JESUS can help you when nothing or nobody else can. You will be in my prayers and if I can help in any other way don't hesitate to email.##imported-begin##Darlene Small##imported-end##*

December 09, 2009 at 06:43 PM



“ To all of Meme's family I am very sorry for your lose. I wanted so badly to attend the service and just could not bring myself to do it. As her coach on the Troy Fillies, Meme was one the most delightful, energentic and wonderful girls I had the opportunity to work with. I watched her grow into a leader that she was destined to become on that team. I want to remember her as the vibrant young woman that I loved so much. May you all be strong and I pray that time will ease your pain.

Coach Della##imported-begin##Della Redbird Dudley##imported-end##

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December 08, 2009 at 12:01 AM



“ Sonya & Tyrone

May all your memories be many and all your tears be few. Remember the master will never put no more on us than we can bear. Me-Me is in the heavenly rose garden with all of the other beautiful roses, God has planted there. Grace,Peace and Mercy unto you and the family. Love Sarah (Quata) and family##imported-begin##Sarah Carr (Quata)##imported-end##

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December 07, 2009 at 12:12 PM



“ to the family may God bless each and everyone of you during this time of sorrow and pain. There is know sorrow or pain that heaven cannot heal.##imported-begin##Alan Evans##imported-end##

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December 07, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ *In honor of MiMi:*

*My prayers go out to her family.*

*MiMi you were like a Beautiful little sister to me when we were younger!Such a fun spirited girl.*

*I wish I could have stayed in Michigan- to help heal your soul. I have always kept you in my heart and forever will.*

*You will be sorely missed -but forever loved and at peace.*

*Love*

*and Blessing,*

*Jade(Morris##imported-begin##Jade Morris##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2009 at 10:38 AM



“ *I met Matilda originally in 2005, and it was my privilege to place her in her position at the Detroit Zoo early last year. For the first 3 months of her job, I had the pleasure of being her coach, so I was able to get to know her. I can't find the words to express the sadness her loss brings. She was such a kind, caring, dedicated and thoughtful human. No matter what the situation, she exuded grace and calm. My prayers go out to her family: her son, her husband and all the people who knew her best. And my prayers go also to all of us she touched. I know Matilda has found peace, and I'm sure that her memory will be kept alive by all those who loved her. God bless!##imported-begin##Therese Marie Boldt##imported-end##*

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December 04, 2009 at 05:33 PM



“ My conversations and personal greetings with Matilda were always filled with laughter and joy. My sincere condolences to her family & closest friends.##imported-begin##John Bukowicz##imported-end##

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December 04, 2009 at 02:21 PM



“ I had the unique privilege of working with Matilda. I was an out-of-town consultant at Comerica, but Matilda made me feel at home every day. May God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Ben and Dr, Anne Royal Toro##imported-end##

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December 04, 2009 at 10:46 AM



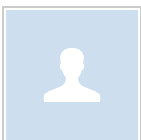
“ The Rogers Family Reunion wishes to send our deepest regards and sympathy to the Matilda Elsie Erkkila family. We appreciate the many acts of love and kindness she gave and showed to our family over the years. Her love and kindness was always so genuine and constant. Her life has been and will continue to be a light for so many to follow. We love you Sonya and family and our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Paxton F. Rogers, Sr. & Family

Tallahassee, FL##imported-begin##Paxton F. Rogers, Sr.##imported-end##

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December 03, 2009 at 05:51 PM



“ God Bless you girl, hope you are at peace.##imported-begin##Nicole Smith##imported-end##

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December 03, 2009 at 03:41 PM



“ To MeMe's Family:

*The word "Wow" sums up my feelings... "Wow" MeMe was such a wonderful young woman, who loved so many people and so many people loved her... "Wow" what a handsome young man Stephen has become... "Wow" what a Great family to have. MeMe would have been so proud of how her family has been so gracious and dignified in their time of pain and loss... "Wow" I can't believe she's gone and I will miss her... "Wow" what a great homegoing! I never saw so many flowers, and heard so many kind words said... "Wow" MeMe should have been Captain of the Diversity Club...Lol! only she could get so many different people together, who were hurting the same... And finally, "Wow" what a Awesome God we have, because He knows all, is all and will comfort us all! We love you guys and we will be there for you always.*

*Love Cynthia, Darrell, Jared and Nate##imported-begin##Cynthia and Darrell Reynolds##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2009 at 02:37 PM



“ MeMe, this has to be the hardest message I've ever had to write. I've known well over 25 years which makes you not just a friend but family. I remember when You, Kevin, Jason, Eugene and I were kids we formed the singing group called Generation 1 (G1). Everyone wanted to be part of the group, but it was just ours and it was very special. I remember we would always practice the song "Tender Love" hoping one day to get a record deal. Needless to say nothing ever happened with a deal but the five of us were forever connected. I thank you for your smile, your encouragement and friendship. You got the best deal out of all of us you get to hang out with the biggest star in the universe...God! You will forever be our "Tender Love." Love, Greg Shelton##imported-begin##Greg Shelton##imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 09:20 PM



“ *Matilda touched so many lives and Everyone loved her. She was truly one in a million and I am grateful and blessed for having known her. She was a beautiful person and her smile could light up a room. She will be deeply missed. Vince, Stephen and Matilda's Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this extremely difficult time.*”

December 02, 2009 at 08:16 PM



“ *GOD BLEtS HER FAMILY.*”

December 02, 2009 at 07:27 PM



“ *My deepest condolences Vince.*”

December 02, 2009 at 05:19 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Stephen, Vice and Matilda's family during this time of sorrow. May your shared love for one another help you accept God's will. Joan (A Comerica co-worker)*”

December 02, 2009 at 05:05 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Sally Smith and family. May God provide comfort and strength to you all during this difficult time.*”

December 02, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ *Matilda was one of the most remarkable and memorable people I have had the pleasure to know. She was blessed with inner beauty as well as outer beauty. She will be missed. God keep her close.*###imported-begin###Denise S Tretheway###imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ *To Matilda's husband, son and family, her smile never changed. I went to Troy High School with Me-Me and lived down the street from her. She marveled at me when we were in the 9th grade, I was doing my own hair, cutting and relaxing it, she thought it was so funny and here I am today a hair stylist...I bet she's still laughing at me. She will forever be in my heart!*###imported-begin###Michelle Webb###imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ *May the Lord embrass you and the heavens rejoice in your home coming. I will miss you Matilda. Your friend forever,* Cheryl###imported-begin###Cheryl Radu###imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ *Vince and Stephen, So sorry to hear about your loss. I so enjoyed the time I worked with Matilda. As so many have mentioned, her laughter was contagious as was her wonderful personality. It's difficult to understand God's master plan sometimes but I'm sure she'll be watching down on both of you. I will keep both of you in my prayers.*###imported-begin###Sharon Giannangeli###imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ We are shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Matilda. Vince, Stephen and her extended family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving.

*Matilda was a one of a kind, bright, adventurous, shining spirit. It is rare to find someone so beautiful on the inside and out. She will be missed.*

*Love, Tony, Melissa, Rocco and Mia Calice###imported-begin###Mrs. R. Tony Calice Jr###imported-end###*

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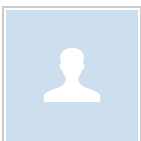
December 02, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ May God keep you in his arms of strength. Lift him in prayer because he always there with a ear that hears. We love you all so very much.###imported-begin###Dr. Douglass and Helena, Sandra Tate###imported-end###

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December 02, 2009 at 12:18 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Stephen, Vince and all of Matilda's family. May God's grace comfort you in this time of deep sorrow.###imported-begin###Ron Lewis###imported-end###

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December 02, 2009 at 12:15 PM



“ Sonya, I am so very sorry to hear about sudden your loss. Please know that you and your family are deeply in our thoughts and especially our prayers. We love you!###imported-begin###Andrea Wainright & Breanna Parks###imported-end###

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December 02, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Dear Cousins

*I can barely imagine the pain and loss you all must be feeling. I feel so much of it myself. I only met Mimi once at Daniel's wedding but I remember her vivaciousness and her real zest for life. I remember her trusting me with you Stephen as we got ready for Daniel's wedding.*

*I can only remind you of the hope and faith that our whole family was raised in: The resurrection and second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*What a day that will be when all of our parted loved ones are restored to us. O what a day!*

*Phillip to have lost a brother and a daughter so close together is a burden hard to bear. I'm praying for you that you let God carry it for you. Stephen I hope you know how loved you are and that the love of God and your family give you solace in this awful time of grief and sorrow. Sally, Sonja, Denise and Daniel and Phillip I'm praying for you all , for us all that God bind our wounds and strengthen our steps so that we can all press on for his return can not be long coming. I love you all. Your cousin*

*Ric Tate##imported-begin##Ric Tate##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 11:25 AM



“ Please let us know here at Comerica Bank if there is a specific organization that you would like a donation made in Matilda's name.

*Thanks. God bless.##imported-begin##Linda Dillabough##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 11:24 AM



“ I am so sorry for your unexpected loss. I worked with Matilda (moe via phone than face-to-face) and she was also the best - happy, loved talking to me about her son and listen to me brag about my grandchildren. God loves calling the best home early. Please accept my deepest sympathy for this huge loss for both you and your son.##imported-begin##Linda Dillabough##imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 11:19 AM



“ MeMe was a beautiful person inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Kathy (Tiesler) Michalkow##imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 11:10 AM



“ Office of the Pastor Elder Pastor B. E. Waters, M.Div.

December 2, 2009

To: The Family of Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Evans

*We the Officers and Members of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, wish to express our deepest sympathy and condolences with the passing of your sister Matilda F. Erkkila.*

*We know too well the tragedy of losing a love one. Me-Me was like the cornerstone of your lives. Her love, and comfort were always present. But there is a God who still watches the sparrows who falls from their nest, who still counts the fallen hairs from our heads, a God who knows the pain of the human heart, a God who will be the cornerstone of your life.*

*Our prayers are with you, that God will comfort and strengthen your family.*

*“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1Ths. 4:15-18*

*Lavonne A. Waters  
CHURCH CLERK*

*Elder Bobby E. Waters  
PASTOR###imported-begin###Pastor Bobby E. Waters###imported-  
end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 11:10 AM



“ I worked with Matilda at Comerica. She was an awesome, cheerful and fun person to work with and we were extremely sad when she left to work at the zoo. I offer my sincerest condolences for her family.##imported-begin##Eric Thewes##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Matilda at Comercia. What a beautiful individual she was. Her smile and wonderful personality always lit up the room. Heaven has gained an angel. She loved being a Mom and was always telling us stories about her son. My love and prayers go out to her family. May god be with you during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Julee Strong##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ We love you and pray that you will stay strong and remember "God is our refuge and strength-a very present help in the time of trouble"##imported-begin##Bernard & Beverly Evans##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 10:28 AM



“ Stay strong for your family Steve, you got grow up fast. May GOD BLESS and keep you. If you ever need anybody to talk to I'm right here young brother.##imported-begin##James A. Cleage##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 10:18 AM



“ *What devastating news about our lovely Matilda. I worked with Matilda at Comerica and was always impressed by her positive attitude, her physical and inner beauty, and her love of her husband and son. This world has lost a beautiful person.##imported-begin##Laury Stone##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 10:14 AM



“ *I worked with Matilda at Comerica. We just found out and we're all just heartbroken. None of us know what happened of course. Poor Stephen and Vince. You all have my deepest sympathies. God Bless you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Michelle Wheaton##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 09:56 AM



“ *Matilda,  
You are now at peace in God's kingdom. My deepest sympathy to your husband, son, and family. You always had a smile on your face and I could always talk to you. You will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Joyce Humphrey##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 09:54 AM



“ *I am very sad and shocked at this news. I used to work with Matilda at Comerica. It is very shocking until the words escape me. Matilda was a very nice person and she will be missed.*

*Alida##imported-begin##Alida Bankston##imported-end##*

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December 02, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ As Vincent's aunt, I would like express my deep condolences at this time of profound saddness and loss. My prayer is that Sorrow will turn to Peace.##imported-begin##mary Warner##imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 06:58 AM



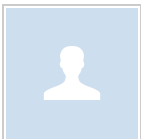
“ Dear Sonya, Tyrone and loving Family,

God is able to give you peace at times of great sorrow. May your relationship with HIM, our Comforter, sustain you. We pray your saddness will be lifted by your precious memories of Me Me, and by your faith in God's promised Heavenly reunion. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to you.

Sincerely, Russell and Roslyn Williams, Kansas City,  
MO.##imported-begin##Russell and Roslyn Williams##imported-end##

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December 02, 2009 at 12:53 AM



“ Me-Me, though you are not here in person, your spirit will forever touch Willis and I. We miss you dearly and will never let your gracefulness, and happy smile be forgotten. Though you are sleeping, I long for the day, that you will awaken into the pearly gates. Our wishes are to join you and be happy for ever after.

Take care Willis and I look forward to seeing you again .

Your forever loving sister Mary Carter##imported-begin##Mary and Willis Carter##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 11:50 PM



“ *Matilda will be in our hearts and memories. With deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Alexandra Peindl##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 10:15 PM



“ *Even though we can't be there in person, we are with you in spirit. Meme was such a beautiful person with a beautiful soul! Her smile will now light up the heavens! Our sympathy & prayers are with you. Ryan sends his love.##imported-begin##Kathryn, Ryan & Adam Franz##imported-end##*

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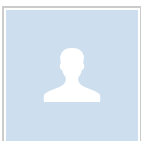
December 01, 2009 at 08:51 PM



“ *On behalf of the Brantley Family we want to express our deepest sympathy and heart felt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved Matilda. May you find comfort in knowing that God's tomorrow is better than what you are experiencing today. My God bless you and may you know that he still cares.##imported-begin##George & Dianna Brantley##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 07:40 PM



“ *Hi Ms. Sally, I regret to hear what happen. I apologize not to be able to be there physically, but i want you to know that your in my heart and I feel as if Me-Me was my sister. I Love You! My family send their condelences as well.##imported-begin##Chantel Faulkner##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 07:19 PM



“ Our family is in shock and disbelief in your loss. we offer our prayers and deepest sympathy in your loss. I will always remember the smiling MeMe who was so full of life and a great joy to her mom. God bless you all

*Eve Pistochini*###imported-begin###Eve Pistochini###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 06:11 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about your precious loss of MeMe...she certainly could light up any room with her infectious smile as i remember..my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad and difficult time.###imported-begin###Barbara James###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 05:08 PM



“ Ms. Sally,

*I give you these words  
as if it was a hug  
let them embrace you  
during this difficult time  
let them remind you of the strength you used to run the marathon  
let them give you the encouragement  
you need to keep going  
and as this journey gets more strenuous  
let the memories be the fuel  
to keep the engine inside you  
going and going and going  
until you cross the finish line  
because those memories  
are your victory!*

*Love ya,*

*Righteous Knowledge (Demetrius)##imported-begin##Demetrius  
Orr##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“ DEAREST SONYA, TYRONE EVANS & FAMILY OF MATILDA ERKKILA  
OUR DEEPEST AND SINCEREST SYMPATHY OF YOUR LOSS OF YOUR LOVED FAMILY MEMBER. WE ARE SAYING A PRAYER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS.

SINCERELY GOD'S BLESSINGS  
JOSEPH & EDITH PERKINS, RICHMOND, INDIANA##imported-begin##JOSEPH & EDITH PERKINS##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 04:30 PM



“ May you find peace.##imported-begin##Marilyn Flewellen##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 04:13 PM



“ Matilda,

Your life ended too soon. Such a beautiful woman; always smiling and laughing. May you find peace in heaven under God's watchful eye.##imported-begin##Stephanie Regan##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ Matilda's smile would light-up a room, and her laugh would make you smile. We shared many stories about our children, and the love she had for you, Stephen, always came through. I am lucky to have known Matilda for a short time, and had my life touched by such a beautiful soul.##imported-begin##Beth Evans##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family of MeMe. Her bubbly personality and big beautiful smile is one that can never be forgotten. She will be greatly missed. My prayers and blessing go to her dear son and family.##imported-begin##Terri MacNear (McFadden)##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 02:07 PM



“ I am praying for you and your family during this very sad time.Let God be your strength. Remember God will never put more on you that you can bear. Look to Him for your strength and guidance.He will always be there for you in your time of need.  
Love,

Christine Bongo NP##imported-begin##Christine Bongo##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ To Sally Smith and family, We are so sorry for the loss of Me Me. She was Nicks favorite aunt and he will always remember the great memories he had with her growing up. Her beautiful soul is gone but will never be forgotten. Our prayers go out to everyone.##imported-begin##Jennifer and Nick Evans##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 01:45 PM



“ I'll always remember her smile and great personality. You'll be in our prayers!

Keith and Barbara Williams  
Houston, Texas##imported-begin##Keith Williams##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ With an office right across from hers, I often heard Matilda laugh and joke with our co-workers. It would always make me smile, even though I had no idea what it was all about. Honestly, her laugh bubbled out so infectiously, I sometimes laughed out loud. She is missed, she will be missed and your family will be in my prayers forever.##imported-begin##Rita Tinetti##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ Ms. Sally and Family,  
There are no words that can express how you all may be feeling at this moment. Perhaps, you all have know idea yourselves. However, I wanted to express that your family is in my prayers and please hold on to GODs unchanging hands as I know you will. Please feel free to call me if you need anything, even to talk! Does not matter the time :)

Sincerely,  
TB##imported-begin##Terri Brown##imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 12:44 PM



“ Vince,  
*There are no words to express how sorry I am for your loss. Just hugs from far away and lots of positive vibrations that I hope will help you heal as best as possible in time, although your life will never be the same - it's been touched by true love, the greatest gift we can know. Thinking about you ... JMM##imported-begin##Julie Malkin##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 12:41 PM



“ *To the family of Matilda: Words cannot express the sympathy I feel at this time. I only knew and worked with Matilda for one short year, but during that time she touched my heart and my life. I will miss her. I pray that God's unending love and peace be with you all.##imported-begin##Ida Tomlin##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ *May God be close to you now, for strenght and comfort - and may His peace overflow in the days to come.*

*Keeping you and your family in our prayers##imported-begin##Dwayne & Monica Williams##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 12:08 PM



“ *Stephen Jr., We were so sorry to hear about your mom. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mike and Jan##imported-begin##Mike Kraft & Jan##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ *Matilda and i spoke often of our kids and the joys of being a mom. She was a very proud mom and just beamed when talking about her son. I will miss her adorable smile and the kindness she always showed me.##imported-begin##elizabeth arbaugh##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 11:05 AM



“ *So young to leave us... But you're 'safely home' to an eternity of happiness. We love you and pray for comfort for your family.##imported-begin##Robin Dunlop##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you in the time or sorrow.*

*Your Friends,*

*Caesar and Sonyja Minor##imported-begin##Caesar Minor##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 10:46 AM



“ *Praying for you and your family. Weeping may endure for a night... But Joy cometh in the morning!!!! Trust God at his word Bev##imported-begin##Beverly Cooper-Edwards##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2009 at 09:56 AM



“ My sympathy goes out to the Erkkila and Smith Family. I will continue to pray for your strength through this very sad time!###imported-begin###Dionne Weathers###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 09:18 AM



“ Ms. Sally..you are in my deepest prayers through this sad time. Please know GOD does not make any mistakes. He is right by your side.###imported-begin###Romania###imported-end##

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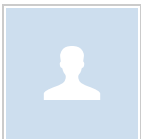
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“ Matilda is going to be missed by many. She was a true friend to me and the most beautiful individual that has ever come into my life. For my Tildy... I will be missing you until we meet again.....###imported-begin###Lisa Cruz###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 07:59 AM



“ Dan, May God comfort you and your family during your time of loss. We may not understand it now, but we will understand it better by and by. We are praying that God will keep you and your family in perfect peace.###imported-begin###Glen, Mollene, Kam'ren and Tyler Harrington###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 06:45 AM



“ Dear Ms. Sally,  
Rajiv and I would like to express our sincere condolences. You will be in our prayers. I only knew Me-me through the photos you shared with me, but I know the joy she brought you. God grant you strength and keep you safe.  
Anu and Rajiv###imported-begin###Drs. Anupama and Rajiv Nair###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 06:29 AM



“ We shared many good times with Matilda and we will miss her dearly! Our friendship and fondest memories will live on! All our love to Vince, Stephen and Matilda's family.###imported-begin###Alan Limburg and Maria Okon###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 01:11 AM



“ Me-Me I will always love you. The thirty six years that I had you was the most beautiful times of my life. I am looking forward to seeing you when we get to heaven. I will see your smiling face again. May you sleep in peace until God calls your name.

Your loving mommy###imported-begin###Me-Me's Mom "Sally Smith"###imported-end##

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December 01, 2009 at 12:52 AM



“ I was saddened to hear about Meme. I went to high school with her and we were on the Troy Fillies Dance Team. She had such an amazing spirit about her. We didn't keep in touch after high school, but when I heard this news, the great memories that her and I shared came pouring through and it is just yet another reminder to keep in touch with those you care for because you never know what can happen.##imported-begin##Cindy Woodard##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 10:28 PM



“ I was blessed to work with Matilda and will always remember her joyous laughter, contagious smile, and beautiful spirit. Matilda spoke often of Stephen and Vince with so much love and pride. My deepest sympathy to you for this tragic loss of such an admirable woman.##imported-begin##Linda Nichols##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 09:33 PM



“ Sonya....Fred and I wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Love, Fred & Terri Levarity##imported-begin##Terri  
Levarity##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 08:52 PM



“ To Tyrome & Sonya Evans and family; We would like to take this time to extend our heartfelt sympathy in the lost of your sister and love one. May all your precious memories sustain you during this difficult time. Please know that you are continually in our prayers and if we can be of help to you in any way just let us know. We Pray God Peace upon you and your family.

Prayfully Yours

Elder Wayne & Carolyn Robinson##imported-begin##Wayne & Carolyn Robinson##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 08:44 PM



“ Daniel:

May the hand and love of God embrace you in this time of your sorrow as he comforts and gives you strength to carry on.##imported-begin##Bobbie L. Turner##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 07:02 PM



“ She brought joy to everyone who met her. An extraordinary and kind soul. We'll miss you so very much.##imported-begin##Ron Kagan##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ *To Ms. Sally and family  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow you know God does not make mistakes and always calls an angel home. We know MeMe is in heaven watching over you all May God bless and strengthen you and your family at this time of need. Love you*###imported-begin###shari duncan###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 04:17 PM



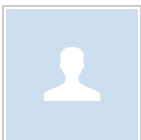
“ *Everybody used the nickname but I always preferred Matilda. That's not to say that she did :- ) but being that we were the best of high school buddies she graciously granted me that license. I spent so much time with this young lady during that period of our lives and over twenty years later what I rememeber most vividly was her laugh. We shared so many and Matilda had such a distinct laugh. She made me better and I'm confident the same can be said vice versa. She was a brilliant light in a heavenly constellation. That light may be more distant but it has not gone out.*

*My love with you always Matilda Elsie Erkkila*

*Bert*###imported-begin###K'Yhel "Bert" King###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 04:15 PM



“ *Meme, You will be truly missed your laugh your smile and your ways. You have always been a true friend* .###imported-begin###Darwin Payne###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Mary,  
I'm so sorry for the lost of your sister. My prayer's will be with you  
and your family.##imported-begin##Pat Oliver##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Mary and Family, May God Bless You Always. Love##imported-  
begin##shamayne mercer##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 02:55 PM



“ I want to express my symphanthy to Matilda's family and especially  
her son Stephen and Husband Vince, I work with your mom and  
wife and she was joy to work with always concern about others, we  
have had many talks together and her wanting to know how I was  
when I was going though my bout with cancer, Stephen I loss my  
Mom when I was your age I just want you to know that God loves  
her so much and you too, It will get easier each day, just keep your  
hand in God's hand I promise you that.##imported-begin##Eunice  
Graham (co-worker)##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 02:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Meme. I hope her family finds peace in this  
horrible loss.##imported-begin##Grace Ann (Wydeven)  
Bourne##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Meme was a beautiful person and a friend. She was always full of life. My thoughts are with you and your family. Love, Sejal Hingrajia###imported-begin##Sejal Hingrajia###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 01:12 PM



“ Dear Family,

*I am truly sadden by the passing of Matilda. Although I have never personally met her, we spoke over the phone often and she was always so friendly and had such a kind spirit about herself. May God keep you all during this difficult time. My sympathy and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Mrs. Thelma Brown###imported-end##*

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November 30, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ Sally , Mary and family,  
Words will never convey how deeply saddened I am for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Brad Baize###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 12:27 PM



“ I send my condolences - Matilda will be missed tremendously, but will live forever in our hearts. Her spirit was amazing and incredibly infectious. I will never forget her smile, laughter and positive outlook on life - truly an inspiring person. - Ally###imported-begin##Ally Kelly###imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 12:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mimi's husband and son and to Daniel, Sonya, Mary and Denise as well as Mimi's parents and other family members. May the peace of God keep you and comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##KAREN T. LOUIS##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 11:34 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with your family as you celebrate the life of your loved one and friend.  
Adam Maycock  
Patmos Chapel Orlando Florida##imported-begin##Adam Maycock##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Vince and Family: We are so very, very sorry our beautiful Matilda has lost her life. She will be remembered for her loving ways and her beauty. We are keeping you all in our prayers. love, karen and dave hopp##imported-begin##Karen and Dave Hopp##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ My condolences! In thoughts we are with you.

Lillian van Bael and Henk Stoffer  
The Netherlands##imported-begin##Lillian van Bael##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 09:24 AM



“ My sincere condolences, MeMe was beyond reproach, a wonderful person with a beautiful smile and personality. I can remember all the times that she smile, crack jokes, and try hard always to be the best. From the times at Troy High to the times of here travels, especially the Cancun trip. She will be greatly miss. Now she has gone home with the Lord. Meme, you are and will always be in the hearts of those who love you, your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. David McFadden##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 09:05 AM



“ I'm sending my sincere condolence to the family. Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will give you power beyond what is normal to be able to cope with the loss of Mimi. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jehovah God promises, we will be able to see Mimi, very soon on the paradise earth, where death will be no more. Revelations 21:3-5. This is a guarantee, because Jesus sacrificed his perfect life for us, so we can live. Revelations 21:3-5; Isaiah 26:19 & John 5:28-29.##imported-begin##Liz##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 08:21 AM



“ To Mary Carter and family. So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Love Maria.##imported-begin##Maria Sartori##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 07:55 AM



“ Dear Sonya and Tyrone, I am so sorry for the loss. I remember Matilda from her summer visits with you in Indiana years ago. She was a welcome playmate and became my pen pal when she returned to Troy. I think of all of the fun we had. I pray that fond memories will comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jennifer Perkins##imported-end##

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November 30, 2009 at 12:39 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Stephen jr, and his family. Meme and I were friends back in high school and the first things that I can remember were her beautiful smile and infectious giggle. The world has suffered a great loss, but heaven has gained angel. I was too late to reconnect in this life, but be sure I'll see you in the next life Meme. God bless and may you finally find peace.##imported-begin##Rob Dixon##imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ Dear Sonya, Tyrone and Family:

*Our hearts break with sadness at the news of your loss. We only have fond memories of Matilda during her teen years and remember her as a kind and sweet young lady. May God's Spirit comfort you during this terrible trial. He loves you...and He loves Matilda. Trust in The Lord's Mercy and His Goodness and grab hold of your wonderful memories and God's precious promises. We love you, dearly*

*Bernard, Beverly, Lindsay and Whitney##imported-begin##Beverly and Bernard Evans and "The Girls"##imported-end##*

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November 29, 2009 at 11:24 AM



“ I haven't seen or spoken to MeMe since we attended Boulan Park Middle School together in Troy Michigan. I always admired MeMe for her uniqueness and self confidence. I am truly saddened by the loss of MeMe and my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with her family. God bless.##imported-begin##Crystal-Crawford-Parker##imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Friends & Family of MeMe  
I am the Aunt of Stephen, her wonderful son. I knew MeMe as he mother of Stephen and was there on the happy day that Stephen was born. MeMe was a loving mother, a kind person with the most beautiful smile that would light up her face. My deepest sympathy to all who knew and loved her. Aunt Eleanor & BobY4Z##imported-begin##Bob & Elly Carr##imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 10:33 AM



“ May GOD bless, comfort, and keep you and your family in his tender , loving care during this most difficult time.  
Love,  
The Key Family##imported-begin##Larry and Pamela Key and family##imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ My heart is hurting. Its been many years since I spoke with and have seen Meme. I always think about all the fun we had @ Summerset in Troy. I have been looking for my long ago best friend for the entire time. I just wish she knew that there were many people who really cared for her. I wish I could have reunited with her. Maybe I could have showed her that I care. With love. Nicole (Nikki) Cooper-Mercy###imported-begin###Nicole Cooper-Mercy###imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 01:05 AM



“ So shocked about the passing of my good friend Mimi but I know that her soul rest with the Lord in heaven eternally.###imported-begin###Baron Harris Sr.###imported-end##

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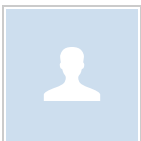
November 29, 2009 at 12:08 AM



“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to you all. MeMe was a dear friend and will be missed by many. She touched the lives of so many people with her winning smile and stunning personality. She will be in our hearts forever. God Bless You MeMe!###imported-begin###Eugene Baker###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 10:58 PM



“ I will always remember how much Meme loved her son, Stephen, and her husband, Vince. She always had a smile and a hug for me. We will never forget her...###imported-begin###Chris and Jeni Turala and family###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 09:14 PM



“ I remember Matilda when she and her mother came to Enterprise, Alabama when she was just a small child. She was a beautiful and sweet little girl. I also got a chance to see her during our 2005 family reunion in Detroit. She was still sweet and beautiful as ever. Tyrone, Sonya, and family you have my deepest sympathy for your great loss. I am glad that you all had a chance to visit with Matilda about 2 1/2 weeks ago in Colorado. May God bless and keep you. Love.  
Faye Clark###imported-begin###Ingrid Evans Clark###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 09:11 PM



“ You were as beautiful on the inside as the outside. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Adam Green###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 08:43 PM



“ To Stephan Jr. We feel your pain, we feel your sorrow. We know your mother loved you dearly. We will always be at your side. Remember the good times with your mom and Vince. Your great vacations, heal your heart. We are there for you. Love Gramma and Papa###imported-begin###Mary Markley###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ Meme I was there when Stephan was born. You were so proud-so young. I will never forget your smile, your kindness. Rest in peace. Your son will always be a part of us and your memory will always be with us.###imported-begin###Mary Markley-Stephans Gramma###imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 01:20 PM



“ *MeMe was a beautiful person and friend. I have some great memories.  
My thoughts, prayers, and love are with your family. Love, Kameron (Kami) Preston-Hinton###imported-begin###Kameron (Kami) Preston-Hinton###imported-end##*

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November 28, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ *Family!While our hearts are torn.Let us remember Jesus words "I go to prepare a place for you" In so knowing our beloved family member is in a better place!###imported-begin###Renee Tate###imported-end##*

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November 28, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ *The Harris Family sends its condolences to the family of MeMe(Mitilda)Erkkila. I remember her as being a very beautiful child. She was very much a part of our family reunions. My prayers go out to Sonya and Tyrone Evans and the family. Earth has no sorry that Heaven cannot heal. God has prepared a place for MeMe, and she is resting in him. Love the Harris Family###imported-begin###Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Harris###imported-end##*

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November 28, 2009 at 12:10 AM



“ We like to express heart felt sympathy, during this time of sorrow. May give peace,rest and comfort as you await His returning and reuniting of your dear sister.

Tyrone & Janet Cobb##imported-begin##Tyrone & Janet Cobb##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 11:28 PM



“ My prayers go out to the family. May God bless you and keep you in your time of grief. Love Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Ellis##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 09:38 PM



“ My condolence goes out to Mary Carter and Family for your loss.

Latoya Smith, Urology##imported-begin##Latoya Smith ##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ Sonya and Tyrone: So sorry for your loss. Our heart goes out to your entire family. Prayers have already gone up.

Love  
Sandra, Harold and Tres' Bulger##imported-begin##Sandra, Harold and Tres' Bulger##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ To Mary Carter and Family. Sorry to hear about your loss. I lift you'll up in prayer , for peace and strength in this sad moment.

Love, Courtney McCluster##imported-begin##Courtney McCluster  
##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ To Mary Carter, Ms.Sally and family  
I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. I am available if you need anything.

Love Kim Lovelace  
Urology##imported-begin##Kim Lovelace##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ My heart goes out to your family in this time of sorrow. I will pray for your strength to stand strong in this time of sadness. Mary and Sallie I love you dearly.##imported-begin##Dara##imported-end##

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November 27, 2009 at 07:02 PM