



Kathleen A. Cassidy

October 4, 1985 - May 18, 2005

CASSIDY, KATHLEEN ANN age 19, May 18, 2005 of Utica. Beloved daughter of Diane & Jeff Jaye and Mark Cassidy. Dear sister of Christina Russ Smith and Daniel Cassidy. Dear granddaughter of Robert & Joyce Snoor, Richard & Bernice Cassidy. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., 3 blks E. of Van Dyke Utica from 6-9PM Thursday and 2-9PM Friday. Kathleen will lie in state on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM time of Service. Memorials suggested to The Lupus Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen A. Cassidy*

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“Katie Cassidy was a bright light of cheerfulness in our lives. We will miss her very much. Everyone was impressed by her courage to continue her High School graduated with very high GPA and University classes and computer studies even though she was very sick and had to make many trips to the hospital. Even though Katie had serious health problems and School classes to manage, she regularly volunteered at church. When I have a bad day, I think of KatieÆs courage facing suffering and my problems shrink. Her difficult life was possible through the devoted love, patience, hard work and loving support of a great Mother, Diane Jaye and KatieÆs second father, my brother Jeff Jaye. Jeff and Diane would always cheer up Katie and provided her special support like paying for personal tutors to home teach when KatieÆs was too sick to attend school. Most recently Jeff and Diane organized a special trip to Disney land Florida for Katie. A family memberÆs death is a horrible tragedy and a double tragedy when a loved one dies young. Jeff and Diane Jaye can take comfort in the knowledge that they provided more love, support, care and a higher quality of life for young Katie Cassidy than many people receive in a lifetime. Even as we have lost a member of our family, KatieÆs family will soon expand with sisterÆs upcoming birth of twins and KatieÆs brotherÆs wedding in two weeks. We will comfort our larger family in KatieÆs memory. As I am teaching in S. Korea I cannot leave my University classes on short notice to participate in the funeral services. I share the grief and mourning of the loss of our bright light. Working and living in another country makes me appreciate what many families too often take for granted: family and friends. I have lost a bright and cheerful voice that always said to me, æHi Uncle David! I love youÆ. KatieÆs death was a sudden and unexpected event for us. I recently spoke to Katie and her mother by phone from Korea. KatieÆs sudden death is a reminder to all of us to take time to cherish our family and friends. Although Katie was very sick for a long time, her sudden death caught us all by surprise. Our family tragedy reminds me to share a final gift Katie gave us, make extra time to be with the ones you love. HereÆs a special poem for you Katie, I miss you a lot, Uncle David Jaye. If I Knew It

Was The Last Time If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more. If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day. If I knew it would be the last time I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I love you", instead of assuming you KNOW I do. If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, I'd be sure it was your best, before it slipped away. For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say "I love you". And certainly there's another chance to ask "Anything I can do?" But just in case I might be wrong and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight. So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day... That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss. And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish. So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear. Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you", or it's "okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today. ~M.L. Dani

Dave Jaye - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM