



Ashlynn Elizabeth Sietsma

September 11, 2009 - March 23, 2011

18 month old Ashlynn Elizabeth Sietsma, loving daughter of Ben and Amy (Patrick) Sietsma passed away suddenly Wednesday March 23, 2011 at St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point, IN. Ashlynn is survived by her loving parents, Ben & Amy Sietsma, DeMotte, IN

Also survived by a host of loving grandparents, Ronald & Sharon Patrick, Wheatfield, IN

Jim & Karen Sietsma, Highland, IN; Paternal great-grandparents, Calvin & Shirley Blink, Highland, IN. Loving Aunts, Sherry (Dave) Ondrovich; Kathy (Jim) Sanders; Tami (John) Pae, and Traci (Shawn) Enstrom. Cousins, Peyton, Caden, Laina, Andrew, Emmaleigh & Nathan.

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ashlynn Elizabeth Sietsma



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Amy and Ben,
I am one of your distant cousins that lives in Dallas. I just heard about the tragic death of your precious 18 month old little girl, and I'm sooo sorry for your loss. May God comfort the two of you through this horrific time. ((HUGS))###imported-begin##Heather (Blink) Crothers###imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 02:11 PM



“ Amy I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God be with you and your husband.###imported-begin##cathy hensler###imported-end##

April 09, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ Amy&Ben..I would just like to say I am so sorry for the loss of your baby girl. She was the cutest little thing. I do not know anyone in your family but I just lost my mother the same day and place as your little angel. It's extremely hard to loose someone your so close to, as me being a mother myself I still can't imagine what you must be going through. Just know that God will take care of your little girl until you meet with her again. I would of loved to been able to meet Ashlynn. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Kristie Hofferth##imported-end##

March 31, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ We are so sorry for your sudden loss. All of you have been in our prayers. May you know the comfort that your little one is now with God, and your little angel is forever watching over you. God Bless you both, and your families.##imported-begin##Hillman Family##imported-end##

March 31, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ I just want to let you know you are in my thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Lori Mathew##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“I feel your pain and also your great love for Ashlynn.” God will not forget your daughter. He (God) talks about the Book of remembrance in Malachi 3:16, and in the Holy Book of John 6:40, we are reminded of the resurrection, if I may share that with you. It tells us that, He (God) will resurrect them (our loved ones) on the last day. Certainly Ashlynn was a true gift to your family and many others. My heartfelt prayers go out to your family.##imported-begin##Kim Nicholson##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 09:20 PM



“Amy and' Ben you guys are in my thoughts day in and day out. I pray for the two of you and the rest of the family on a daily basis, and I know that my prayers are being answered. Be blessed my friends and keep holding on to GOD'S unchanging hands! I love you guys.##imported-begin##Shewanda Cathey##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 08:53 PM



“ Amy, Ben, and the Patrick and Sietsma families,

I wish there was something I could do that would make things better, but I'm at a loss as I'm sure everyone is. I know that there are no words that can take away or even lessen this sadness. We won't know the "why" behind things like this until we see the Lord face to face and things become more clear. For now, we know that at least while we grieve, we do not grieve in the same way as those who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Even though I never had the pleasure of meeting little Ashlynn, I know that I will meet her someday in a place far greater than this earth. Please know that my prayers have been with you constantly since I heard the news from Dawn. As a mother, I can only imagine what you are feeling, and I pray that you will find the comfort and strength of your friends, family, and God Himself during the days ahead.

Much love,

Chris Carlson

(Uncle Don's sister, and Dawn and Mark's Aunt)###imported-begin###Chris (Glass) Carlson###imported-end###

March 28, 2011 at 02:31 PM



“ Ben and Amy,

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Such a devastating loss for all. She will be gratly missed. My heart goes out to you both.###imported-begin###Amy (VanScheper) Sietsma###imported-end###

March 28, 2011 at 09:24 AM



“ Ben and Amy--

We are soooo distressed to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Larry & Joyce Mays##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 11:51 PM



“ *Our Deepest condolences.*

May God give you the strength to go through these tough times. I cannot even try to express my emotions or try to give you any comforting words. With God everything is possible.##imported-begin##sheeba varughese and family##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 11:26 PM



“ *Amy & Ben, I wish I had the words to take away some of the pain you are feeling, but I don't. What I can tell you is I asked my mom's in heaven to find her and watch out for her in heaven. Please don't worry, She will be taken care of until you meet again.##imported-begin##Steve Johnsen##imported-end##*

March 27, 2011 at 08:38 PM



“ *Ben and Amy,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May you feel the love and prayers at this time.

Love you, Mike, Karen and Elizabeth Angle##imported-begin##Karen Angle##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ My heart goes out to both of you and your entire family. I had the pleasure of meeting Ashlynn a couple of weeks ago, as you know and loved that cute little smile she would show the world. She was an absolute doll!
My thought and prayers will be with you now and in the future.##imported-begin##Charlene Bykerk##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 05:18 PM



“ I just wanted to offer my condolences for the loss of your beautiful daughter, Ashlynn. May the Lord grant you the strength to find peace in knowing that she now rests in His loving arms. My prayers are with you. Shirley##imported-begin##Shirley Dobson##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ I may not hve the ability to be there in person, but please do not for one minute think that you are not in my prayers.. or that I am not there in spirit. I Love You Guys and I am here for you.

God Bless You Ashlynn.
God has Chosen You to be his next Angel.##imported-begin##Margaret Rodriguez##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ I am very sorry for the loss of your niece and beautiful little girl. My heart is filled with sadness for you!

Danielle Andreas (Shinkle)
College friend of Traci##imported-begin##Danielle Andreas
(Shinkle)##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone during this time. May you be comforted by the Peace of God.

May God Bless You,
The Lewis Family
(Friends of Traci & Shawn in Springfield Ga.)##imported-
begin##Kerri Lewis and Family##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Ashlynn, you were here for only 18 short months. You are the apple of your mommy and daddy's eye. They love you so much as well as all of your family and friends. We are going to miss you so much. I saw a star shinning so bright the other night...I just knew it was you. Amy and Ben, please know that I am here for you if I can help in any way. I love you guys and my heart is broken for the loss you have had. I love you Ashlynn Auntie Ju##imported-begin##Julie Forbes##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ Dear Amy and Ben,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter may god give you the strengh to get throuh this.I can't imagine what your going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Melssa Anderson##imported-begin##Melissa Anderson##imported-end##

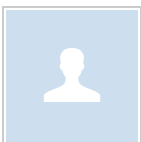
March 27, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ Amy & Ben,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I truly am at a loss for words. My heart just aches for you and Ben. I can't imagine the amount of pain you two are going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Please know that you have friends and family that love you very much and are here for you. I feel blessed to have been able to meet Ashlynn. She is such a beautiful little girl.
-Lindsay##imported-begin##Lindsay Ziebell##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 11:21 PM



“ Amy I am so sorry for your loss.i am praying for you and your family,may you feel Gods love at this very hard time in your life.##imported-begin##Tracy Merry##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:12 PM



“ Amy and Ben-
We are sorry to hear about your loss.
You are in our thoughts and prayers!!##imported-begin##Kari and
Scott McElroy##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ May you find peace in the midst of the storm!God will take care of
you and your precious ANGEL!!##imported-begin##Marian May
(Wal Mart)##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 02:36 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and the entire family will be in our
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-
begin##Mark & Kristi Lagestee##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 02:00 PM



“ You and your family are in our prayers. Have faith and turn to god!
He is going to be there guiding you and amy in everystep of the
way.

God Bless You

Jaime Garrison##imported-begin##Jaime Garrison
(Ooms)##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Ashlynn, You brought so much light to this world just in your little time here. You were the sparkle in your parents eyes and you will remain in their hearts until you are reunited. You taught so many friends and your family that life can be fleeting and that we must never take one moment for granted. I wish that I had gotten the priledge of meeting you while you were with us.##imported-begin##Shannon (O'Connor)Sizemore##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:18 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your angel. She is walking with God and watching over you. You are in my thoughts, prayers and in my heart.##imported-begin##Missy Ashby##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 11:09 AM



“ Amy and Ben, I am so deeply saddened that you are having to go through this. May the comfort of your friends and family ease your pain in these next few days. God Bless you and yours. In my prayers always, Love You!##imported-begin##Shannon Ethridge##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ Hey cuz... Many prayers and hugs from far away for you and Ben, Aunt Sharon, Uncle Ron, Sherry Kathy, all the kids and Ben's family. We are just in shock and I am heartbroken. My only comfort in this is that Ashlynn was just a baby, so I know she is safe, and loved, and cared for greatly by Abba. And how great God is that He wants nothing more than our relationship with him to be that of "Daddy". He hears your guys' cries and he sees your tears. May He wrap you in love and fill this hole in your heart one day with peace.

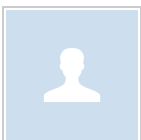
We wish we could fly out there but matters are keeping us from making it. We love you guys.##imported-begin##Joy Wolfenbarger##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 10:43 AM



“ Amy, Ben and family, there are no words to say for what has happened. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. If you need anything please just let me know.##imported-begin##Julie Ruther##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 10:16 AM



“ Amy, you were another daughter to me and my heart breaks for you and Ben. There is nothing I can do or say to make this any easier for you but know that we love you. You have a beautiful daughter and you will see her again....##imported-begin##Bob & Shirley Forbes##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:48 AM



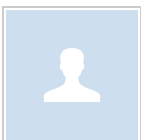
“ *Ben and Amy:*
Dan and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful daughter. She will forever be in your hearts and the hearts of everyone's life she has touched.
Love,
The Moynihans##imported-begin##Dan and Melanie Moynihan##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ *Amy and family*
I wish there were words i could say that would take away this horrible dream but i know theres none but please know theres a world of people out there praying for you and your family. Please take care and any day you want to share stories of your beautiful baby, i would love to listen! Every picture and memory you have will not only bring tears but bring smiles years to come!
Sincerely
Diane##imported-begin##diane (watson) barlog##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ *Amy- please know that we are praying for you, your family, and all the people that love Ashlynn. I pray that the outpouring of love will bring you strength.##imported-begin##Kim Prophet##imported-end##*

March 26, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ My dearest Amy my heart is aching for you and Ben.I can not express how bad i feel for you. God does love both of you. I wish i could be there for you. love you ALWAYS.##imported-begin##sylvia stratten##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 08:28 AM



“ Amy and Ben I'm so sorry for your loss. You all will always be in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Cassandra Roberts##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 07:41 AM



“ Amy and Ben im so sorry for your loss! Ashlynn was here for such a short time, but touched so many people! she will always be our little Walmart picnic basket!Be strong both of you and know you have a million friends and family who care and love you and are willing to do whatever to help you get through this hard time!i love you guys and my heart goes out to the two of you! may God keep you strong!!!!##imported-begin##suzie martin##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 07:01 AM



“ Ashlynn, I am so happy I got to meet you. Hannah loved holding you. You are such a beautiful baby. Heaven received a perfect baby doll. I know my brother will watch over you up there. This doesn't seem fair...##imported-begin##Isaac and Tabitha Bragdon##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 05:30 AM



“ I just read about your tragic loss...I'm so sorry. I just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! If you need anything, my family is here for you and yours.##imported-begin##Paul Villanueva II##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 04:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. There are no words to describe how sorry we are for your loss.##imported-begin##Annie and Chris Rekitzke##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 02:07 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family!!!##imported-begin##Joe/Kimberly Strandberg##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:39 AM



“ i just keep praying for you and your husband...god bless..david rosario##imported-begin##david rosario##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:29 AM



“ Amy&Ben we are so sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Randy & Darlene Bickers##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:11 AM



“ Amy, Ben and family- I can't say enough how sorry I am. I don't even know what to really say because all of the sorries and well wishes can't make the pain go away. You guys are in my heart and I know that she didn't leave this earth not feeling love. She was loved by all and I think I can honestly say that she broke a million hearts this week.##imported-begin##Jenny Kaenrath##imported-end##

March 26, 2011 at 12:04 AM



“ Amy I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kenny##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 11:50 PM



“ Amy, and Ben we are so sorry for the loss of your little angel. There are no words that can be said that will ease your pain. In your time of sorrow just know you and your entire family have our deepest sympathies and are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything or just want someone to talk to we are always here for you. Love Ken and Monica Smith##imported-begin##Ken & Monica Smith##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 11:44 PM



“ To my sweet little angle,you have brought such joy to all of our lives..your contagious smile,and sneaky little laugh would capture anyone's heart.The last 18 months were to short and if i new i would have spent everyday with you.Auntie loves you and i am going to miss you so much!!!We will think of you everyday and look forward to the day we can play together again,take walks to the top of the hill and dance to Mickey Mouse Clubhouse.Love you so much:Chad,Jenny,Olivia,& Kierra Plummer###imported-begin###Chad,Jenny,Olivia,Kierra###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 11:20 PM



“ Ben&Amy
So sorry for your loss We know that there is no words that we can say to ease the pain, all we can do is pray for both of you. Ashlynn will always be in your hearts.The death of a child is the worst pain a parent can go thru and no matter what anyone says will not ease that pain. No one knows what God has planned all we can do is to believe in him.Amy,we know what it feels like to lose a child but to lose one so young we can't imagine what you both are feeling all we can tell you is you and Ben are in our preyers###imported-begin###Jody &Kim Roach###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 11:16 PM



“ We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Bob & Ellen Sutton###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 11:11 PM



“ Amy and Ben I'm so sorry to hear about little Ashlynn.... May god bless you and your family in this time of need.... My thoughts are with you and your family....##imported-begin##Lesley Mears##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ Amy and Ben, words can't express my sorrow. Take care of one another. Your baby girl lives on in your heart and sole.##imported-begin##Jeannette Snyder##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:48 PM



“ Amy and Ben,I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful little girl!##imported-begin##Lynette Piotrowski##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ Amy and Ben...I am at such a lost for words...I tried so hard to help her and I am soo sorry. All I know is God is very lucky to have such a beautiful Angel and when you look up in the sky and see the brightest star, know it is her halo shining down on you! All my love!
~Kristine Zikkos##imported-begin##Kristine Zikkos##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ Ben and Amy I am sorry to hear about your lost.My prayers go out to you both. Love Beth Anne (Barker) Mike, Trevor Chad and Jake Marine##imported-begin##Berth Marine##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Teresa Tressler##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:26 PM



“ A thousand kisses from strangers to a little child that reminds us that we are family under one love. When our day goes dark and the best moments are behind us then we will remember that last thought of you. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Robert Krespo##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ May God give you both the strength to make it through these trying times. You and Ben have given us the chance to meet and love a beautiful Angel. Hold onto the love you have for Ashlynn, and you will survive. My family sends our deepest sympathies. Sandy##imported-begin##Sandra Samsel##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:14 PM



“ Ben & Amy, So sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter Ashlynn. No words can give you comfort, I will be praying for you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Heather Box##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ Ben & Amy,
I'm sooo... sorry for your loss. As a parent I can't even imagine what you're going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you two.
Melissa###imported-begin###Melissa Timm###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 09:56 PM



“ Amy and Ben, we cannot express the sadness we have felt for the two of you! We can only pray that the Lord Jesus will be great comfort to you, until you meet again! We love the both of you very much!###imported-begin###Michelle, John, Evan, Jack and Katie Troutner###imported-end##

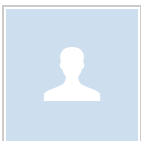
March 25, 2011 at 09:52 PM



“ Dear Ben and Amy,

We can't imagine the loss that you feel. Don't lose sight of Jesus...he cares for you and will uphold you. Praise God that your little Ashlynn is SAFE in HIS arms! Love to you and your whole family. Ken and Mary Buys###imported-begin###Ken and Mary Buys###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 09:43 PM



“ Amy, u and ur family are in my prayers and my God walk with u and give you strength in this time of berevement###imported-begin###Cori Kelly-Walker###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 09:41 PM



“ Amy and Ben I am so very sorry for the loss of your angel. May God give you the strength to get through this. My heart bleeds for the both of you.##imported-begin##Tammy L Calhoun##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathies##imported-begin##Dorothy Wilhelm##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you Amy, I just cant imagine the pain you are going thru, may knowing that your friends are praying for you and hoping for strength for you thru all the pain and forthcoming days and months ahead.##imported-begin##Lori Rich##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 07:47 PM



“ Ben, I am so very sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine the heartache you and your wife are feeling. I will pray for your heart to heal. I am so very, very sorry.##imported-begin##Cassie Nay##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ *ben and amy,
no words can describe how this at all. my heart is torn apart just as much as yours is for the loss of such a beautiful little girl. I remember when ben told me you two were gunna have a baby, oh how excited i was for the both of you. Seeing her grow through facebook made me proud that she has such a wonderful family that loves and cares for her so much. I never realized until i had my baby how much love we have for our children that ben was talking about so much. Its true, the strongest love there is, is the one we have for our children.*

I still cant believe what has happened and i know that God will give you both the grace and strength through this time of hardship. We all may have lost the cutest little angel in our lives right now but heaven gained the cutest little angel there is!

i love you both!##imported-begin##nicole gibson##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ *Amy I am so sorry to hear about your little girl I can't imagine the pain you and Ben is going thru##imported-begin##Sheila pyle##imported-end##*

March 25, 2011 at 03:39 PM



“ *Amy and Ben I am so sorry for your loss. You both are in my thoughts and prayers. Nikki##imported-begin##Nikki Lovelace##imported-end##*

March 25, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ Amy and Ben I am so sorry for the loss of your precious little girl. She will be with you no matter where you go watching over you and protecting you. You both are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you both,
Carey###imported-begin##Carey Garrett###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolence for your loss. To lose a daughter at such a young age surely adds to the pain of death. Death is an enemy and while we may feel helpless over death, the bible gives us encouragement for it says that “Death as the last enemy will be brought to nothing.” [1 Corinthians 15:26] So be assured, death is not so powerful over God and his son, Jesus Christ. Proof of this fact is shown at Acts 24:15, for it says “and I have hope toward God, which hope these [men] themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.” As time passes and you return to life's everyday routine, may fond memories of Ashlynn always bring smiles to your faces.###imported-begin##Tammy McCreery###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 08:36 AM



“ Amy and Ben and to all of your family, my deepest and sincerest condolences to you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers, I am so thankful that I had the pleasure of meeting Ashlynn. She will always be remembered!

Lori Fitzgerald###imported-begin##Lori Fitzgerald###imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 03:55 AM