

Lauren Eileen Van Keppel

December 27, 2003 - December 7, 2009

Lauren Eileen Van Keppel, age 5 of DeMotte, IN, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Comer's Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL. She was born on December 27, 2003 in Crown Point, IN to Michelle (Devine) and Gerrit David Van Keppel. Lauren was a kindergarten student at DeMotte Christian School, DeMotte, IN and a member of Community Christian Reformed Church of Roselawn. Lauren loved to sing, write her letters, dance, color, and play with her sisters and many friends. She brought joy to many people's lives by sharing her many talents with them. Lauren is survived by her loving parents, David and Michelle Van Keppel, DeMotte, IN, sisters, Sophia, Leah & Elizabeth. Maternal grandparents, Grant & Chantal Devine, Saskatchewan, Canada; Paternal grandfather, Gerrit (late, Gretchen Eileen) Van Keppel, DeMotte, IN; and in Lauren's words, "6 American & 6 Canadian cousins", numerous aunts, uncles and many friends of all ages.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Reformed Church
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DeMotte, IN 46310
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Lauren Eileen Van Keppel



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you and your family. I know that we don't know each other, but we share something that no parent wants another parent to go through. My friend emailed a link to your story and how you have wrote a book in memory of Lauren. We lost our little 2 1/2 year old girl, Kylee, in May of 2007. She is now "Growing up with Jesus". We pray that you guys can keep leaning on God to get you through now and the times ahead. Our now 7 year old boy, still talks about her and wishes that she was still here. My husband and I both tell people when they ask how we keep going, and we just keep telling them with alot of prayer, and then we pray some more. We will always want to know why, but that's something we can ask when we get to heaven. The one thing that keeps us going, is knowing that we will see her again! I can't imagine going through this without being able to lean on God and know that He is seeing the whole picture and we need to keep trusting Him! Our prayers our with you!

Your Saskatchewan "Friends"

Psalm 56:8##imported-begin##Darren and Kelly
Manske##imported-end##

April 23, 2010 at 03:53 PM



“ *KERSTAVOND, LEERDAM, 24 DECEMBER 2009*

DEAR FAMILY, speciaal Michelle en David. WIJ HEBBEN VEEL VERDRIET DOOR HET OVERLIJDEN van JULLIE dochter Laura(Annelies van Brakel noemt haar Lola). Marieke Donga is overleden 24 jaar geleden en zou nu 41 jaar geweest zijn. Dat vergeet je nooit. Door dit overlijden denk ik steeds aan deze kinderen. Tranen zijn hier niet goed genoeg voor. Hartelijke groeten van Nico en Alie de Jong##imported-begin##Nico en Alie de Jong##imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 07:05 AM



“ *Michelle I met you when you were a teenager and I worked for your Dad at the Leg Bldg. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. May God Bless you and guide you gently through the time to come. My prayers go out to you and your husband and family as this very sad time.##imported-begin##Lisa Drinkwater, Indian Head, Saskatchewan##imported-end##*

December 22, 2009 at 11:14 PM



“ *I am so deeply sorry to hear about this terrible tragedy. John relayed what a wonderful young girl she was, and what a strong message of unconditional love that she contributed to the world in such a short period of time. A message that reminds us all of how precious life is, and how important it is to love more and on a selfless level.##imported-begin##Leah Schmalenberg - Regina/Calgary##imported-end##*

December 22, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ *Michelle and Dave*

Our hearts go out to you and your family. Your loss has been great and I am sure unclear at times. There are many ways that the Lord works that does not make sense to us.

Maggie and I hope that time will help ease the pain for you. All our prayers are with you.

Mark and Maggie Gradison.##imported-begin##Mark Gradison##imported-end##

December 21, 2009 at 10:40 PM



“ *Dave, Michelle and family-- No words can express our deep sorrow and sympathy we are feeling for your family. We think of you often and our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike and Mary Molenaar##imported-end##*

December 13, 2009 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dave, Michelle, and girls. We are heartbroken and deeply saddened by the loss of your daughter. We pray that the Peace that passes all understanding fall upon your home.##imported-begin##Ross and Chanda Peterson##imported-end##*

December 12, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ Dave, Michelle and family,
Even though my own heart is hurting because of the loss of my grandson, Jacob, my heart is hurting for you too. There are no words I can say to comfort you, just know that Lauren is resting in the arms of Jesus, that is where my comfort lies. We are praying for you.##imported-begin##Carol Lagestee##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 03:51 PM



“ Thanks for all the great memories, Lolo!##imported-begin##Madi##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 10:01 AM



“ Dear Michelle, Davids, Sophia, Leah and Elizabeth, You are all in our hearts. It's a big shock to us. Lauren was a very sweet girl, lively, full of laughs with a great heart. We had a great time with her last summer when we were with our family from The Netherlands in the USA. specially our Annelies loved Lauren. they were friends right away and had a great time together. You will always miss her. We pray for you and remember her in the way she was.
love Gerdie, Robert and the kids Barend, Casper en Annelies van Brakel##imported-begin##Gerdie van Brakel - Donga##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ Be strong, you have a lot of familie and they wil help you.##imported-begin##Barend van Brakel##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 08:33 AM



“ *When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*
~Kahlil Gibran

*Words cannot express our sorrow,
Rick & Susan Hollaway##imported-begin##Susan
Hollaway##imported-end##*

December 11, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ *We pray that Dave, Michelle and the girls, along with all the family members and close friends will find comfort and strength in each others' presence at this time of deep sadness. God bless.##imported-begin##Ken, Nancy, Janine, Sara, Grace Waschuk##imported-end##*

December 11, 2009 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dave, Michelle, Sophia, Leah and Eli: I cannot imagine the grief and sorry you are feeling over the loss off LoLo. She was an absolute precious little girl. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you every day.##imported-begin##Craig and Brenda Carter##imported-end##*

December 11, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ *Dave and Michelle,*

Our heart's grieve with you in this terrible time of the death of your little lovely daughter Lauren. We have lifted your family up with many prayers from countless members in our community. We pray that you all can and will see the light and feel the peace of God in this very dark chapter of your lives.

Love,

The Huffers

Matt, Deanna and Michael

Fishers, IN##imported-begin##Matt, Deanna and Michael

Huffer##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 11:57 AM



“ *There are no words to express the pain you and your family must be feeling. Michelle, David and your precious little girls are in my prayers. I am so sadden for your loss but remember Lauren will always be with you in heart and soul. She is with Jesus now with his arms wrapped around her to keep her safe and warm. So when you think of her picture her setting on Jesus's lap telling him all the stories she has once told you.*

Dixie Montez##imported-begin##Dixie Montez##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 11:46 AM



“ Dear David and Michelle, Sophia, Leah and Elizabeth: My heart aches for you. Deidre and Chip and I have been praying that you feel Jesus' embrace, His comfort and His peace. I am so glad that we were able to spend a lot of time with your girls and all the Van Keppel cousins this past summer when Henk and Gerde and families were visiting. There is a special bond that can never be broken. Know that we love you and you are always on our mind. Joan, Deidre and Chip Keown###imported-begin##Joan Kingma Keown###imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ Dear Van Keppel family,
You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. May God surround you with His surpassing love and abounding peace.###imported-begin##Mark & Kate Dyke###imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 10:38 AM



“ We are praying for all of you. May God grant you peace and understanding.###imported-begin##Karen & Mark Plaster###imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 10:30 AM



“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts & prayers @ this very sad & difficult time.###imported-begin##Buzz & Jennifer Cotton###imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 02:31 AM



“ To the Van Keppel family, I never had the chance to meet Lauren .. But heard MANY WONDERFUL STORIES about LOLO from aunt Cindy. Please know you are in my thoughts and promised my prayers in this very sad time of your life.. Remember all the good times and let God carry you thru your time of need!!###imported-begin##Leanne Siewert###imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 09:18 PM



“ There aren't any words in our language capable of expressing the pain you must be feeling or what we as your friends feel for you. "I'm sorry" is so inadequate but it's all I can think of. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin##Julia Fitzsimmons###imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 06:28 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our daily thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength and comfort and bless all of you.###imported-begin##Eileen & Courtney Cook###imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ i am so sorry for your lost we have just had a recent granddaughter that died of the h1n1 was lauren eileen tested for the h1n1 virous just wanted to tell you that if you need to talk i am here for you she was a very beautiful angel and she will always be with you vivon!!###imported-begin##vivion blockland###imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 02:35 PM



“ Michelle and Dave: I cannot express the hurt I am feeling for you both right now. Lauren, the rest of the girls, and both of you are in my prayers. I am forever grateful to have received my frog from Lauren last year. She bent right over and picked it up ... she had a hard time understanding why her cousin Jim did not want to carry it around with him. So she did it for me. I am sure she took it home with her. All my love to all of you.

Jim###imported-begin##cousin Jim###imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 01:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My heart breaks for you, our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jessica Smart##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ Michelle and David, how blessed Brian and I both feel having stayed with your family and getting to know the girls, especially Lauren. Shopping together, Lauren showing us where Grandpa's house was and the talk off. Our hearts go out to your entire family. I love you Michelle and god bless.##imported-begin##Bev Currie/Brian Krett##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 10:08 AM



“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DAVE AND FAMILY MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME OF NEED##imported-begin##dennis sayers##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ I didn't get to actually meet Lauren but I knew Leah and Sophia. I also know Allie and Paige. I remember hearing all kinds of silly things about Lauren. Although, when I heard things, it was Baby Lauren we were talking about. I'm very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin## Cayla Hensel##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 12:43 AM



“ May God watch over your and give you strength. I'm thinking of you and praying for you all.##imported-begin##Lubie J. Hubers##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ May God give you the strength you now stand in need of...we are thinking of you and lifting you all up in prayer.##imported-begin##Jon and Rachel (Hubers) Huisman##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 07:43 PM



“ As parents, our heart aches so deeply for you. The loss of beautiful Lauren is too much for one to bear alone...lean on Him. Please know that we will be praying for your family. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength in the days ahead.

Randy & Dawn Peterson
Reece, 4th grade, DMC
Sydney, 3rd grade, DMC
Jake, 1st grade, DMC##imported-begin##Randy and Dawn Peterson##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 05:33 PM



“ I am saddened to hear about the passing of your beautiful daughter. My sympathy and prayers are with you always.##imported-begin##Marilyn Hart##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 05:12 PM

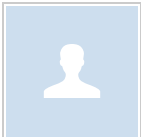


“ Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.

~ Psalm 10:17, NLT

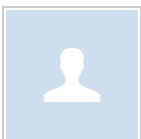
Sending you comfort from the ONLY one who knows what you're going thru.##imported-begin##Bev (Bosgraaf) Galema##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family in this terrible time of loss! Cherish your memories and God bless your family.##imported-begin##John and Brenda Sterk##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 09:26 PM



“ My deepest sorrow to the family. No words can express how we all feel at this time. May God watch over you and help you through this time of sorrow in your life. May God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Donna Feleki-Paradis##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 09:10 PM



“ Our hearts are so sad and our prayers go out to you and your family. May God keep you and heal your sorrow.##imported-begin##Tarie and Stanley Dye##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 07:36 PM



“ There are no words to express the extreme sorrow I feel for Lauren's family. I will remember all the times she has come to work and sat in my lap so I could show her fruit and vegetable animals and pix of my daughter's chihuahua, Baby. I can still hear her saying, "awwwww" as she cocks her head to the side. I will miss my little buddy. :o(
"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Love, Ryereen##imported-begin##Irene Conley##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 07:23 PM