



Jessica Elizabeth Tate

March 29, 1984 - November 1, 2013

Jessica Elizabeth Tate, 29, of Charlotte, passed away on November 1, 2013. She was daughter of James and Lorrie Tate and Tammie and Steve Pickrell. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 2002. Jessica was employed in retail management and Technical Support for Direct TV. In High School, she was an avid musician, playing tenor sax, piano and guitar and loved writing music. Jessica was active in band and chorale. After high school, she advanced through to the final auditions for American Idol. She was even featured in that season's American Idol national advertisements. Jessica directed the Congregational Church's Childrens' Choir. After her first year of college, she performed in the Main Lodge at Yellowstone National Park. She enjoyed the years that followed in Montana where she indulged her passion for hiking and the outdoors. In recent years, she was a student of health and nutrition. She was often the "big sister" and the leader of the crowd of siblings. That led to her joy of being a mother and spending time with her son. Jessica had the ability to articulate the best in everyone she knew. The family finds hope in her belief in God and will fondly remember her voice like that of an angel. Jessica is survived by her son, Ayden Dean Decess of Charlotte; 5 brothers - Ryan (Sarah) Tate of Madison Heights, Trent Pennington of Grand Rapids, Eric Silcox of Charlotte, Kyle Silcox of Charlotte, Christopher Tate of Charlotte, 2 sisters - Megan Tate of Charlotte, Morgan Pickrell of Charlotte; grandparents - Phyllis Rankin, Susanna and Wayne Nolan; step-grandmother - Ireta Tate. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Richard Tate and

Robert Rankin. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 06, 2013 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Thursday, November 07, 2013 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013, 2:00 pm at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan, with Pastor Rob Schneider officiating. Interment will be at West Carmel Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessica Elizabeth Tate*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 01:19 PM

LE

“ *It's been nearly a year since your family lost a daughter and a sister. Our family just wanted to let you all know that we are praying that youre still comforted by all your memories of Jessica. If we can offer support in any way to you all at this time just let us know. We love you and hope your finding more joy in your memories peace in your hearts. Again, if we can be of any assistance to you all we are just a phone call or email away. Love from our family to yours!*

Leisa and Pat Eldred - October 26, 2014 at 10:40 PM

CS

“ I have known Jessie since she was a toddler babysitting her with her Aunt Verna. She is and always will be a true gem. She had a smile that would light up a room and a beautiful laugh that would make you respond with a smile. She will live with all of us deep inside our hearts. I am grateful she has left us a loving reminder of her that will live forever in Ayden. I hope Ayden will look up at night for the bright diamond in the sky as his mommy will be looking down at him sending her love. She is now resting with God. God Bless her family during this difficult time. I love you Jessica and will miss you dearly.

Cami Sevenski - November 08, 2013 at 08:54 AM

SF

“ Tammie, Steve, Jim, Lorrie and kids ~ no words can express the depth of my heartfelt condolences upon learning of Jessica's passing. I remember the day she was born!! My heart breaks we must now bid her adieu and hand her over to God, in Heaven, to continue her journey in pure, blessed bliss! I pray you will find comfort and peace in Ayden, an angel she left for you. Jessica is there with you in spirit ~forever and always! God Bless you all !!!
With love, Sandy

Sandy Fox - November 07, 2013 at 04:47 PM

AS

“ My heart is breaking for all of you and my dear Ayden, I am so sorry. Keeping you in my thought and prayers.

Amy Slot - November 07, 2013 at 12:35 PM

RW

“ *Tammie and Steve, When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. We extend our most sincere condolences to you and your family in this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.. Randy & Roxanne Minarde Wooley & Family*

Roxanne Minarde Wooley - November 07, 2013 at 08:32 AM

TE

“ *Even though we didn't know Jessica personally, we have enjoyed spending our time with Christopher and Megan during our many years together in high school sports. Lorrie, we spoke of Jessica occasionally in relationship to my role as a step mother of 3 young ladies. I am sure that I would have enjoyed knowing Jessica personally if I had had the opportunity. We are very sorry for the loss of your daughter and I'm sure it's left a huge hole in your wonderful family. We hope that you are all comforted by your memories and all the prayers everyone is sending to you at this time. We are hopeful that god wraps,his arms around your family as you continue to continue as a family. We would be happy to help your family in any way you might need right now so please contact us should any need arise. We will see you at a visitation to send our condolences personally. God bless you all , you're truly a wonderful family and we've enjoyed all the time we've spent together with our children.*

The Eldred's - November 06, 2013 at 05:14 PM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Although no words could ever ease your pain, please have comfort in knowing she is in the loving arms of our Lord. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jerry & Bev Davids - November 05, 2013 at 06:01 PM

BW

“ Jessica is in Gods loving arms a beautiful Angel. She will forever be in our hearts and memories. you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bonnie Waugh - November 05, 2013 at 08:23 AM

LD

“ Lorrie & Jim I'm so sorry for your loss. I can only imagine what you're going through. We aren't supposed to bury our children. Lorrie I've known you a very long time through a friend.. If I can do anything I would. I just lost my Best Friend my Mom on my birthday, October 15th & we also had Prays have Mom's Funeral. My Thoughts & prayers to your whole Family & Friends at such a rough time...

Linda Davis - November 04, 2013 at 10:24 PM

BS

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers. Jessica was a lovely person whom I am glad to have known. It was great being involved in a few community theater productions with her, and what a voice! Xoxo

Ben Schneider - November 04, 2013 at 08:47 PM

BG

“ We are thinking of you all. our prayers are with you. We love you all and are here for you always. Xxxx

Brian, Holly lahr and the girls - November 04, 2013 at 08:44 PM

AV

“ Jessica was such a sweet, kind person. I'm so sorry for your loss. The world is a darker place without her here... my heart and love go out to all of you who she has left behind.

Amanda (Kensler) Vallejo - November 04, 2013 at 07:35 PM

KE

“ Jessica and I have been friends since before 3rd grade she was always there for me. She will be missed. Rip Jessica

Kelly - November 04, 2013 at 04:36 PM

SF

“Tammie, Jim and family, My heart is so heavy over the loss of your beloved Jessica. I remember rushing to the hospital the day she was born. It doesn't seem real that now we must say 'goodbye'. She was a blessing to you, leaving a beautiful gift behind for you to cherish, named Ayden for you all. Jess, R.I.P. and soar with the angels. I hope the family, especially her parents, know she will ALWAYS be with you, in spirit. I would like to share this poem, and hope it brings you comfort in some way. With love, Sandy

If tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind;
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way,
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things,
You knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven,
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take

my hand, And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Sandy Fox - November 04, 2013 at 03:14 PM

S(

“ *I went to high school with Jess and I remember how beautiful her voice was. I loved singing with her in the choir and I am blessed to have known her. She was always kind and fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Sadie Priem (McDaniel) - November 04, 2013 at 11:36 AM

JE

“ *we are so sorry for ur loss our prays are with you*

Jennifer - November 04, 2013 at 06:06 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Julie Getts - November 03, 2013 at 11:40 PM

TT

“ *Tammie & family, Tory and I are so saddened to hear of the loss of Jessica. Take comfort in knowing that she's with our Lord and shining brightly down on us all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Rest in peace, Jessica.*

Theresa & Tory - November 03, 2013 at 09:04 PM