



## Tabitha Ann Stanton

November 28, 1991 - September 19, 2009

### Tabitha Ann Stanton

Born on November 28, 1991, in Hohenberg, Germany was sent to heaven to be with her Min-a-Maw and Gi-Gi Bob on September 19, 2009, in Lansing, Michigan. Tabitha is preceded in death by Delores Bryan, Judy Medlock, Eleanor and Robert Bryan, Ron Romanek and Lawrence and Janine Brown. Words cannot express how much Tabitha will be missed by her loving parents, Todd and Kathleen "Kate" Jo (DeFeyter) Stanton; siblings, Samantha and Zane; KaSandra (Aunt San) and Uncle Scott Ackley; cousin, Jacob DeFeyter. Additional family members; Uncle Ron and Aunt Patty Norman; Mark, Laura and Judy Farone; Jack, Kelly, Trae and Van Norman; Aunt Nancy Romanek; grandparents, Nancy and Emmett Hoyland; grandfather, Dick Stanton; Uncle Scott Stanton and cousins, Natasha, Amber and Tyler; The Fabbo Family, Marc, Vickey, Joe and Chloe; the "Hogtons", Paxton, Toby, Derek, Makenna, Parker and Karsyn Hoggard. Tabitha had just begun her senior year of high school at Potterville. She was attending CAHEP classes to pursue a career in nursing after graduating in June 2010, was Class President, fifth grade camp counselor and on homecoming court. Her precious life was taken at the tender and innocent age of 17. To know Tabitha is to love her. More than anything Tabitha loved her family and loved spending time with them. Tabitha was a daughter, sister, cousin, mother to all children and friend to everyone she met. Tabitha made life-long friends during her time playing volleyball and softball throughout the years. Heaven is a better place now that they have an angel

like Tabitha. What she has shown us in 17 years takes others a lifetime to learn. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009 at Potterville High School with Reverend Rebecca Morrison officiating. Interment will be in Benton Township Cemetery, Potterville, MI. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. ♦" 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. ♦" 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. The family would like to thank the Potterville Community for their on-going support and love that they have given the family. If desired, memorial contributions can be made to the Potterville United Methodist Church - Tabitha Stanton Scholarship Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Tabitha Ann Stanton*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kate and Todd, We want to do something in Tabitha's memory, for such a beautiful young lady. May God be with you in this time of sadness, and welcome her into His company. Rob and Linda*

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March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I did not know Tabitha or her family. I read Tabitha's obituary in the Lansing State Journal and wanted to extend my deepest sympathy and from what I read, she was a young lady who definitely left a stamp on many hearts and in many lives. Her life was not in vain! May God bless you and your family and may you draw near to him in your hour of need.*

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**Tammye Cannon** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *i want you tell you i am sorry that Tabitha Stanton that is my friend and she played soccer with me long time ago.*

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**lynn williams** - September 20, 2010 at 11:17 AM

YJ

“ My little 6 Lb angel, you were a gift from God & he took you & called you home. You will be deeply missed by your brother, Zachary, your sisters, Paula & Christina, and your stepdad, Chris. You have been & will always be in my heart.



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**Your Momma , Tina M Stanton Jenkins** - December 04, 2009 at 05:51 PM

JJ

“ Todd & Kate, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Tabitha. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Josie Jubb** - September 28, 2009 at 01:40 PM

SJ

“ Kata and Todd, I just hate to talk to you through email at a time like this. But, I cannot find your ph # on information! I just don't know what to say! I remember long ago how you fought so hard for this little girl.....and then you raised her to be so smart and beautiful..... inside and out! I know she was a great kid and had a lot going for her; you can be very proud of all that she had done and what she brought to people. I am just so sad to hear about your loss and very sorry for you and your family Kate. I wanted you to know we have been thinking of you!! Love to all, Sarah, Chad and family.

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**Sarah Jubb** - September 28, 2009 at 02:23 AM

LO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you! I am so sorry for your loss, May God watch over you.....God Bless You all.

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**Lori** - September 25, 2009 at 10:15 AM

TI

“ *Tabbi was a very beautiful young woman. I'm glad I got the chance to get to know her. I remember when she was in our Girl Scout troop. She was always willing to help and lend a hand with the younger girls. She will be missed by us greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

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**Tammy & Brooke Ibarra** - September 24, 2009 at 01:52 PM

JU

“ *Condolences from Jon and Jackie Umbarger*

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**Jon Umbarger** - September 24, 2009 at 01:48 PM

CT

“ *To the Stanton family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I will keep you in my daily prayer that you will find hope and peace as you begin the life long journey of grief. I know all too well the pain, denial, and the anger that can take over, but only if you allow it. I also lost my son A.D. at the tender age of 16 as a result of an auto accident just 14 months ago. Surround yourself with family and friends, and even though it may be hard, turn to God for comfort. Tabitha and my son had mutual friends, I had the pleasure of meeting her, not only her physical beauty but her inner beauty was breath taking, she will forever "Dance with the Angels". God Bless You. Camie Thelen-Cataline, Olivet Michigan*

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**Camie Kay Thelen-Cataline** - September 24, 2009 at 12:54 PM

TW

“ *I have been thinking of your family all week and especially today. I am so sorry for your loss, Tabitha sounds like a wonderful child and she touched so many people. Stay strong as a family, she'll be watching you.*

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**Tammy Wilt-Ellsworth** - September 24, 2009 at 11:43 AM

TM

“ Words cannot express our sympathy. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



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**The Dance Conservatory Charlotte, MI** - September 24, 2009 at 10:31 AM

JM

“ The pain must be unbearable. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing your daughter/friend/neice or any of her family or friends. But please know that I pray to god to give you strength through this trying time. My heart breaks for you all. I wish I could do something to help you through. GOD will bless you all, and to the man that was there to hold her hand, your a angel.

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**Jennifer M** - September 24, 2009 at 10:20 AM

SS

“ Our 19 year old daughter, and our son Cameron's sister, Alysha, was taken from us in 2004 in an auto accident. We truly understand your deep pain and numbness. Strangers reached out to us during this unbelievable time and we feel the need to reach out to you. We were told "time heals"-----true in the fact you begin to function but false in the way your heart aches. The picture of your daughter is beautiful and may your family know there are many of us that hold your hearts. The Salt family

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**Scott, Barb and Cameron Salt** - September 24, 2009 at 07:49 AM

KJ

“ I always loved Tabi. She was the best babysitter ever. I will miss her so much and so will Lizzie. We will love you forever Tabi, Love Abbey!! Kate, Todd, Zane and Sam. Tabi truly touched so many souls. We were so blessed to have her in our life; if only for a short time. Your daughter will never be forgotten and has changed us forever. God Bless you all. Kimm

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**Kimberly Johnson** - September 24, 2009 at 06:41 AM

SF

“ Todd, Kate, Samantha, Zane and family - You are and will remain in our prayers. Love Aunt Sue, Jerry, Bethany, Amy, Ashley & Noah Vos

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**Sue and Jerry Vos and family** - September 24, 2009 at 03:30 AM

SC

“ I am Denton & Dalton Johnson's Grandma and I just want to let you know you have been in my heart and prayers. We just lost our Granddaughter 4 months ago and I understand the horrible pain and loss your family is going through. I wish there were words to say that could help, but I know there are just not any. Please just know that so many people are praying for your family. She was such a beautiful girl inside and out from what I have been told and I know she will be a very special angel in Heaven -and someday you will all be together again. I send you my deepest heartfelt sympathy.

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**Sue Carpenter** - September 24, 2009 at 02:52 AM

KF

“ We were at the Olivet Volleyball Invitational that the Potterville team was at the week prior since our daughter Hannah plays for St. Louis. Since we lived in Potterville 10 years ago it was special to see old friends at that time who played on the volleyball team. They had all grown up into beautiful young women! Potterville has a special place in our hearts so we were shocked to hear about Tabitha and we grieve with you and the community about your terrible loss. You are in our prayers.

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**Kelly & Dean Austin & family** - September 23, 2009 at 01:49 PM

WD

“ *"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget."* Our heartfelt condolences, Wendy Oakley Dillon & family, Brian Oakley & family, Tracy Oakley & family, Jon Oakley & family (The grandchildren of Margaret [Dick] Hoyland)

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**Wendy Oakley Dillon** - September 23, 2009 at 11:28 AM

AM

“ *Stanton Family- I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. Although I have never met Tabitha or your family. My heart aches for each of you. Such a beautiful girl. May God help you to get through this time and thank goodness for memories. Again I am so sorry.*

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**April Rumpel- Okemos Michigan** - September 23, 2009 at 11:11 AM

BH

“ My words could never express how sorry I am for your loss. You were a huge part of my life growing up and I will never forget that. Life has taken us in seperate directions but, you are always in my heart. Please know that you are in my heart, thoughts and prayers and I know that you and Todd will get thru this. Have faith and know that I will always be here if you need to cry, laugh or just say nothing at all. My Love Bobbi & family

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**Bobbi Hart** - September 23, 2009 at 10:17 AM

MD

“ I am an old friend of Tabitha's Aunt KaSandra, we were working together when Tabitha was born. My thoughts and prayers have been with you since hearing about this horrible tragedy. I can think of no words to comfort you right now, but hope and pray that you are somehow comforted and strengthened by the thoughts of so many. God Bless you All!!

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**Mary Dutrieux-Whybra** - September 23, 2009 at 09:49 AM

TM

“ Words cannot express our sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Potterville Community.

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**The Doolittle Family, Eaton Rapids, MI** - September 23, 2009 at 07:52 AM

PD

“ Kate & family- Our prayers & thoughts are with you all during this difficult and challenging time. We will be praying that God will truly comfort and strengthen you all throughout the coming days. Where great loss is experienced - it reflects great value. Paul & Ann DenHerder

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**Paul & Ann DenHerder** - September 23, 2009 at 07:48 AM

SE

“ Todd, Kate & family-We love you and are so sorry you are going through this terrible loss. Tabi was such a beautiful, special & loving girl who welcomed life. Her smile was breathtaking. There are no words that can describe the joy, happiness and light that Tabitha brought to all that knew her. She will be missed by so many....and will not be forgotten. Those that knew her are truly blessed by having her part of our lives. We will always have sidewalk chalk at our house for all the little ones.....I always looked forward to the sidewalk "art" in our driveway from her & the kids during the summer months. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. We love you all.

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**Shannon, Andy, Bree & Ethan** - September 23, 2009 at 05:51 AM

KF

“ You don't know how many times you have been thought of and prayed for the last few days--when we moved to Grand Ledge we had an opportunity to transfer to Grand Ledge but we did not want to do that as we know how special a small town family can be and especially at times like this--Nates relationship with Todd has been very special through football and all the other activities he has enjoyed with you---as a result we have also enjoyed that relationship with you---please draw on the prayers and love from each of us during this time--God does have a plan and none of us knows what that is but we are sure there is a special place and plans for Tabitha--God Bless You and Your Family

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**kathy and Dick and Nate Fitton** - September 23, 2009 at 05:13 AM

BS

“ I'm so sorry for your sadness. I do not know you personally but I'm a volleyball official and have done many of Potterville's matches. We never really understand why the Lord chooses his angels when he does but I do know that you will see Tabitha again and she will be playing on a volleyball court of "gold".

Barb Shelley - September 23, 2009 at 03:33 AM

WF

“ Your family, friends and community are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing that she is Gods hands (a place like no other) and is watching over you. God Bless All of you, Williamston Volleyball Family



Williamston Volleyball Family - September 22, 2009 at 05:00 PM

KL

“ Kathleen L Atkins American Sign Language lit a candle in memory of Tabitha Ann Stanton



Kathleen L Atkins American Sign Language - September 22, 2009 at 03:24 PM

BH

“ Laura, Mark and Family. We are both very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Brian and Cathy.

Brian Ernst Family & Cathy Harte - September 22, 2009 at 01:19 PM

SH

“ When I read the story about your beautiful daughter, I had to make sure I let you know my heart goes out to you and your family. What a gift she was (and still is) and I know within my heart that she is looking down upon you right now-watching over you.

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**Sharolyn** - September 22, 2009 at 01:14 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this tragic time in your lives. God has a new Angel and now she will watch over all of you. Love you guys, Juan Martinez

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**Juan Martinez** - September 22, 2009 at 01:04 PM

LS

“ Todd, Kathleen & family: Our heartfelt sympathy go out to you & your family. We also have gone down this difficult path with the loss of our 17 yr. old daughter Sara, in a car accident 8 years ago. We know all too well the agony you are going through and pray that God will give you the strength and comfort you will need to get through the days ahead. If you ever need someone to talk to who can understand your loss, please feel free to call. You can go through Amanda Starks to contact us. Sincerely, Lee and Luann Starks

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**Lee and Luann Starks** - September 22, 2009 at 12:36 PM

JT

“ You don't know me, but this travesty has touched me and I cannot help, but grieve for your family. May God help you through this unbelievably difficult time. I am truly sorry for your loss.

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**John T. Yanz - Delta Township** - September 22, 2009 at 12:29 PM

RW

“ *May your heart and soul find peace. You are continually in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rhonda Benjamin Wyskowski** - September 22, 2009 at 11:43 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, I didn't know Tabitha, but she looks like she was a beautiful, happy spirit. May God be with you in this difficult time.*

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**Jackie Swanson** - September 22, 2009 at 11:42 AM

SM

“ *Condolences from the Moore Family*



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**Shawn, Savannah, Alex and Emma Moore** - September 22, 2009 at 10:55 AM

SE

“ My heart goes out to your family at this time. As a healthcare worker, this is one of the hardest things to have to experience. To see the outpour of people who obviously loved and cared for Tabitha and your family in the ER was overwhelming. As a parent of high school children of my own, I can not imagine the loss you are suffering at this time. Know that you are surrounded by people who love you and will be there for you. Nothing anyone can do or say can take away the pain and loss you are feeling at this time, but know that you will hold on to the memories of your precious daughter Tabitha and you will cherish that forever. Your life will continue and you will day by day get stronger. Hold on to your family and the support from everyone around you, and know that your daughter is with you all the time. Reach out to those around you for support and don't let go of the memories of your beautiful, beautiful angel Tabitha.

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**Sparrow Employee** - September 22, 2009 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ Very sorry for your loss, my heart aches for you and your family. May her memories give you the strength you need to get thru the days that follow. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Brenda Cooper (Derke) Bath, MI** - September 22, 2009 at 09:31 AM

YB

“ So sorry your family is in my thoughts and prayers Yolanda Borrego

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**Yolanda Borrego** - September 22, 2009 at 07:55 AM

KA

“ To a loving parents and family of Tabitha Stanton, I am very sorry for your loss of a precious child. I was there to be staying with Tabitha and waiting for an ambulance. I have seen a group of high school volleyball team behind me weeping for her. My heart is aching for everyone who knows her. I wish I could talk with them and I am deaf myself. I won't forget Tabitha for the rest of my life. I just had learned her name on TV News 6. I still don't know other two girls names. I hope they are doing all right. May God comfort you through difficult times and guide you in His direction and strengthen your faith through His Word. Please accept my deepest condolence. Kathleen Atkins from Charlotte, Michigan

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**Kathleen L Atkins** - September 22, 2009 at 05:03 AM

CS

“ To Tabi's Family, You don't know me and we've never met, but I felt compelled to offer my condolences as a parent for the loss of your beloved Tabitha. Please know that you're in the hearts, thoughts, and prayers of more families than you'll ever know. God bless you all. Cindy S.

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**Cynthia Stone** - September 22, 2009 at 04:02 AM

JL

“ I was on my way home - I just wanted you to know I said many a prayer for those that were involved in this accident. I live in Grand Ledge and was so deeply saddened for the loss of such a beautiful young lady. My prayers turn toward her family and friends. I shall also pray for the other three girls ~ That they may be able to recover from such a tragedy! May God Bless you and your loved ones and may you be comforted in the knowledge that your daughter, sister and cousin touched lives of those she never even met. Julie A. Simpson Grand Ledge, MI

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**Julie A. Simpson of Grand Ledge** - September 22, 2009 at 02:40 AM

BZ

“ I was driving behind you and the first to dial 911 for you Wish I could've helped more than just hold your hand. Even though I didn't know you, you'll be truly missed. I couldn't imagine being a parent and loosing my little girl. My heart goes out to you and your family. Heaven now has a new beautiful angel!



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**Bill Zerba** - September 21, 2009 at 10:28 PM

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**Bill Zerba** - September 21, 2009 at 11:26 AM

LF

“ As a lifelong friend of Sue (Umbarger) Vos and having been acquainted with the whole family as a child, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Tabitha's family. God Bless.

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**Lisa (Root) French** - September 21, 2009 at 10:12 AM

KB

“ My heart aches at the news of your loss. She was a joy to watch on the volleyball court. I am an official for volleyball and have watched her blossom on the court into a wonderful player. I am sure that she was that way off the court to. Words can not express the heartbreak that is being felt by this community. God bless you and your family at this very difficult time. She was too young to have been taken from you and my thoughts are with your family and friends. She will live on in our hearts forever. God bless

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**Kathy Bissett** - September 21, 2009 at 03:30 AM

CM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We pray that you will find strength from your family and friends around you and that with time...your heart can heal... from this terrible loss. Love, Colleen and Michael Mee

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**Colleen and Michael Mee** - September 21, 2009 at 03:23 AM

MS

“ Stanton Family- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your daughter will be greatly missed by everyone that her life touched, including mine, but she will live in each of our hearts forever. My life is better for having known your daughter, Tabitha. Mary Shaw Jr. High Volleyball Coach

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**Mary Shaw** - September 21, 2009 at 02:24 AM

EW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole family for your loss. We pray for strength for you today and the coming days ahead. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Ed & Nita Panwas - Westphalia, MI

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**Ed & Nita Panwas - Westphalia** - September 21, 2009 at 02:21 AM