



Teresa (Tracy) Lynn Snawder September 7, 1969- March 15, 2017

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47, passed away on March 15, 2017, at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky and was granted her angel wings. Tracy's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by her understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. Her gentle smile could melt the hearts of those around her and though she never spoke a word, her voice and thoughts could always be heard. Although Tracy's illness made her appear frail, she possessed strength, perseverance and an ability to overcome incredible odds and physical challenges. With her courage, she led us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. She will forever remain in our hearts. She could spend hours playing her small pianos and organs, making her own kind of music. Her favorite thing in the whole world was her electric toothbrush - she loved the vibration against her cheek. She loved bright colors and noise makers, things we referred to as "clickers." Tracy is survived by her loving mother, Sharon Gilpin, caring stepfather, Darrell Gilpin, father, H. Michael Snawder, her protective and devoted brother, Trevor Gilpin and his wife Tammy, who always knew what made her smile, and brothers Scott Gilpin and Jason Snawder. The family is having a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her name to: Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc. - CdLSusa.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ Happy Birthday Tracy... September 7, 2019 You would have been 50 years old today... I'm still here and you are not. I miss you every hour of every day. In tears we saw you sinking and watched you pass away. our hearts were almost broken, we wanted you to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peaceful, free from pain. How could we wish you back with us to suffer that again. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day you went home. Love Mom and Dad

sharon gilpin - August 26, 2019 at 08:58 PM

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“ From Trevor
Your Birthday's here dear sister, but you aren't. I'd send you a special gift, but I know that I can not. So I'll make a wish for you upon the Brightest Star...
To carry all my love right to where you are.
Love and miss you

Trevor Gilpin - August 26, 2019 at 08:19 PM

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“ Mlissing You At Christmas.....Every day without you, since you had to go, Is like summer without sunshine, and winter without snow. I wish that I could talk to you, There's so much I would like to say. Life has changed so very much, since you went away. I miss the bond between us, and I miss your kind support. You're in my mind and in my heart, and every Christmas thought. I'll always feel you close to me, and though you're far from sight, I'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night. Love you so very much, Mom and Dad

Sharon Gilpin - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ To my baby girl on Thanksgiving; The moment that you left me, my heart was split in two, one side was filled with memories; the other side died with you. I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep; and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my check. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday; but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain; you see life has gone on without you, but will never be the same. we miss you so much . love Mom and Dad

Sharon Gilpin - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ To my daughter on your birthday. There is and will be a missing space in our lives, our family's, a forever hole in our hearts. Time does not make the space less empty. No matter how you look at it, empty is still empty, missing is still missing. The problem is that nothing can fill it. Minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day, month after month, year after heartbreaking year. The empty space remains. The empty space of our precious baby girl lasts a lifetime. Happy birthday Reesa, We love you very much. Mom and Dad.

Sharon Gilpin - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ Tracy was very loved and cherished by the families on her father, Michael, and stepmother, Carolyn. She had a brother, Eddie Snawder, and sister, Marsha Snawder Weaver, as well as a myriad of cousins, aunts and uncles who loved and cherished her, and who Tracy loved as well. Tracy adored her daddy. Her smile when he walked in the room told it all. He cared for her throughout her entire life, forsaking everything to be there for her. Michael's love and devotion towards his daughter was an inspiration to our entire family. We loved her very much, and although we were not given the chance to say our goodbyes, Tracy will forever be in our hearts and a part of our family. Rest easy, baby girl. We all love you.

The rest of Tracy's loving family - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ May the God of all comfort be with you & your family during this time. God bless you.

Sacha Porter - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ Sharon, I know I have not seen you or Tracy in years but you are often in my thoughts. My heart goes out to you and the rest of our family who have been there through out her life. She was so blessed to have such a loving & devoted Mom. Everyone will be in our thoughts & prayers. Sherrie & Fred

Sherrie Miller Contreras - June 28, 2018 at 04:38 PM