



## Samantha Jane Ward

May 11, 1991 - February 8, 2014

### Samantha Jane Ward

22, of Columbus Township died very unexpectedly Saturday, February 8, 2014.

She was born May 11, 1991 in St. Clair the daughter of James and Peggy (Naeyaert) Ward.

Samantha was a 2009 Memphis High School graduate and was to graduate from Northern Michigan University with a BS in Psychology. She enjoyed hunting and playing euchre.

Surviving in addition to her parents, Jim and Peggy of Columbus are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kelly and James Skokna of Almont, Christy and Joseph Henninger of Riley and Karen Ward of Columbus Twp.; two nephews, Lucas and Jack Skokna and her niece, Clare Henninger; grandmother, Margaret Naeyaert of St. Clair and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lawrence Naeyaert and Gerald and Verlyn Ward.

The family honors the memory of Samantha and invite you to visit and share memories Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond, scripture services at 7:30 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Holy Family Parish, Memphis, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Joe Horn, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Phillip Neri Cemetery,

Columbus Township.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond  
71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI

## Scripture Service

FEB **12**. 7:30 PM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond  
71235 Memphis Ridge Road  
Richmond, MI

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish, Memphis  
79780 Main Street  
Memphis, MI

## Mass

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish, Memphis  
79780 Main Street  
Memphis, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kaatz Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Kaatz Funeral Directors, Inc.** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *God's blessings and comfort, and continued prayers for Samantha's family and friends. Love Aunt Char.*

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**Charlotte Ward** - February 17, 2014 at 08:44 AM

TO

“ *Jim i am so sorry to here about your loss tom oberly worked with your dad at sacred heart*



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**tom oberly** - February 16, 2014 at 03:07 PM

CI

*I know it's said that a 22 died*

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**ciera** - June 08, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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February 14, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sarah lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Sarah** - February 14, 2014 at 01:26 PM



“ *In Memory - Modeles Candle Holder was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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February 14, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ *Ashley Michaels & Dr. Ryan Bonifield purchased the In Memory - Modeles Candle Holder for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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**Ashley Michaels & Dr. Ryan Bonifield** - February 14, 2014 at 10:48 AM

CP

“ *My deepest sympathy. Samantha's work in my criminal justice class was outstanding. Her presence here at NMU will remain throughout eternity. The insightful forums and writings she created were the work of an exemplary student and phenomenal young lady.*

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**Cynthia Pouliot** - February 14, 2014 at 10:21 AM

LP

“ *Laurel PerraultII lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Laurel PerraultII** - February 13, 2014 at 09:34 PM

  
Pamela  
Jacklyn-  
Ross

“ *Pamela Jacklyn-Ross lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Pamela Jacklyn-Ross** - February 13, 2014 at 07:51 PM

  
Brendan  
Franklin

“ *Brendan Franklin lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Brendan Franklin** - February 13, 2014 at 03:52 PM

KM

“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Sam. We so enjoyed working with Sam for the 2 years in the Admissions office at NMU. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sam will be fondly missed by us all.

Kay Mandersheid - February 13, 2014 at 10:03 AM

CA

“ The beauty of Samantha's life will never die.  
From her friends at Northern Michigan University.

Carrie Anne - February 13, 2014 at 12:09 AM

MA

“ Memphis Alumni lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



Memphis Alumni - February 13, 2014 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ Susan Schmidt lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



Susan Schmidt - February 12, 2014 at 06:45 PM

SS

Prayers sent to all of Samantha's family and friends!

Susan Schmidt - February 12, 2014 at 06:48 PM

MF

“ You have all been in my thoughts. I'm sure Sam was a wonderful daughter, sister, and aunt! Seems like all who knew her thought she was wonderful! Sending prayers at this time and know that she is looking down on all of you!! God Bless you all~  
Love,  
Ryan and Margaret Ford

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**Margaret Ford** - February 12, 2014 at 06:05 PM

PW

“ Patrice Ward lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



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**Patrice Ward** - February 12, 2014 at 04:33 PM

SE

“ Peggy and family, we are praying for you all in your time of sorrow. May God comfort and soothe you. Sincerely, Shari Bezeau and Amber & Ruby Earnest.

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**Shari, Amber, & Ruby Earnest** - February 12, 2014 at 03:45 PM

MM

“ From our family to Samantha's family, we send our deepest condolences - there are no words to simply express the sorrow that we feel from this loss of Sam - as many have said before she would light up the room when she entered with her beautiful smile and personality. She will truly be missed by our family. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you during this time...Bryan, Mary, Katy(Blaine), Sarah(Andrew), Sydney (The Macker Family) and Grandma Mary Fink xoxoxoxo - we will always have Sam in our hearts as the beautiful angel that she will be forever...

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**Mary Macker** - February 12, 2014 at 02:32 PM

MS

“ I was Sam's professor at NMU. She brightened any room she entered. She was a joy to work with. I will miss her greatly. I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Maya Sen** - February 12, 2014 at 01:40 PM

DK

“ Peggy and Jim - There simply are no words but just want you to know that neighbors and friends are sending love to you. With our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, Larry and Diane Kaatz

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**Diane Kaatz** - February 12, 2014 at 01:12 PM

CF

“ *Cyndi Carmody & Family lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



Cyndi Carmody & Family - February 12, 2014 at 11:42 AM

ML

“ *Mark Lee lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



mark lee - February 12, 2014 at 11:33 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



February 12, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



February 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MA

“ *Martens lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Martens** - February 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MF

*My thoughts and prayers to Samantha's family!*

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**Martens family** - February 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SD

“ *Peggy, Jim and family,  
Words cannot express how truly sorry we are for your loss. Our  
hearts go out to all of you. Please know you are in our thoughts and  
prayers at this difficult time. God Bless.*

*Susie & Shayne Dowdell -Rogers City, MI*

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**Sue Dowdell** - February 12, 2014 at 09:07 AM

AS

“ *Ward Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you all. You are all in my thoughts and  
prayers during this difficult, difficult time.  
Amy Sumpter*

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**Amy Sumpter** - February 12, 2014 at 07:24 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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February 12, 2014 at 04:53 AM



“ *Oh my dear Karen, there aren't words within to express my heartfelt sadness! sending two very big hugs from Bill and I?? And Wrapping you and your family in kind, comforting and loving prayers.*

*Ann and Bill Thomas*

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**Ann thomas** - February 11, 2014 at 09:59 PM



“ *Jim and Peggy and Family,  
Our hearts ache for you. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*John and Cherlynn Brant*

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**John and Cherlynn Brant** - February 11, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ *Mary Zagelmeier & Tom Rogers lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Mary Zagelmeier & Tom Rogers** - February 11, 2014 at 07:18 PM

CW

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Samantha's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I had the privilege of being Samantha's preschool teacher. I remember her as a very outgoing child and she was friends with everyone. Her smile made my day. RIP Samantha.  
Cindy Watripont



Cindy Watripont - February 11, 2014 at 06:48 PM

JM

“ Jean Maniaci lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward



jean maniaci - February 11, 2014 at 06:36 PM

CT

“ Chantal, Anton, Erin & Tubie Teske purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.



Chantal, Anton, Erin & Tubie Teske - February 11, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.



February 11, 2014 at 03:24 PM

RG

“ May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace. Randall and Rachelle Garretson.

Rachelle Garretson - February 11, 2014 at 01:55 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.



February 11, 2014 at 01:12 PM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Samantha's friends and family today and always.



Lauren Pratt - February 11, 2014 at 01:01 PM

BK

“ Jim and Peggy, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jim and Bev Kammer

Bev Kammer - February 11, 2014 at 12:44 PM

ES

“ *Ward Family,*

*My heart aches for all of you. Hold tightly onto all of the memories that you have of Sam, and share them often. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days, weeks and months ahead as you grieve your tragic loss. Your family has my sincerest condolences.*

*Erica (Sumpter) Smigill*

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**Erica (Sumpter) Smigill** - February 11, 2014 at 12:01 PM

TN

“ *Words cannot express the pain and loss that all of you must be feeling. Our memories of those we have lost are a gift from God. Hold onto those memories tightly and be comforted that Jesus now holds Samantha. All of you are in my prayers!!!*

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**Troy Naeyaert** - February 11, 2014 at 11:37 AM

TR

“ *Thersa Rinker lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Thersa Rinker** - February 11, 2014 at 11:23 AM

TR

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all, so sorry for your loss*

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**Theresa Rinker** - February 11, 2014 at 11:28 AM

MG

“ *Thought and prayers for strength during this difficult time.*



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**Maria Gibson** - February 11, 2014 at 10:58 AM

CT

“ *Courtney and Tim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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**Courtney and Tim** - February 11, 2014 at 10:33 AM

JB

“ *Sammy...my heart and mind just can't accept you are not here. Our Family has been Blessed to have known you from a young girl to adulthood. There are so many memories Sam... Everywhere I look around our home I see you and Shine, from "makeovers" to sleepovers, with chocolate chip pancakes. I will hold these dear along with your beautiful spirit! I pray for your Mom, Dad and Family, for their great loss and sadness, that they will be able to find God's Peace. Love Always...MommaJune <3*

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**june bouy** - February 11, 2014 at 09:55 AM



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**Sharaya Bouy** - February 11, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *Jim and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Steve and Kelly Thueme*

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**Kelly Thueme** - February 11, 2014 at 09:38 AM

KG

“ *Katy G lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Katy G** - February 11, 2014 at 08:50 AM

TI

“ *On behalf of The Compassionate Friends Parental Support Group, we send our deepest condolences. I'm so sorry your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Tina** - February 11, 2014 at 08:35 AM

MK

“ *To the Ward Family: please know we lift you up in prayer daily for peace and comfort. I had the pleasure of spending Sam's 7th grade year with her as her English teacher. She was easygoing, friendly, respectful, and had a great sense of humor. She was truly liked by all and had a great attitude about life. Reading others' comments, she has had a great impact on many. May God bless and comfort you during this time.*

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**Meran Khon** - February 11, 2014 at 08:08 AM

MV

“ *There are no words to describe the feelings of loss to the entire family. My prayers are endless and will continue.. God has another Angel in Heaven to watch over us here on earth.. Hugs to everyone .. xo*



**Mary Valpredo** - February 11, 2014 at 08:01 AM

JG

“ *Jill Badaczewski Gabridge lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



**Jill Badaczewski Gabridge** - February 11, 2014 at 07:48 AM

JZ

“ *JoAnn Zmick lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



**JoAnn Zmick** - February 11, 2014 at 07:28 AM

TA

“ *Tamara lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



**tamara** - February 11, 2014 at 07:09 AM

SS

“ Jim, Peggy and family,  
Our hearts are breaking for your family. Hold onto the precious  
memories of Samantha. We are praying for you.  
Chris and Sharon Shinska

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**Sharon Shinska** - February 11, 2014 at 05:44 AM

DL

“ Oh Samantha.... I couldn't even try to sum up our memories if I  
tried. You and I spent many years stirring up trouble together on  
them back roads. I am glad I got to see you a couple weeks ago  
and give you a hug. You changed my life for the better and for that I  
am forever thankful. Watch over everyone. Xoxox  
My deepest condolences to the Wards and may God give you  
peace in this time of mourning.

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**Dana Lang** - February 11, 2014 at 05:24 AM



Tamara  
Ragon-  
Gamble

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless your family and  
grant you peace.

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**Tamara Ragon-Gamble** - February 11, 2014 at 04:00 AM



“ Dawn Decker lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



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**Dawn Decker** - February 11, 2014 at 02:21 AM

TM

“ *Tanya Marchwinski lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Tanya Marchwinski** - February 10, 2014 at 11:26 PM

LS

“ *Ward Family,  
It has been many years since Samantha came to our house for sleepovers I still remember her vibrant personality and smile as if it was yesterday. You have a whole community keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Samantha was a wonderful girl. You are all in our prayers. Dan and Lori Schweiger family.*

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**Lori Schweiger** - February 10, 2014 at 11:07 PM

KM

“ *I am so deeply saddened, by the passing of Samantha. I have so many wonderful memories of Samantha, Lauren and Sharaya.... spending the nights at my house. Samantha liked to call me "Mom" and when I would see her, I always got a big hug from her <3 She will be very missed and treasured by everyone she has touched.*



*I would also like to say to Sam's parents, I can only imagine your pain and heart aches Saying prayers for the entire family..... God bless you all.*

*Karen Le'Vey Myslakowski*

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**Karen Le'Vey Myslakowski** - February 10, 2014 at 10:36 PM

DA

“ *Sorry for the loss of your loved one prayers and blessing abound you and the family..*



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**darla** - February 10, 2014 at 10:12 PM

CA

*Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jim and Carol Lemanski Family*

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**Carol** - February 11, 2014 at 04:59 AM

LG

“ *You were and will always be an amazing, beautiful person. I still can't believe you're gone... Just last week we were talking about meeting up this summer, and it seems like just yesterday you were teaching me how to properly eat Oreos. I'll cherish every memory and you'll always be in my heart. I miss you, Sam.<3*

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**Lauren Guynn** - February 10, 2014 at 08:58 PM

AD

“ *Sam it Has been a while since I have seen you but the late night conversations we shared will always be cherished. Rest in peace beautiful angel*

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**Audrey Desrosiers** - February 10, 2014 at 08:52 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of Samantha. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rhonda (Manchik) and Vince Perry and family*

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**Rhonda Manchik Perry** - February 10, 2014 at 08:47 PM

KH

“ My deepest condolences to all of Samantha's family, I can't quiet wrap my head around this and don't want to believe it could be true. Samantha was the most beautiful and caring friend that I have ever had the pleasure of getting to know. We share many memories and I will cherish every single one. You were taken way to soon from us and it hurts me so bad that someone so happy, cheerful, and ambitious could be gone. I am so happy I got to enjoy your presence since you've been home from school, love you so much Sam.

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Kimberly Hilla - February 10, 2014 at 08:23 PM

KV

“ You are beautiful!!! I never really had the chance to get to know you but you went to school with both of my boys.. They both remember you.... I wish your family many healing prayers for this very sad sad loss....



There is not another breath taking angel in heaven looking down! May God hold you close and help you wipe tears from your families faces as they mourn you.. But we all know you up there dancing with all the other angels..... rest in peace sweetheart..... ?????

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Kathy V - February 10, 2014 at 08:17 PM

KH

“ Samantha Jane ward..I don't know if this is something I will ever get over. I will always remember the "tripod" and singing to John Deere green or Eddie money.. I just don't believe this is real. My condolences for your family and I love you all so much. Please watch over all of us we need you so much. Rest in peace beautiful<3

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kally hulbert - February 10, 2014 at 08:17 PM

DD

“ Jim, Peggy and Family-Words cannot express how truly sorry we are for your loss of Samantha. We are thinking of all of you and praying that you will all hold the dear memories of you have of Samantha in your hearts. She left far too early in her life but is walking with God and watching over all of you and keeping you safe.

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**Drew and Debbie** - February 10, 2014 at 07:59 PM

LP

“ It's so hard to think of something to say, we will all miss you so much Sam. I was just talking to you about how happy I was to be back in touch with you, I wish we could have had more time. Since we don't, I'll hold the memories that we have together dear in my heart for the rest of my life. You're like a shooting star; anybody who had the privilege to know you, no matter how fleeting the moment, knows they were lucky to know you and that you were the brightest star in the sky. Shine bright up there, beautiful, I can't wait to see you again.

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**Laura P** - February 10, 2014 at 07:55 PM

SR

“ Just want to express my deepest sympathies to Samantha's family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers for many months to come. God Bless you all.

*Stacy M. Rucinski*

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**Stacy Rucinski** - February 10, 2014 at 07:55 PM

KS

“Christy, Karen, Kelly, and the rest of the Ward Family,

*Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family in your time of loss.*

*Love,  
Kyle Silver and Brittnee Kinsey*

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**Kyle Silver** - February 10, 2014 at 07:51 PM

FD

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ward family and friends during this time of great loss!

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**Frank Davis** - February 10, 2014 at 07:48 PM

LM

*Deepest sympathy to Samantha's family. Our thoughts are with you all.  
Tom, Lori & Betty Mazur*

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**lori mazur** - February 10, 2014 at 10:26 PM



“Our hearts are broken. Samantha was an incredible young woman and she had a way of sharing her warmth and love to everyone she came in contact with. Sammy will always live in the hearts of those who loved her. A very special light went out in the world and a new light is bright in heaven. Sammy we will always miss you. May God comfort her family and her many many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ward Family. The Hagel Family



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**Darlene Vires-Hagel** - February 10, 2014 at 07:46 PM

LO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sam was a beautiful girl inside and out!

Lynsey O'Donnell - February 10, 2014 at 07:38 PM

JH

“ My thoughts, hugs, and prayers to the Ward family, I did not know Samantha, but she was a childhood friend of my niece Anna Vander Heyden, so tragic and so beautiful and young, my sincere condolence's.

Jean Vander Heyden - February 10, 2014 at 07:21 PM

RS

“ My heart hurts for the Ward family.my prayers are with you at this tragic time.- Rachel (Armstrong) Stallings

Rachel( Armstrong) Stallings - February 10, 2014 at 07:12 PM

BF

“ Beth Ward-Pierce & Family lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward



Beth Ward-Pierce & family - February 10, 2014 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ Sam, you are one of God's most beautiful angels. You will be forever missed. A smile that could brighten up an entire room. A laugh that could make anyone smile, and a heart bigger than anyone could ever imagine. You have a great family and they are strong. You and your family will always be in our prayers. Love you.

*The Herrick Family (Bob, Debbie, Rob, Steve, and Scott)*

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**The Family** - February 10, 2014 at 06:50 PM

HR

“ We are so sorry for your loss, prayers to your family.

*Heather and Bill Rowley*

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**Heather Rowley** - February 10, 2014 at 06:50 PM

AD

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Ward family. May God help you all during this difficult time.

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**Allison Davert** - February 10, 2014 at 06:50 PM

KD

“ Rest in peace pretty girl!!! You are missed very much!!!

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**Kelley Doktor** - February 10, 2014 at 06:49 PM

TW

“ I am so sorry for the family loss our thoughts are prayers are with all of you at this horrible time from the Wyatt families

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**tiffany wyatt** - February 10, 2014 at 06:48 PM

AL

“ Sam... I'm at a loss of words and I just want to say I can't wait to see you again. I will forever cherish our memories, our laughs and our tears. You are, and always will be, a beautiful angel to me. Love you Samantha Jane.

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**Amanda Loehnis** - February 10, 2014 at 06:29 PM

JE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to all family and friends.

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**Josie Everitt** - February 10, 2014 at 06:09 PM

CR

“ Thoughts and prayers for Family and friends... Rest in Peace Samantha Jane Ward.... So sorry for your loss Jim and Peggy Ward and family

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**christine rodzos-starks** - February 10, 2014 at 06:01 PM

AB

“ So many fun memories with all of you camping when we were just knee high! Sending all my love and prayers..

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**Amber Blake** - February 10, 2014 at 05:58 PM

 Tracy  
Jennifer

“ I don't personally know the Wards, but I have lived in Richmond for 25 years and my husband has lived here his whole life (40+ yrs). He was one of the responders on the call. He has been with Richmond Fire and Richmond/Lenox for a great many of years. We both our saddened by our communities loss with this tragedy. Our deepest and warmest sympathies go out to Samantha's family and friends. All our love, Curtis & Tracy Spens



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**Tracy Jennifer** - February 10, 2014 at 05:34 PM

KG

Sam went to school with my younger children, Brandon was especially fond of Sam & is devastated by this terrible tragedy.R.I.P. I personally remember her beautiful smile & how she helped others,did some tutoring at Memphis. Prayers to all family, friends & community for such strength & healing I pray we all take comfort knowing she's an official angel & will be deeply missed

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**karen moran from Goodells** - February 10, 2014 at 08:11 PM

 Jen  
Peters

“ My love, thoughts and prayers go out to the Ward family. May God bless you in this time of mourning.



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**Jen Peters** - February 10, 2014 at 05:30 PM

KG

“ We pray for all of the families heavy hearts during this difficult time. With love, the Rumbaugh Family

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**Karley Glashauser** - February 10, 2014 at 05:20 PM

LR

“ Karen, Christy & the Ward family,  
May God wrap his arms around you during this difficult time. Love  
and prayers!

Lisa Ranger - February 10, 2014 at 05:12 PM

 Grace  
Schmidt  
Stein

“ Our hearts, love, thoughts, and prayers go out to the Ward family  
and friends.

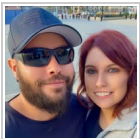
Grace Schmidt Stein - February 10, 2014 at 05:09 PM

JF

“ Peggy and Jim,  
I am so sorry for your loss...you are in our  
prayers...Another Angel called home.



Jereen Rodzos Finlayson - February 10, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ Jennifer Vadnais lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



Jennifer Vadnais - February 10, 2014 at 05:05 PM

AS

“ I'll never forget the day me you and Chelsea went tubing down the mighty belle river. My stomach hurt from laughing so hard! You were the only other girl who'd rock those stylish overalls like me! I'll always remember you as the beautiful down to earth happy girl you always were. See you on the other side, Sam. Prayers for the Ward family and everyone else effected. God bless.

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**Annette Sudnik** - February 10, 2014 at 04:39 PM

MK

“ Samantha was in my English class in 8th grade. She was always sweet, respectful, and polite. I remember her smile the most. She was a beautiful girl inside and out. Rest in peace Sam. I am praying for your family and hoping they will find peace in all their wonderful memories of you as they prepare to say goodbye. My heart breaks for all of them. Prayers from the Keller family.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Markel Keller

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**Markel Keller** - February 10, 2014 at 04:33 PM

TO

“ Tina Osterland lit a candle in memory of  
Samantha Jane Ward



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**Tina Osterland** - February 10, 2014 at 04:24 PM

MH

“ Sam,  
You are honestly one of the sweetest and most genuine people that I have had the pleasure of knowing. Such a big heart and truly beautiful inside and out. If everyone learned from the example you set, this world would be beautiful and kind hearted, always. Praying for your family and loved ones during this tragedy <3 rest peacefully, beautiful

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**Michelle Hill** - February 10, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KC

“ Samantha... You were such a genuine amazing girl. I wont forget any of the memories from many years ago!! We had the best childhood. I love you rest in peace xoxo

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**kelsey capozzo** - February 10, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ Jim and Peggy, my heart aches for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. She will always remain in your hearts forever.

*John and Cheryl (Lemke) Spana*

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**Cheryl Spana** - February 10, 2014 at 04:20 PM



Anne  
Matthews  
DeFauw

“ My deepest sympathy and heartfelt compassion extends out to the Ward family. All of you will be in our thoughts, prayers, and tears. I hope it comforts you to know how much Sam and your family is loved. ~God Bless Jeff and Anne DeFauw ~

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**Anne Matthews DeFauw** - February 10, 2014 at 04:19 PM

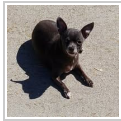


“ *Rebel Jenn Rivard lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Rebel Jenn Rivard** - February 10, 2014 at 04:19 PM



*So sad. My thoughts are with the Wards. (((hugs)))*

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**Rebel Jenn Rivard** - February 10, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ *Kim Schoenberg lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Kim Schoenberg** - February 10, 2014 at 04:08 PM

JG

“ *Jill Gabridge lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



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**Jill Gabridge** - February 10, 2014 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *Diana Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward*



Diana Hendricks - February 10, 2014 at 03:36 PM

DH

*May God hold you tightly in his arms. You are an angel watching over all!! Love, thoughts, prayers, and comfort go out to you, your family and all whose lives you touched!*

Diana Hendricks - February 10, 2014 at 03:38 PM

EV

“ *Sam, even though it's been years since we've talked to each other, I've never forgotten the joy and kindness that was always in your heart and that you continuously shared with everyone around you. May your body rest peacefully here on Earth while your spirit continues to brighten the lives of those who knew and loved you.*

Evelyn - February 10, 2014 at 03:31 PM

  
Brandon  
Peachey

“ *Sam, I want you to know that even though we weren't the closest friends you have touched my life in a positive way. All the way up until this horrible last Saturday, I've talked to multiple people about you. Wondering how you have been since high school. Honestly you're sparkling personality is something that is not easily forgotten. Thank you for showing me that there are still good people in the world. I hope your smiling down on all of us with that great big smile that you are so known for. R.i.p pretty girl.*

Brandon Peachey - February 10, 2014 at 03:14 PM

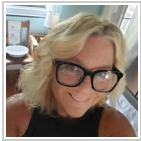
JS

*“ I am so glad I had the pleasures of meeting this sweet, beautiful girl. She always had a smile on her face and was very well raced with manners and dignity. When her family lost this beautiful child the whole community did. Rest in peace baby girl:-\* You will forever be in our memories.*



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**Jennifer Sutton** - February 10, 2014 at 02:48 PM



*“ Such a tragic loss of one so young, full of energy, beauty that lit up a room and everyone's friend. Dear Sam, you will be missed.*

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**Barbara Auito** - February 10, 2014 at 02:47 PM

CT

*“ Samantha, I can't even begin to start on just one memory together, but we were always locker buddies in middle school and high school, and went through our nursing classes together! Can't wait to see you one day again and share many more new memories! Miss you pretty girl! Look over everyone please!*

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**Courtney Tyvaert** - February 10, 2014 at 02:36 PM



*“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samantha Jane Ward.*



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February 10, 2014 at 02:26 PM

LS

“ Sam was a little girl the last time I saw her but I have found memories of her and the entire Ward family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers!

*Lisa (Ventimiglia) Syacsure*

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**Lisa Syacsure** - February 10, 2014 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ It's always tragic when a life is lost, especially one so young. My thoughts and prayers are with Sam and her family.

*Mrs. Sparks*

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**Deanna Sparks** - February 10, 2014 at 12:30 PM



“ Sam you were always such a sweet girl. And your smile could light up a room. Everyone loved you, it was impossible not to. You were just that kind of person. Rest easy sweet beautiful.

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**Jessica Tucker** - February 10, 2014 at 12:01 PM

CC

“ Carol Clancy lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward



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**Carol Clancy** - February 10, 2014 at 11:19 AM

MW

“ I've known you for at least 10 yrs. You were pretty much a little sister to me. Lost touch a bit when you went to school, but when I saw you a couple months ago and it felt like I gained my little sister again. I love you, I'll miss you. Until we meet again.

Micah Wallace-Seals - February 10, 2014 at 11:12 AM

  
Sharaya  
Bouy

“ I love you so much and so dearly Sammy. You're in my heart forever. Thank you for growing up with me and the 12 Years we shared. I'm blessed to have had you in my life. Forever my best Friend and sister.

Sharaya Bouy - February 10, 2014 at 11:04 AM

JB

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june bouy - February 11, 2014 at 02:36 PM

LW

“ My heartfelt condolences to all you who are suffering with this tragic loss. There are no words that can comfort you right now but know everybody is thinking of you and your precious daughter. Many hugs....

Laura Welsh - February 10, 2014 at 09:56 AM

RJ

“ Renee Janota lit a candle in memory of Samantha Jane Ward



Renee Janota - February 10, 2014 at 08:50 AM

TN

“ *Sam was such a kind and sweet girl. I am very sorry for this heart breaking loss. I will be praying for her family and for all of Memphis.*

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**Theresa Newman** - February 10, 2014 at 07:10 AM

DL

*To the Ward family, I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter, sister and aunt. May the Lord wrap Sam up in his loving arms and bring her home. My deepest sympathy goes out to you all.*

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**Debra Lee** - February 11, 2014 at 09:11 AM