



Ashley Beth Gaines

June 18, 2008

Ashley Beth Gaines, 18 of Preservation Circle died Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York - Presbyterian. Born November 16, 1989 in Syracuse, NY, she was the daughter of David and Melanie Gaines. Ashley was a 2007 graduate of Waccamaw High School where she was captain of her high school soccer team, a member of the tennis team, which she helped take to the state championship in her senior year. She was also a member of the Key Club. She was homecoming princess her sophomore and junior years and was homecoming queen her senior year. She was nominated for prom queen but due to her illness was not able to attend. Ashley was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church where she was involved with Teens for Christ. She planned to attend The College of Charleston and had worked part time with Muirfield Homes. Ashley always had a smile and hug for everyone she met and when you met her, you became her friend. She was always uplifting and positive. She encouraged and inspired other cancer patients around her. Ashley would have hoped, that through her death, the doctors would gain new knowledge to save others. Special thanks to Dr. Mitchell Cairo and the bone marrow team. We would like to also thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian and the Medical University of South Carolina. Their valiant efforts to save her were remarkable. Also thank you to our Pawleys Island community for their loving care and support that helped our family endure our difficult journey. Surviving in addition to her parents of

Pawleys Island are a brother, David Gaines, II of Pawleys Island; grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ronald A Miller and G. Marie Gaines all of Syracuse, NY; aunts and uncles, Mr. And Mrs. David Toole, Mr. And Mrs. Ronald A Miller, II, Mr. And Mrs. Tracy Dorgan, Mr. And Mrs. Robert Williams, Ms. Susan Gaines and Mr. And Mrs. Robert Gaines; and numerous cousins. Her grandfather, John A. Gaines preceded her in death. A celebration of life service will be 4:00 PM, Tuesday, Pawleys Island Community Church. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM, Monday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The Gaines family established The Ashley G Charitable Foundation earlier this year. The purpose of the foundation is to educate the public about symptoms, treatment and care of children and teens with lymphoma, to fund research for treatment, and to assist patients with treatment for the disease. Contributions to the foundation may be mailed to PO Box 14, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ashley, We will never forget the times we shared together and as a family. Ariana loved you and the smiles and courage you both showed made us stronger. I hope you and Nana aren't starting any trouble in Heaven. I know you are both pain free now. We will always remember New Year's 2007. Rest in Peace baby girl & make sure you take care of each other...we will see you soon. An angel in The Book Of Life wrote down our baby's birth Then whispered when he closed The Book "Too beautiful for Earth" Love you Guys, Arily's, Kevin, Tyler & Ariana Nana RIP 7/17/08###imported-begin##The Nisler Family##imported-end##

July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Melanie and Family, Syd and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob and Syd Jankowski###imported-begin##Robert Jankowski##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Melanie and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Ashley. While I never met her, she sounds like a wonderful young lady. May your memories of her bring you some peace throughout this most difficult time. Judy Jankowski###imported-begin##Judy Jankowski##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Melanie, Dave and Family, Words cannot express the deep sorrow I feel for you and your special family. Ashley must have been a very special person. Her accomplishments and thoughtfulness at her young age, were outstanding. What great pride you must reap from the inspiration she gave to all with whom she came into contact. My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Most sincerely, Peggy Hopkins###imported-begin###Peggy Hopkins###imported-end##

July 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Melanie & David, Our Thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. What a beautiful daughter you had. You have wonderful memories of her, may they comfort you. Take a day at a time, some days are better than others. You have a wonderful family to support you. Your old neighbor from Woodland Rd. Doris Wells and husband John Henderson###imported-begin###Doris Wells Henderson###imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Scott Myers is a friend of ours and has been speaking of Ashley with us for some time. I know she had to be so very special, but, how wonderful for her, that she is in a better place. So many hearts have been blessed by her--I'm sure. We know the heartbreak of losing a child so young as we lost our only son at the age of 22 and half. Please know we are remembering you and your family in our prayers and that you will find strength to carry on daily.###imported-begin###J.B. and Norma Sholar###imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Gaines and David We are so sorry for your loss. Ashley was such a beautiful and outstanding young lady. I can still remember the first time Ryan brought her home to meet us, she was so happy and bubbly. I will always remember her with that bright smile and loving personality. She was a gem. You are all in our prayers. The Feathers Family* *Mr * Mrs. Clinton Feathers*

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Melanie, Dave and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. It seems like yesterday that the kids were playing with Ashley in the Hillock Meadows neighborhood. Our deepest sympathy to your entire family. Marlene, Kristy, Jimmy and Jessica Ouderkirk*

June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. We pray that God gives you strength and comfort during this tragic time of your lives. Just remember that Ashley is in a much better place and one day you will all be reunited.* *Danny and Marty Squires Squires Drywall*

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember Ashley's beautiful smile and outgoing personality. May these words by Mary Pickford console you as you grieve. With our deepest sympathy, Resi, Keith and Nathan
The Ship I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue lagoon. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until, at length, she is only a ribbon of white cloud where the sun and the sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, “There she is gone. Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. Her diminished size is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when someone at my side says, “There she is gone”, there are other voices on the further shore, glad to take up the shout, “Behold she comes!” Resi, Keith and Nathan Thomas

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Ashley - what a sweet, sweet spirit. What a great legacy of love & friendship. Our loss is truly heaven's gain. Until we meet again sweet angel. I will miss you. Tamara Altman

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dave & Melanie, We are so sorry to learn about the loss of your precious daughter, Ashley. Although it has been many years since you moved from Hillock Meadows, we still remember her smiling face at the school bus stop and our neighborhood block parties. Please accept our deepest sympathy & know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Your former neighbors from across the street, Mike & Flora Gaines & Family

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Ashley and our "Little Angel"- Morgan Ward, were at MUSC-7B together during the early stages of their sickness. We lost Morgan in September to Leukemia, but we have all kept your family in our thoughts and prayers. Ashley would come by and read with Morgan, paint her fingernails and play games. She really enjoyed your daughter's company, and Ashley was a pleasure to be around. Keep the memories close to help with the days ahead. Just know we will continue to remember your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##The family of Morgan Ward##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Gaines, I worked at Legends and came to know you through your work there. My sincere condolences to you and your family. May God watch over you and guide you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##TASHA GADDY##imported-end##

June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dave and family, Tom and I would like you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ashley sounded like a very special daughter and will be greatly missed by you and your family.##imported-begin##Thomas & Nancy Hinds##imported-end##

June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear David, Melanie, and David, My heart goes out to you and your family in this time of sadness and loss. I will always remember Ashley's beautiful smile and heart. I will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Jill Bourse##imported-end##

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“ Dave and Melanie, I am truly sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter Ashley and David for the loss of your big sister. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ann Steele##imported-end##

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“ May I offer your family my sincere sympathy for Ashley. Her many accomplishments and inner beauty are reflected through her lovely smile. I share your grief in prayer.##imported-begin##Barbara Witkowski##imported-end##

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“ Dave&Melanie, Joe and I were so sorry to hear about Ashley. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe & Joyce##imported-begin##Joe & Joyce Stafford##imported-end##

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“ Although we don't know you, our hearts go out to all of you. My husband is in remission from lymphoma and our hearts were hurting for you as we read of your loss. We have already lifted each of you up in prayer for God to give your hearts peace. Bless each of you and again, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know we care.##imported-begin##Joe & Cindy Persinger##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gaines, Although I did not personally know Ashley, I prayed for her from the time Libby Brown asked for prayer and Ashley's name was on our church prayer list at All Saints. I can only imagine the grief you feel at this point and only pray that your faith, like Ashley's, would "believe all things, hope all things". I ask the Lord to somehow give you the faith to KNOW Ashley is now in Jesus' arms, completely whole and that one day you will all be together again. You will continue to be in my prayers. Hope in Jesus, Skip Feild##imported-begin##Skip Feild##imported-end##

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“ With Deepest Sympathy##imported-begin##Tom & Topie Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Mr and Mrs. Gaines- We were friends in the first grade before you moved. I still have the picture of us taken at Wegmans on our field trip and the eye patch that Ashley and I decorated. My mom and I just wanted to let you know that we remember her and she was always so much fun and we are sorry. We would like to send you a card directly if you want to send us your address. I am so glad that we were friends when you lived here Love Kate Davis##imported-begin##Kate Davis and Mimi Evans##imported-end##

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“ Dave, Melanie and Family, I was so sorry to read about the loss of your daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless.##imported-begin##Maureen Kane Noonan##imported-end##

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“ Dear Melanie, David and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time and always. Peter, Peggy, Norine, Kathleen, Karen, Missy & Krissy##imported-begin##Peter Byrne family##imported-end##

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“ Our hearts go out to you and your family. Ashley was always the sweetest thing. I remember when she was a brownie and a girl scout with my girls, in Mrs. Beth's troupe. She was always nice to my girls.well, everyone loved to be in her company. I've never been much of a shopper and Ashley helped me pick out just the right shoes and blouse, when she worked at Affordables. She would give me hugs and graciously listen as I would jabber on about when she was little, or whatever. She will always be remembered. She was beautiful, intelligent and made people feel good. What a tremendous loss for all of us. May God be with you and keep you. Mrs. Sonya, Regan and Ricki###imported-begin###The Schroer Family###imported-end###

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“ Dave and Melanie, We are sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. We have kept you and your family in our prayers and will continue to do so. Although we never met Ashley, it sounds like she was a beautiful, courageous, loving young woman. May you find peace through your faith and all those around you who will help you through this. The wonderful memories of Ashley will always be a part of your family, and will bring smiles to your faces and hearts. May God continue to bless you during this difficult time and know that although we are miles away, we are thinking of you and pray for healing for your family. Much love, Sandy, Tim, Sarah and Stephanie Smith.###imported-begin###Sandy and Tim Smith###imported-end###

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“ David, Melanie and family. Words cannot express our sadness in hearing of Ashley's passing. May your memories of her and the love and caring of others give you strength and comfort at this sad time.##imported-begin##Elliot & Ginny Popper##imported-end##

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“ The members of the prayer chain at All Saints Church has been praying for Ashley through these many months. She was a very courageous young lady. I wish that I had known her personally. Our prayers are now that our Lord Jesus will hold you all in his loving and healing arms. Archie Biggs Prayer Chain Coordinator##imported-begin##Archie Biggs##imported-end##

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“ Dear Melanie, Dave and Dave: We are so sorry to read about the loss of your beautiful daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Karen & David Toscano Cannucciari##imported-begin##Karen Toscano Cannucciari##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy during this time of sorrow. Ashley was most certainly a joy and will always be remembered for her laughter, smiling, joyful self. May you, Dave, Melanie and David be at peace knowing just how hard of a fight she fought! She's just like her Daddy! Mel, you are an inspiration to all of us parents. May God give you the strength in the days to come. Love to you all - we will pray her family and friends. Greg, Tina and Logan Caulder##imported-begin##Tina Caulder##imported-end##

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“ Dear David, Melanie, and David, God Bless your family during these hard times. Ashley was a wonderful young lady who will be missed dearly. Jimmy###imported-begin##Jimmy Bailey###imported-end##

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“ Melanie and Dave, we were so shocked to read the paper this AM. What a beautiful young woman! Our thought & prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Janet & Bob Hurwitz###imported-end##

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“ Dave, Melanie and David: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Jennifer Blake###imported-end##

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“ Gaines Family, We all send our love and prayers to you. We were all saddened to hear of Ashley's passing. She fought a valiant fight. She is now Cancer Free! We pray for God's Peace to decend upon your family as you begin your new life without dear Ashley.###imported-begin##Prudential B&C Realty###imported-end##

June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ David, Melanie, and David, Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family. Ashley always had a smile and enjoyed life to the fullest, making sure that every minute was packed with activities. She was fun to work with and brightened the room around her. Her beautiful smile as she was crowned Homecoming Queen will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Eldon and Wanda Hall##imported-end##

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“ We will always keep Ashley's memory in our hearts. Our prayers are with your family at this very sad time. With love, Steve, Jean, Stephanie, and Nick.##imported-begin##The Franza Family##imported-end##

June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Melanie, Dave and family, Words cannot possibly express our deep sorrow in hearing about Ashley. Please know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grieving and healing.##imported-begin##Cindy, Gabe and Marina Geiger##imported-end##

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