



Amy Alison Kellams

May 7, 1971 - October 27, 2009

Amy Alison Kellams, 38, died Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at the home of her parents after a courageous four month struggle with brain cancer. Born May 7, 1971 in Garden Grove, California during her father's military service in the United States Navy, she was returned to the family home of Bloomington at eight months old, and remained in the community as a life-long resident. She was a 1989 graduate of Bloomington High School North and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 in Recreation, with an emphasis in Tourism Management, from the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana University - Bloomington. Amy was proud to have served as Staff Assistant to former Mayor John Fernandez, as Executive Assistant to former Indiana University Chancellor Sharon Brehm, and as an administrative assistant to former Dean of Faculties Moya Andrews, of whom she was most fond. Amy loved children and enjoyed her time working with them in various capacities at University Elementary School. She was a kind and generous person and she loved animals; especially her beloved dogs Maggie and Molly, and cat Miles. She had a kind heart, and was a loving daughter and sister, and a devoted "Aunt Mimi" to her four nephews. She is survived by her parents Marc and Chris Kellams of Bloomington, her sister Sarah Lippman, brother-in-law Adam Lippman, and their son Mason Rhys Lippman, of Montclair, NJ, and her sister Katherine Dollens, whom Amy referred to as "her rock", brother-in-law Bradley Dollens, and their three sons, Bradford Reed Dollens, Christian Theodore Dollens and Schuyler Grant Dollens, of

Greenwood, IN. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Armal and Frances Kellams, and maternal grandparents, Philip and Clarabell Fox. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Bloomington, at 1:00PM on Saturday, October 31, 2009, with the Rev. William F. Stumpf officiating. Deacon Marc Kellams, Amy's father, will assist in the liturgy. A Rosary will be said at the church at 10:00AM, followed by visitation with the family until the service. Burial will be during a private family service at a later date. The family wishes to acknowledge the excellent care that Amy received from Drs. Marshall Poor, Bharati Kharkar and Jackie Joyce, the personal medical care, attention and love shown to her by beloved friends, Dr. Lee and Maria McKinley, and the professional and caring medical care provided to her by the staff of Bloomington Hospital and the Bloomington Hospital Radiation Oncology Center. And too, they are grateful to the angels of Hospice of Bloomington Hospital who held their hands, helping them through the last days. They also acknowledge with deepest gratitude the over-whelming outpouring of love, support and prayers lovingly provided during Amy's illness from so many members of the Bloomington Community and beyond.

In lieu of flowers it was Amy's wish that contributions be made to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20037. Donations may be made on-line at www.hsus.org. Arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 and on-line condolences are welcomed at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *I was saddened to hear of Amy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I had the pleasure of working with Amy at Indiana University in the Dean of Faculties. She was an absolute treasure with a heart of gold and a smile that would brighten even the dreariest of days. She will be sorely missed. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Julie Allen - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

PS

“ *Dear Kellams family,
We were so saddened by Amy's untimely passing.
It was great watching her grow up and she led such a productive life, touching many. She was special and we are glad to have known her and be a part of your family at different times during her life. We recently read something you might find helpful:
Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom and make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. Some people stay in our lives awhile, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.
Your friends, Bill & Peg*

Peggy & Bill Stockholm - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JS

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Kellams,
My husband Jon and I are very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. We never had the pleasure of meeting Amy in-person but through Sarah and Adam have heard about the wonderful woman she was and we are very saddened to hear of her passing.*

Jennifer Paganelli Schwartz - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

PP

“ Chris and Mark,
I was very saddened and moved to hear of Amy's illness and passing from my mother. Amy and I were childhood friends who lost contact when I moved overseas after our freshman year. I have many fond Park Ridge East and cream of celery soup moments. Amy was a wonderful person with a heart full of compassion and warmth. She will always have a place in my heart. I will continue to pray for your family every day.
Patti

Patti (Curtis) Preske - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

MA

“ Marc and Chris

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter, Amy. Having lost a child myself, I cannot speak for you be know of the profound loss of losing a child. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you try to understand why something like this would happen to and your family.

All my prayers,

Michael Wynn

Mark Kellams - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

TS

“ Dearest Kellams Family,
Our deepest sympathy for your family's loss. We pray for comfort in
your time of sorrow.

Tom & Stephanie

Tom & Stephanie Rhodes - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

AB

“ Dear Mark, Chris and family
My deepest sympathy go out to your family. Amy and I were
childhood friends and had lost touch over the years but the
memories have always been there. your family is in my prayers so
sorry for your loss.

Andrea Sowders- Buck - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

MA

“ Dear Marc and Chris,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this trying time.

The Masters Family, Mary, Sharon, Rick and Jan

Mary Masters - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JE

“ Dear Kellams Family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I'll always
remember Amy as a warm and understanding person. She was
loved by so many people from all walks of life, and touched so many
lives. I was so fortunate to have known her. God bless. Jack Davis

Jack E. Davis - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

RC

“ To the Kellams Family: Our deepest symphathy go out to you for your loss of your loved one. We will keep Amy and your family in our prayers. God Bless

Richard & Susan Marshall and Children - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DA

“ My deepest condolences go out to your family. I worked with Amy during her time at University Elementary. She was always so kind to everyone she met and especially to the children. She will be missed.

Darla Tompkins - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

PA

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Amy at University Elementary School. She was beautiful inside and out and the kids adored her warmth and affection. Amy will be missed by so many people, she made a positive difference in this world and that is something that we can all hope to do. My sincere condolences to the Kellams family.

Paris King - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ Dear Kellams Klan,
I'm very sorry for the loss in your family. My family and I are all thinking of you. Katie my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in these difficult times. I'm glad that you all had some time with Amy over her untimely passing.

Sara Doster - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

BO

“ *Marc and Chris,
My thoughts are with you as this has been such a difficult few months. The loss is, in a sense, just not fair and the most difficult event that can happen to parents. My prayers are with you and I know that your family will be stronger in the end.
I look forward to seeing the two of you around the Gables.
--Bob*

Bob Jacobs - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

TI

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Amy's passing. In the times I spoke with her over the years, it was clear that she loved and respected her family so much. We will continue to keep your family close in our thoughts and closer in our prayers.*

Tina Lampke, on behalf of the staff and board of the Crisis Pregnancy Center and Hannah House

Tina Lampke - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

KC

“ *Dear Kellams family, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family. I had the pleasure of working with Amy when she worked for Chancellor Sharon Brehm at IU. We spent many hours after work laughing and sharing stories together. Amy was a beautiful person with a smile would light up a room. She will always be in my heart and may God bless your family during this difficult time.*

Kelly Jones Cornett - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

VI

“ Amy was always such a poised young woman, beautiful and gracious as I watched her grow up. She was welcoming and easy to be with when I would have the opportunity to see her as she got older. I'm so sorry for your loss and cannot imagine your pain. I'm glad you had the time with her at home and I know from what she said to me that it brought her great comfort to be with you and feel surrounded by love and support. With my deepest sympathy, Viki

Viki Thevenow - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

NI

“ Amy you will always live in my heart, and I will cherish the childhood memories of you, Jennifer and I living at college mall apartments. I know we will all be together again someday so until then. God Bless you and your family.

Nikki Blocksom-Stinson - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

AH

“ Dear Marc, Chris, Sarah and Katie,

There are never 'right' words for a loss like this. Some may comfort but none will begin to make a dent in the pain that is surrounding you all now. I only wanted to say that our family loved Amy and always thought of her as part of our family. She was very bright, compassionate, genuine and not to mention beautiful.....inside and out. We all are brokenhearted by her passing and will miss her dearly. I am terribly sorry for your loss. I am very thankful I got to see her in May at Eric's party. I hadn't seen her in quite a few years but she was always so easy to talk to, like no time had passed at all. I used to think of her as the big sister I never got to have. Thank you for sharing her with us. If ever there were anything we could do please don't hesitate to ask. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

*Sincerely,
Ashley Havill*

Ashley Havill - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SE

“ *I was given the pleasure to become acquainted with Amy when she worked for the Dean of Faculties at IUB. Even though we did not work in the same department we became good friends, and her smile was infectious. Amy will be missed and I cherished having had the opportunity to know her. My sincere condolences to her family.*

Senta Baker

Senta Baker - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

RE

“ Dear Kellams,
I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter.
My prayers are with you. May God give you peace and comfort as
only he can do.
Sincerely,
Renee Jordan
(Bloomington Hospital and SISC)

Renee Barrow-Jordan - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JM

“ Dear Marc & Chris,

Our hearts are heavy as we read about Amy in today's HT. What a wonderful daughter she was and such a loving and caring ambassador for the Kellams family. Please know that your family is much loved by so many in this community and don't hesitate to call on us if there is anything we can do to help you through this trial.

We rest in the comfort of knowing that our Lord has her in the cradle of His hand and she is renewed in body - awaiting that day when we who "know" Him will be joined together for eternity.

Love always!

Jerry & Melinda

Jerry & Melinda Neely - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ Dear Kellams Family,

I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I will always remember Amy's beautiful smile and her amazingly warm personality. When I was able to visit with you all this past April, it was so great to have the chance to reconnect with Amy. She will be deeply missed by all that had the privilege to know her. My thoughts are with you all.

*Love,
Sara (Eldridge) French*

Sara French - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

PA

“ Our Deepest Sympathey in Lost of your Daughter
Amy to you and your Family.

*Paul&Betty Kinser
Former Owners of Kinser Cleaners*

Paul&Betty Kinser - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DH

“ Dear Mr. Mrs. Kellams and Family,

I had the privelage of meeting Amy and getting to know her through my nephew Eric Havill. (I am his Aunt.) I remember Amy coming to Evansville with Eric to see my first born son. What a beautiful, sweet and fun person. I feel so blessed to have known her. I recently got to see her in June when we were in Bloomington to visit. Amy was just as beautiful and loving as always! Amy had a special place in the hearts of our family, and we will miss her very much.

*Please know you are in our hearts and prayers and May God be with you through this difficult time. Sending Hugs and Prayers!
Debbie Haire and Family*

Debbie Haire - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

LW

“ My heart goes out to everyone at this most difficult time. Please know that all of Adam and Sarah's cousins in New York, New Jersey, and Florida are thinking of you and your family, sending our condolences and our love.

Cousin Lisa

Lisa Weiss - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

CA

“ To the Kellams Family:

Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your precious Amy. I had the pleasure of knowing Amy through her work at the City of Bloomington. She worked upstairs in the Mayor's office and I worked downstairs in Planning. Even though I didn't see her on a daily basis, we often saw each other in the hallways or mail room and always stopped to chat. Amy absolutely loved to chat, and we could talk the day away if you let us. I can honestly say that she is one of the nicest, most genuine people I've ever known; a beautiful person inside and out! I lost touch with Amy after she resigned from the City, but I never forgot her pretty face or her bubbly personality. Again, I am so sorry. May God bless your family and keep you during this difficult time.

Carmen Lillard - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ *Marc, Chris and Family,
I am so saddened by this terrible loss. As you can imagine, I love your Amy almost like a daughter. I fondly remember her being at our house with Eric and how she brightened the room with her smile and laughter. She was such a special person. Over the years, I would ask Eric frequently about her. I often dreamed that the two of them would end of together. Perhaps they did in the end --- spiritually. I know he cared for her very much --- as did we all. Please know she was loved by all and will be missed. Your great loss is a loss, too for us all. Peace to you all in this time of grief.
Sincerely,
Shelia Havill*

Shelia Havill - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JW

“ *My heart pours out love and sympathy to your family, for the loss of Amy is a great heartache to all that knew her. I have great memories of her, Marc and Chris (College Mall Apts). Going to pick up Chris from the hospital in the little yellow Honda Civic, as well as her first bike, the red and white one with the S on the seat, and all the trips to Mary's apt for the Oreo cookies.*

Amy will be sadly missed!

Jennifer (McDermott) Williams - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

SW

“ *Marc, Christina, and Family:*

My deepest sympathies are with you and your family as you get through these tough times. I know I wasn't the closest to Amy but every time I was around her I enjoyed her so much. She was such a kind, sweet woman who was so fun to be around. Please know that you are in my prayers and if there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let me know.

*With Love,
Sarah Wissel*

Sarah Wissel - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM

GA

“ *Hi Chris,*

I was shocked to see what happened to Amy. My heartfelt sympathy is overflowing to you and your family. You will always hold a special place in my heart and it was a honor to work with you at the Eye Center. Please call if you need anything, no matter what. Your friend, Gail Browne

Gail Browne - October 26, 2015 at 04:36 PM