



Katie Burkett

September 18, 1990 - July 20, 2008

Ms. Katie Burkett, age 17 of Dora, went home on Sunday July 20, 2008. Katie attended Gardendale High School where she was about to begin her senior year as class president, she was also a cheerleader, a Rockett and Vice President of National Honor Society and Ambassador for Gardendale High School. She was a member of East Walker Church of Christ and Gardendale's First Baptist Church. She is survived by her parents; Tynette Grissom (Michael L.) of Dora, Mike Burkette (Shelley) of Gardendale; 2 brothers, Andrew Burkett and Jackson Burkett; 2 step-brothers, Peyton Grissom and Parker Grissom; grandparents, Larry and Michelle Murphy and Jim and Linda Burkett; great-grandparents, John and Glenda Akers; aunt, Suzette Byars; uncles, Brent Murphy (Regina), Donnie Headley (Sissy), and Randy Akers (Patricia); cousins, Aeryn, Wesley, Melissa, Brandon, Lee, Ben, Josh, Ashlynn, Amber, Anna, Brayden, Jonathan, and Jordan. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday July 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Gardendale's First Baptist Church with Rev. Barry Bennett, Rev. Mark Harrison, and Rev. David Jett officiating. Burial will follow at Biven's Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Gardendale's First Baptist Church. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund for Katie Burkett at Regions Bank, 895 Odum Road, Gardendale, AL. 35071. Arrangements are by Gardendale's only locally owned and operated funeral home.

Tribute Wall

PK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family and friends.*

Pam Keplinger - July 29, 2008 at 09:36 AM

RF

“ *To all the family, We were saddened to hear of Katie's passing. We have prayed and will continue to pray for all of you to find comfort in the Lord. We are mindful of each one of you and the loss that each of you bear. Love, The Browns*

Rhonda Brown & family - July 28, 2008 at 10:03 AM

RA

“ *Mike and Shelley, I'm so sorry for the loss you've experienced with Katie's death. I have and your family in my prayers. In Christ, Randy Allen*

Randy Allen - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *I didn't know her.. but this tragedy has not left my heart or mind since I heard of the news while working there in Birmingham. I pray for peace for her family and friends. She is gone to be with her maker in Heaven and the memories along with the promise that you all will be with her again, I hope gives you all some comfort in this time.*

Sincerely and in prayer, Melanie

Melanie Kitterlin - July 25, 2008 at 11:45 PM

SI

“ Tynette, Mike and family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know that God is with you and will give you the strength you need in the days ahead, as only He can do.

Southern Heritage Staff Darnell and Ed Faurot Ed Tonore Charlotte Stovall Don Overby

Southern Heritage, Inc - July 25, 2008 at 07:30 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. i go to gardendale high school also & it wont be the same without katie here for our senior year. but i know she is in a wonderful place, watching over all of us. and i will be praying for everyone in her family & for katie, mollie, carli, & josh.

Cristina - July 24, 2008 at 05:58 PM

JR

“ Linda,
There is no way for me to know or understand what you must be going through. But, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.....Jan

Jan (Parks) Rickles - July 24, 2008 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ To the family of Katie, I want to tell you I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I cant imagine what you are going through in this difficult time but I do know that the Lord must be carrying you, and you have such great faith. My prayers are with you. Love The Tyler Family

The Tyler Family - July 23, 2008 at 04:09 PM

GL

“ I too, like so many others do not know you all but am just so deeply saddened by your loss. Katie was such a beautiful & talented young lady. It seems God needed her with him right now which no one understands, but trust in the lord with all your heart. You will be reunited with Katie again one day in heaven. I know God is with you all right now & is helping you get through this.

Gloria - July 23, 2008 at 02:50 PM

CG

“ Mike, It has been a long time since we worked together, but when I heard about your loss I immediately started praying for you and your family. I read something this week by Max Lucado "When Death becomes Birth." (Eccles 7:1) As a believer in Christ she is now in Paradise and wouldn't want to come back here for anything. I'm praying that you can take comfort in knowing that in the coming days. May God bless you and your family.

Cathy Gunter - July 23, 2008 at 01:52 PM

AL

“ katie we all will miss you rest in peace katie burkett

alyssa - July 23, 2008 at 01:33 PM

ST

“ To Ms. Linda and Mr. Mouse, Katie was very blessed to have you two in her life. You and your family is in our prayers.
With love, Sallie Kennedy Terry (Charlie and Sissy Kennedy's daughter.)

Sallie K. Terry - July 23, 2008 at 11:25 AM

SG

“ I do not know any of you, i just saw this on the news and was so heart broken over it. I just had a son to graduate from high school and i stayed scared to death of losing him in a car accident. I know the LORD and i know he is with us and will not do any wrong doings but i just wanted your family to know i am praying for ya'll. I also saw the paper about her funeral and i just was in all trying to figure out how you are making it through this, i know its GOD that is getting you through this but i just wanted you to know you have people praying for your family that you do not even know. God Bless all of you and you will be in my prayers. Stacey

Stacey Garrison - July 23, 2008 at 12:56 AM

KF

“ Mike, Our prayers go out to you and your family during this most difficult time. Keith, Mary, Luke & Micah Smith

Keith Smith & Family - July 22, 2008 at 10:12 PM

CQ

“ We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Betty McElvana and Family

Cheryl Qualls - July 22, 2008 at 09:59 PM

SH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, may GOD be with each and everyone of you.

sharon - July 22, 2008 at 09:50 PM

BA

“ We did not know Katie personally, but we understand that she was "beautiful" inside and out! With sympathy, Bennie and Dot Adams (Ronnie Wright's (Janet Ann) sister and brother-in-law. May Katie's love and memories comfort you during this difficult time. She is with Jesus, now.

Bennie and Dot Adams - July 22, 2008 at 09:34 PM

KH

“ We just wanted to let you know you're in our thoughts and prayers. Katie was so loved by us and everybody else! She's going to be greatly missed.

Kari Keplinger & Paige Hale - July 22, 2008 at 05:50 PM

TR

“ Shelley - my deepest prayers to you and your family at this time. I so fondly remember working with you - your kind expressions and obvious faith were evident every day. I hope that in some way that same faith can comfort and keep you. You are loved. Tammy Rogers Martin, RN

Tammy Rogers Martin, RN - July 22, 2008 at 04:50 PM

BH

“ Bucket, Shelley, and Burkett Family: Please know that I have been lifting you up to the Lord. The Lord gave me this scripture on 7/21 and I thought I would share it with you. Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Love you and miss you, Bruce Hill

Bruce, Teri, Brad, and Kaley Hill - July 22, 2008 at 02:34 PM

AD

“ As a former teacher last year at GHS, I wanted to let the family know that Katie was one of the happiest and sweetest girls I have ever met. I helped during this year's cheerleading tryouts and she was a constant ray of sunshine and support for all the others trying out. May God heal your soul and be with you.
Allison Davison (Coach D)

Allison Davison - July 22, 2008 at 02:30 PM

JU

“ Although we don't know the Burkett family personally, we do attend Church at GFBC and wanted you to know that you are being uplifted in our prayers and we serve such an Awesome and Caring God. He loves you so much and is always there.

Julie - July 22, 2008 at 02:01 PM

SS

“ so sorry for your loss

susie sweat - July 22, 2008 at 01:23 PM

SM

“ Buckett and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have a heavy heart and I am praying for you and your family. Please hold on to your Faith. God will carry you through this. Love in Christ. Shawn Marlin-Romanstine

Shawn Marlin-Romanstine - July 22, 2008 at 12:45 PM

RL

“ To entire Burkett Family,
Our deepest sympathy goes out to each and every one of you during this time. As part of the Burkett family (Granddaughter of Maxine Burkett), we did not get the privilege of knowing Katie but by reading all the notes online I know she was one of a kind and will be missed always. Heaven is a better place now having Katie there. Our prayers and thoughts will be with you always.
with deepest sympathy, Robert and Heather Larson

Robert and Heather Larson - July 22, 2008 at 12:34 PM

MC

“ All of your are in my prayers. I have spent night and day thinking about y'all and praying that God will send comfort your way. It'll take time, but God is with you every step of the way. He'll never leave your side. Katie was a very wonderful, loving, and sweet person. I wish I had gotten the chance to know her better. God has a reason for everything that happens to us. I wish I could take your pain away and carry this burden for you, but God will NEVER give you more than you can bear! I send my love, care, sympathy, and prayers to all of you.
Love always, Mary Catharon Counts

Mary Counts - July 22, 2008 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ Mike, Remember me? We worked at Bellsouth together. I am so sorry about Katie. I kept seeing it on the news and when my paper came this morning my fears were confirmed. When you get a chance send me an E-mail if you would like or you can call me. Again, I am so sorry and if I can do anything please let me know.
Sue (Mayfield) Hunter

Sue (Mayfield) Hunter - July 22, 2008 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ We just wanted you to know that we are lifting you up in prayer. Psalm 121:1-3 I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth...He who watches over you will not slumber. Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Preschool and Children's Ministry Kingdom Quest Ministries, Gardendale First Baptist

Kingdom Quest Ministries - July 22, 2008 at 12:07 PM

CR

“ Burkett faimly sorry to hear about you loss...I wanted to let yall know yall are in our thoughts and prayers...if yall need anything just let us know. Just let God help you through this tough time. We are praying for yall.

Cherish (Fields) Rowe - July 22, 2008 at 11:11 AM

GB

“ Mike and Tynette, I am so sorry. Katie was so beautiful in every way. We will miss her laughter, her enthusiasm, her zest for life, and her unique ability to make everything fun. I will truly miss the sunshine she brought to GHS every day. Georgia Robertson Bourgeois

Georgia Bourgeois - July 22, 2008 at 11:01 AM

TB

“ Earth has no sorrow that HEAVEN can not heal. Although I did not know Katie my heart goes out to your family. I worked with Shelly Burkett at UAB Hospital. She was a very nice and kind person to work with. I am constantly praying for your family during this time. Look to the LORD for strength.

TONJA BROOKS - July 22, 2008 at 10:42 AM

SS

“ so sorry for your loss.

Susie Sweat - July 22, 2008 at 10:42 AM

CW

“ I DID NOT KNOW YOUR DAUGHTER BUT SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH DID AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW VERY SORRY I AM FOR YOUR LOSS..I CAN'T SAY I KNOW WHAT YOUR GOING THROUGH BECAUSE I DON'T. JUST KNOW THAT WE ARE KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...THIS IS SUCH A TERRIBLE LOSS TO EVERYONE, FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD AND READ ABOUT HER SHE WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PERSON AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE COMFORTED IN KNOWING THAT SHE IS WATCHING OVER YOU AND KEEPING YOU SAFE...SHE IS HOME NOW.

Candy Wheeler - July 22, 2008 at 10:42 AM

HO

“ GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AT THIS TERRIBLE TIME. GOD WILL BE THERE BESIDE YOU ALL THE WAY. KATIE WAS SUCH A BEATIFUL CHILD. JUST REMEMBER TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF YOU. ANN HOWARD/SHERRI WHITED

HOWARDS-WHITEDS - July 22, 2008 at 10:32 AM

HO

“ *Katie Burkett*

HOWARDS-WHITEDS - July 22, 2008 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ we lost our son 14 years ago. so we know your heart break. we will pray for you .

Joe & Ruth Doss - July 22, 2008 at 10:24 AM

BH

“ To the family of Katie Burkett:
I send my love and prayers to you. It was a joy and pleasure to have met Katie B. I will truly miss her. May God bless and keep each and everyone of you.

Bruce Henderson - July 22, 2008 at 10:19 AM

AG

“ May God's blessings be poured out upon you during this most difficult time. Katie's memory will live on in your hearts forever.
May God bless,
Ann & Wayne Giles

Ann & Wayne Giles - July 22, 2008 at 10:19 AM

M(

“ May God's love comfort you as He takes Katie in His arms.

morris s. parrish (Jake) - July 22, 2008 at 10:18 AM