



Riley Kaye Sunday

August 16, 2008 - September 15, 2017

Riley Kaye Sunday, age 9 of Sanford, NC, ended her struggle with cancer on September 15, 2017, in the peace of her mother's loving arms. Riley fought fearlessly against Leukemia for over four years. Her family deeply mourns the loss of Riley, but her life was just as beautiful as it was tragic.

Riley was born on August 16, 2008 at Fort Bragg, NC, the first child of two extremely proud and happy parents, Elizabeth and Todd Sunday. Riley's birth seemed a long time coming due in part to the needs of her father's military service. From the very beginning, she never left her mother's side, and together they had many adventures while her father served abroad. From the moment she could walk, Riley rambunctiously explored everything within reach as though she could never get enough out of life's experiences. Her parents often compared Riley to Rapunzel from Disney's "Tangled" because every day was the "best day ever!" She was her mother's helper, always ready to lend a hand whenever needed. Riley loved the beach and longed to learn to swim one day.

Exceptionally clever, Riley enjoyed schooling adults in games of all kinds, from cards and board games to the computer. Together with her father, she created beautiful, elaborate worlds on Minecraft. Her favorite game to play with family was Uno. Riley always held her wild cards until the end and won more than her fair share of hands.

She was an attentive student, a creative artist, a curious scientist, and a loyal friend. Rileigh attended school at Highland Elementary School in Sanford, NC and when inpatient for treatment, continued to learn from teachers and the Wonder Connection program at UNC Children's Hospital. In addition to being an avid reader, she was recognized for citizenship by demonstrating model classroom behavior. Rileigh loved learning about animals and conducting science experiments involving slime, rockets, and volcanos. With the kindest of souls, Rileigh loved animals, especially pandas and her golden retriever, Dexter.

Rileigh possessed a natural wit and made surprisingly profound observations that always kept her friends and family laughing. Her humor was without effort, and she often did not understand just how funny and sweet she was. Rileigh was at times both shy and courageous, awkward and endearing. She made fast friends with those fortunate enough to meet her. When her illness kept her from attending school in person and being around children her own age, she eagerly made friends through the Girl Scouts of America, and the once, weekly meetings meant so much to her.

Never selfish, she loved her family most of all. From the moment of his birth, Rileigh doted upon her little brother, Xander. She was his playmate and protector, which earned her the nickname "Mama Rileigh". Together, the pair would laugh at the silliest jokes and have nightly dance parties to the sounds of Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, and Taylor Swift. Rileigh would often sing along to music on the radio, purposefully swapping appropriate words of her own that sounded like or rhymed with inappropriate lyrics. Above all, her family was the most important thing to her, and Rileigh valued bedtime stories and snuggling on the couch more than anything.

The greatest big sister in the world, Rileigh is survived by her brother, Xander;

her parents, Elizabeth and Todd Sunday; maternal grandfather, Paul Eggie; and fraternal grandparents, Stephen and Linda Sunday. Raleigh was preceded in death by her grandmother, Barbara Eggie.

A viewing will be held Thursday, September 21, from 5-7 p.m. at Mussleman Funeral Home, 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. A second viewing will be held Friday, September 22, from 10-11 a.m. followed by mass at 11:00, both at Good Shepard Catholic Church, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The family will hold a celebration of life ceremony at a later point in North Carolina for those friends unable to travel to PA for the funeral. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to CureSearch for Children's Cancer (curesearch.org) or joining the National Marrow Donor Program (bethematch.org) in honor of Raleigh.

Musselman Funeral Home Is Honored To Serve The Sunday Family.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Musselman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.
324 Hummel Avenue
Lemoyne, PA 17043
(717) 763-7440
info@musselmanfuneral.com
<https://musselmanfuneral.com>

Viewing

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
3435 Trindle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
3435 Trindle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *Raleigh,
You were always my beautiful little princess. You are now my beautiful little angel. I will miss you all the days of my life. I am deeply hurt by your absence, but I know God has a special place for you in his heavenly kingdom where you will never be in pain again. I have so many great memories of you and how you never let leukemia make you hard to be around. Every day you warmed my heart like a ray of sunshine. I am grateful to have been a part of your life, even though it was much too short. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Love always,
Poppy Eggie*

Paul Eggie - September 26, 2017 at 10:47 PM

MV

“ *A pure, sweet little Angel on earth, Raleigh is now an Angel in Heaven. Her love will always be with you and with all the lives she touched.*

*We are sending our love and prayers to all her family at this most difficult time.
Sincerely, Maggie, Joe, Jlm and Jon*



Margaret Vasil - September 21, 2017 at 10:10 PM

CP

“ *Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers here at Girl Scouts-NC Coastal Pines. Reading about Raleigh's experience and how much her troop meant to her was an inspiration to us all! We have made a donation in her honor through CureSearch, and please let us know if there is anything you all need.*

Christina Petrucelli - September 21, 2017 at 04:35 PM

SM

“ *Shelby and Zach Morrill purchased the Pretty Ple
ase for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



Shelby and Zach Morrill - September 21, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ *Janice Shetter lit a candle in memory of
Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Janice Shetter - September 20, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *We will miss you Raleigh. Thinking of the wonderful Sunday family
and sending love your way
Stephanie UNC*

Stephanie Schouten - September 20, 2017 at 02:38 PM

LS

“ *Love, Ms. Spivey and Highland Elementary
School purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for
the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



Love, Ms. Spivey and Highland Elementary School -
September 20, 2017 at 12:06 PM

JC

“ Although no words can help ease the loss you bear. Our deepest condolences to the Sunday family during time of remembrance and sadness.



“Life is not measured by the breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away”

Jonathan & Laura Collins

Jonathan Collins - September 20, 2017 at 10:23 AM

CW

“ Cyndy Wolf lit a candle in memory of Rileigh Kaye Sunday



Cyndy Wolf - September 20, 2017 at 07:30 AM

SA

“ Scott Allison purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rileigh Kaye Sunday.



Scott Allison - September 20, 2017 at 12:49 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



September 19, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Sunday families during this time of remembrance, reflection and sadness.*

Jonathan and Keri Waring and boys



Jonathan Waring - September 19, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *Chad And Amy Sunday lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Chad and Amy Sunday - September 19, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ *Jeffrey Wise lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Jeffrey Wise - September 19, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



September 19, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ *Darrel & Mary Justh lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Darrel & Mary Justh - September 19, 2017 at 06:40 PM



Darrel & Mary Justh lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.

Darrel - September 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Marilyn Knox lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Marilyn Knox - September 19, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



September 19, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *Linda Zema lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Linda Zema - September 19, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ *Linda Zema, Fayetteville, NC lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Linda Zema, Fayetteville, NC - September 19, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *Les and Linda Baker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



Les and Linda Baker - September 19, 2017 at 05:32 PM

PH

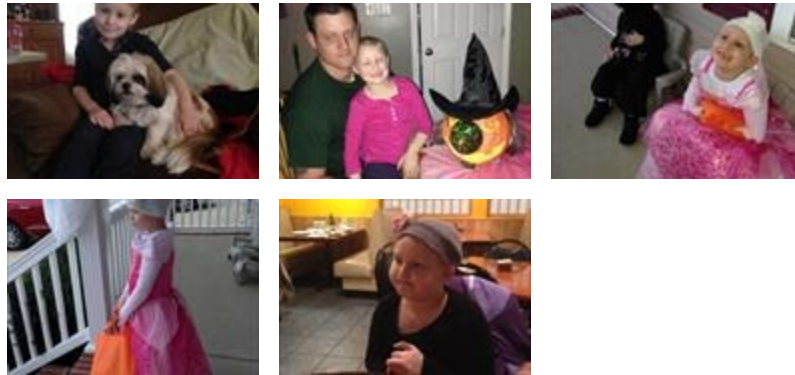
“ *Patricia Hower lit a candle in memory of
Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



Patricia Hower - September 19, 2017 at 04:50 PM

PH

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Patricia Hower - September 19, 2017 at 04:40 PM

LZ

*What a beautiful child who was taken from her family and this earth
way too young. Her soul, her strength was excessively strong, I never
met her in person but sent many prayers her way and to her
family.....God take good care of her in your loving arms*

*Linda Zema
Fayetteville, NC*

Linda Zema - September 19, 2017 at 05:48 PM

CC

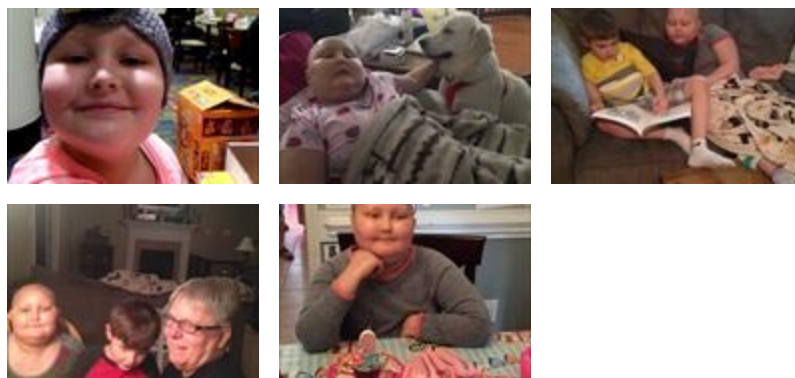
“ *CJ Colton lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



CJ Colton - September 19, 2017 at 03:53 PM

LS

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



linda sunday - September 19, 2017 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sunday lit a candle in memory of Raleigh Kaye Sunday*



linda sunday - September 19, 2017 at 03:28 PM

LS

"Will love and miss you forever sweetie" Love Poppy & Grammy Sunday

linda sunday - September 19, 2017 at 03:33 PM

GS

“ Gary Shimizu lit a candle in memory of
Raleigh Kaye Sunday



Gary Shimizu - September 19, 2017 at 03:22 PM

TF

“ The Donald Altemus family & Michael Susick
family purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Ba
sket for the family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.



The Donald Altemus family & Michael Susick family -
September 19, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the
family of Raleigh Kaye Sunday.



September 19, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Raleigh Kaye Sunday.



September 19, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Infinite Love was purchased for the family of
Raleigh Kaye Sunday.*



September 19, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *My sweet baby girl. I miss you more than words can ever express. I
will forever and always love you more. With all my love, Mommy.*

Elizabeth Sunday - September 19, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *Carol Ann lit a candle in memory of Raleigh
Kaye Sunday*



Carol Ann - September 19, 2017 at 10:31 AM