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Amber Noelle Stanley passed from this life into the embrace of her Savior on Sunday, July 14, 2019 just short of her 44th birthday.

A life-long resident of the Village of St. Anthony, she was born in Minneapolis and attended elementary, middle, and high school in the Village. After graduating from high school, she attended St. Paul College where she earned a certificate in child development.

Amber descended from a long line of Minnesota pioneer stock, with great-great-great grandparents who arrived before and just after statehood, settling in Stearns County at Maine Prairie. More important to her was her legacy of faith handed down through all those generations, including grandparents Lynn and Lucille Stanley who died in South Africa after nearly a half-century of missions work.

Amber had an enormous capacity to love, and she expressed it particularly through her relationship with children. Her life included years of working in home day care with her mother, many children's ministry programs at Southeast Christian Church, and a much-treasured missions trip to orphanages in Romania. She had a passion for world ministry focused on children, including Feed My Starving Children and Operation Christmas Child. Most recently she poured out her love unstintingly and unconditionally on her nephew and niece – Micah and Mira – for whom she provided care since each was born.

Amber passed away quietly when her physical body, long weakened by muscular dystrophy, was unable to recover from complications following surgery. After nearly two weeks on life support in critical care, she passed peacefully.

Her absence leaves a terrible hole in the hearts and daily lives of her family: Duane & Kathy, Ryan, Nathan & Lisa, Micah and Mira. Uncles, aunts, and many cousins in the U.S., in South Africa, and in England mourn her leaving way too young.

A Celebration of Amber's Life is planned for Tuesday, July 30 at 11 a.m. at Southeast Christian Church, 960 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. Come and worship.

In lieu of gifts and flowers, the family urge friends to consider a donation in her name to one of the following, which were passions of Amber's.

Feed My Starving Children

<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Fmsc> (link for online donations)

Operation Christmas Child

<https://www.facebook.com/OCCshoeboxes/>

Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation

<https://www.myotonic.org/what-dm/faqs> (link for online donations).

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“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliot, Through Gates of Splendor.

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Arrangements through Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Amber's friendly over the fence greetings and conversation, and her chatter with Micah and Mira. I will always remember her and her mom welcoming our son into their daycare as needed. She will be missed! Blessed be her memory! Lori Roger



Lori Roger - July 24, 2019 at 09:20 PM

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There are simply no words to express our sympathy for your loss. May God grant you all peace and comfort.

Bill and Tess Balster - July 26, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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Amber was the first member of the Stanley family I remember meeting, at Pine Have when we were both middle school students. I remember her singing Amy Grant songs at camp just as fondly as I remember her warm greeting every time I returned home to visit our SECC family since then.

My heart goes out to the Stanley family, may you experience God's presence in powerful and surprising ways.

Praise God for the hope we have in the resurrection.

Nathan Hawkins - July 26, 2019 at 07:36 PM

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Such happy memories of teaching Children's Sunday School at SE Christian Church. Amber loved to sing along and was a joyful little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, her hair pulled up in a bow. Our deepest sympathy to the Stanley family and holding you in our thoughts and prayers. Tim & Anita Yund

Anita Yund - July 29, 2019 at 01:09 PM