



Jessica Thompson

January 26, 2011

Thompson, Jessica Claire Age 32, beloved daughter of William F. and Barbara Stanley Thompson. Preceded in death by her father; aunts, Phyllis Holter, Nancy K. Stanley, Shirley Stanley; and uncle, Bud Holter. Survived by her mother; brother, Christopher Thompson; nephews, Joshua and Banyan Thompson and their mother Jill Frink; "co-aunt" Leigh Ann Frink; aunt Marjie Brace, uncles, Jim and Jack Stanley; and many cousins and loving friends. Died in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, January 21, 2011. Copy editor at the Cambodia Daily. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Hazelden Foundation, PO Box 11, Center City, MN 55012; Hazelden.org/ Donate. Memorial service 2 PM, Saturday, January 29, with visitation 1 hour prior all at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy. 100

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *They say time heals all wounds, but right now it doesn't feel that way.*

~

Sara,

Minneapolis

Sara - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I cannot imagine how hard it must be for those of you who had the great fortune of being able to spend a lot of time with Jess. I knew her for a relatively short period of time, when she was with my son Charlie, and I think of her VERY often still. Charlie's grief is palpable as seems to be everyone's. Her beautiful soul touches us all everyday, but to express the depth of our feelings for her seems almost impossible. I think it's a great idea to try though! Bless you all.

~

Pam,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Pam - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Dearest Jessica, I don't keep photos on my wall, really, but yours is one of three there, so I can see you every day. Love always, Wendy

~

Wendy Miller,

Lexington, Kentucky

Wendy Miller - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ hey jess,i've been holding off on adding to this, because—i don't know why. it seems hard to have to put something down in a book dedicated solely to your memory. for me, you aren't a memory, you are a full, strong, everlasting part of me and i am having a hard time thinking of you as gone, even now. i decided to just take the plunge and write just a speck about how much i love and miss you. hopefully i'll be able to add several more entries that might actually come close to approximating what you mean to me, but i know that it's impossible to adequately put it into words. i think about you daily. i hear your voice everywhere, especially your laugh and your hilarious comments. i've talked to some others who knew you well about the "jess standard" and we're all frustrated that we'll never know anyone else who will ever come close to living up to it. your way of seeing the world, your wit, the way you made me (and no doubt others) feel so good, so loved—it's not replicable. there's so much i want to tell you. i guess i'll keep trying for the rest of my life. i love, love, love you. you're my best friend. it's hard without you.

~

Shira Kantor,

Brooklyn, New York

Shira Kantor - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Jessica, I can't believe it has been two months ago today that we lost you. I wish there was some way that we could have prevented this tragic accident. You were so far away, and we had no idea what was going on over there. Such a gifted, fun loving person, with so much to live for, and so much to give. The cabin up north will not be the same without you, but we will try to carry on in your memory. You will remain in our memory as the beautiful, spirited person we know.

~

Molly O'Dea,

Stillwater, Minnesota

Molly O'Dea - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Jessica, missing you even more than ever these last couple days. I know you could come up with something really funny to say- probably about that last sentence even, but I've got nothing. I'm glad we got to drive to the airport and talk by ourselves for that last hour I saw you. We're starting seeds now, and thinking of you...I miss you so much little sister.

~

Christopher Thompson,

Plainfield, Vermont

Christopher Thompson - March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Thinking about you right now, Jess. Wanted to come back and read how much you touched others as some comfort.

~

Lance Vien,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Lance Vien - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *She was my copy chief. Always fair and thorough. I send prayers and love to the family.* ”

~

Ashley T,

Providence, Rhode Island

Ashley T - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I never actually met Jessica--she was my copy chief at Demand Studios, and I've only been working there since July. She reviewed my work twice, and I found her comments to be fair and constructive. She made me a better editor.

~

Bryna Fischer,

Westlake Village, California

Bryna Fischer - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sending love to the Thompson family each day. We are so sorry to lose you Jessica.

~

sarah belanger,

vancouver, British Columbia

sarah belanger - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ I always looked up to Jessi from when I was 12 years old, to just a few months ago when I saw her and she was talking about her upcoming Cambodia trip. She was a good friend of my sister's. My heart goes out to her family in this incredibly difficult time. This world lost a beautiful soul, but I know she has moved on to a more beautiful place. Rest in Peace Jessi.

~

Ilona Lazar,

Minnesota

Ilona Lazar - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

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Trevor K.,

Memphis, Tennessee

Trevor K. - January 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My thoughts are with your family. You affected so many people in such a positive way, and I always admired your intellect and openness.*

~

Monica LaBelle,

Chicago, Illinois

Monica LaBelle - January 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I barely knew Jessica, but I always remember looking up to her as a paragon of "effortless cool" in high school. So many people will miss her, and my heart goes out to everyone who loves her and is grieving.

~

Nina Humphrey Jonson,

Robbinsdale, Minnesota

Nina Humphrey Jonson - January 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ You are one of the greatest people I have ever known. You brightened the best times of my life, and I thank you.

~

R. Trego,

SLP, Minnesota

R. Trego - January 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“Happy travels little sis. You are everywhere now.”

~

Jill Frink Thompson,

Cabot, Vermont

Jill Frink Thompson - January 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ You met my wife for two sentences...and made her laugh for one.
Top notch. Top notch indeed.

~

an old friend,

mpls, Minnesota

an old friend - January 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Much love to 'Little Green Apples' and the rest of Jessica's family. Jewa*

~

Jewa Lea,

Maryland

Jewa Lea - January 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“*Jessie, I know what a loyal, loving friend you were to my daughter and how lucky she was to have shared that friendship with you for so many years. You will be deeply missed by those you've touched with your kind heart. I remember your strong spirit of adventure for life way back to the days in Jr. High when you and Gina met. I also remember disappointments you two shared....like the time you two decided to try out for the SLP Girls Softball Team and got cut. We had a long talk afterwards about the many talents that were ahead for you two. You followed your dreams and became a talented young journalist. We were so proud of you! We will love and miss you always Jessie.*

~

Jennifer Lazar,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jennifer Lazar - January 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Re-reading a letter you sent me from India in 2008, I find your words strangely prophetic and yet — somehow — comforting. You wrote: "Dear Gina, I got your email about tearing up at the [Indian art] exhibit and wanted to say thanks. Not that I want to make my friends cry, but it is nice to know that I am missed. I get afraid sometimes that everyone will forget me in my absence. I imagine myself presenting everyone with identification and saying, 'Yes, but I can prove it to you!' and you guys saying, 'Nope, not ringing a bell, sorry . . . ' Then I realize that a) I am insane and b) my friends aren't suffering from Alzheimer's." Well Jess, we're not suffering from Alzheimer's *yet,* but if you could have waited around a few more decades, a few of us might be. Now, we'll grow old without you. If I had known I would never see you again after our brunch last October, I would have hugged you a lot more (and a heckuva lot harder). I miss you. My heart has been shattered, and the jagged edges are tearing me up inside. I know that everyone who loved you feels the same, and that brings some comfort. Jess, I hope you'll give me a sign that you're at peace. I love you so, so much. -Gina Lazar

Contact Me

January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I don't want to talk about you in the past tense, Jessi. I'll miss your agile speech, your gorgeous handwriting, and your beautiful face. Your skin always glowed; I never understood how it could do that, even at Big V's or Lyle's. I'll miss your intimidating stare, sensitive heart, and discerning aesthetic eye. The loss of your talent and charm to the world is a tragedy. I will never, ever forget you. With love, Sara

~

Sara Jane Cannon,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sara Jane Cannon - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ Words cannot describe the tremendous sadness I feel, but I find comfort in remembering the laughter Jessi shared with so many. I look forward to crossing paths with her in the next life, experiencing her wit and charm, her laugh and huge smile, her beauty and warmth. She will be forever present in our hearts and minds. I will forever think of you when Wayne's World is on or I hear the Beastie Boys. Thank you for being you.

~

Anika Youcha,

Jackson, Wyoming

Contact Me

Anika Youcha - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I feel profound loss and grief over Jessi's loss and will always treasure my memories of her. My deepest condolences to her family.

~

Chris Danecek,

Boston, Massachusetts

Contact Me

Chris Danecek - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *There are no words to describe what a loss this is. Jessi combined authenticity with fierce loyalty, wisdom, and wit. The world is less without Jessica Thompson.*

~

Naomi Garfinkel,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Naomi Garfinkel - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Jess, you were an inspiration to so many of us. You chased your dreams with so much courage and tenacity. I know what you strived to do in your life was not easy, but you found a way to do it with grace and humor. It's been too long since I've seen you, but I love you and will always remember you and look up to you.*

~

Sarah McKenzie,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sarah McKenzie - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ remembering our last conversation and planning on having lunch when I arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. You have done so many positive things for my people of Cambodia. You have such a kind and spirited heart. You will dearly be missed and never forgotten. The good spirit & ancestors of Cambodia will enlighten your spirit of the after life...

~

Hing Barbee,

Malibu, California

Hing Barbee - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm smiling through tears remembering Jessica, still a college student, saying to me: "My brother is your brother-in-law and your sister is my sister-in-law, so what does that make us?" "We're co-aunts!" I replied. It's an honor I will always cherish.

~

Leigh Ann Frink,

Raleigh, North Carolina

Leigh Ann Frink - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You gave me a Card and a gift after my mother past away and I still have them both. You were my girlfriend 2 weeks later and I will never forget the time we spent together. We all love you Jessi and will always remember the great times we had with you.

~

Darrel Schoon,

Minnesota

Darrel Schoon - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *My deepest sympathy to Jessi's family and friends.*

~

Andrea Radde,

Minnesota

Andrea Radde - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *An incredible smile. I only have a select few memories, but that smile is and will always be one of them.*

~

Linda Shelley,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Linda Shelley - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Jess, I'll never forget dancing the polka with you in gym class or cracking jokes during biology. The world is full of people whose lives you brightened; I'm proud to be one of them.*

~

Jeremy Wahlman-Krogh,

Boston, Massachusetts

Jeremy Wahlman-Krogh - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Jess' family at this time. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

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Maija Freivalds,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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JP

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Joe Price,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Joe Price - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Our fondest memories start about 25 years ago when we met Jessica, her brother Chris and her parents Barbara and Bill on the north shore of Little Pelican in Breezy Point, MN around 1984. Our girls spent days on rafts, laughing and giggling, knocking each other off. Evenings were spent playing cards, eating popcorn or eating her mom's homemade ice cream.

~

Molly and Bob O'Dea,

Stillwater, Minnesota

Molly and Bob O'Dea - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ ~

Andrew Carlson,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Andrew Carlson - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *My sadness, thoughts, and condolences are with Jessi's family.*

~

Jonathan Johnson,

Minnesota

Jonathan Johnson - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Rest in peace Jessi! My thoughts and prayers to your family for their incredible loss.*

~

Marcia Minh,

Kailua, Hawaii

Marcia Minh - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *My deepest condolences go out to Jessi's family. It has been quite some time, but I can only think of the word KIND when I hear Jessi's name. My thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.*

~

Katie Henn,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Katie Henn - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *My deepest sympathy to Jess' family and friends. She was a delightful young woman and will be missed terribly.*

~

Pam Kono` ,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Pam Kono` - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I am remembering the time that you came with us to the Parkettes audition. You thought it was the most trivial thing, and it was, but you still supported us. At the same time, you absolutely refused to try out yourself. That's how I define you: So fiercely loyal to your friends no matter what yet very independent and unwilling to compromise your own beliefs. You're one of a handful of strong women with a spirit of adventure that I have always admired. I'm glad you followed your dreams and I'm proud of you, Jessi.

~

Carly Kenyon,

Otsego, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carly Kenyon - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ ~

Shannan Robb,

Minnesota

Shannan Robb - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sorrow goes out to all family and loved ones of Jess. -
Charlie kono sr. Middleton, Wi*

January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *The world will be less without you Jess. RIP.Katy*

~

Kathryn MacLean,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Kathryn MacLean - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Had many a good time with you back in the day. I wish I could say there would be more but life has a tendency of messing with people more than Newmie! I know you would get that reference and laugh about it. R.I.P. Jess. I still say the first half of "Physical Graffiti" is better too. \m/

~

Tony Davis,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Tony Davis - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ We love and miss you lots, Jess. Here's one last "ab" for you. Rest in peace.

~

Lance Vien,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lance Vien - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peace to the family and friends of Jessica claire Thompson.*

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