



Natasha Waalen

September 24, 2008

Waaalen, Natasha Leigh Age 28, of Anoka, died September 19, 2008. Tasha was a wonderful mother, daughter, sister & friend who will be dearly missed. Survived by daughter, Savannah; father, Jeff; mother, Cyndi; brother, Travis; sister, Tera Gilmore and husband B.J.; nephew, Greyson Gilmore; and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial Service 3 PM Sunday, Sept. 28 at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Dr., Mounds View. Friends may gather 1 hour prior to service at church and 2-5 PM Saturday, Sept. 27 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., 763-767-1000. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Savannah's Education fund, please call 952-475-4515 or mail Stifel-Nicolaus, 701 East Lake St., Wayzata, MN 55391.

Tribute Wall



“ We'll never forget you Tasha, love EM

~

emily,

andover

Contact Me

emily - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ 3 years ago you were taken from all of us and there is not a day that we all don't miss you and think of you !

~

Denise Jellis,

Blaine, Minnesota

Denise Jellis - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Here again, Just wanted you to know we think about you every day. I often find myself looking back on things like this and reading these posts from all the people who care about you so much. We love you Tasha.

~

Jonah Waalen,

St. Francis, Minnesota

Jonah Waalen - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *where are you now lovshley*

~

faith courneya,

anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

faith courneya - January 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Happy Birthday Tasha, I know I am a bit early. About 50 minutes :) I still think about you every day and am so thankful that last summer happened to be full of so many family gatherings that have left me with great memories. One in particular is last summer on the boat for my bridal shower..all of us laughing so hard as our drinks splashed around in the wake. Hahah. I can picture you so clearly laughing, wearing my white swimsuit that didn't quite fit right. :) Know that you are loved by so many...I miss you now, and forever..Love you, Aleshia*

November 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My heart aches for what has been done to you and your family. I remember you from Florida trips...you were such a sweet person..you and your family will be in my prayers.*

~

Jamie Fearing(Peterson),

Paynesville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jamie Fearing(Peterson) - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ ~

faith courneya,

anoka, Minnesota

faith courneya - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *There isnt a day that goes by that so many are thinking about you. It has been a hard year. You are so loved and no onw can ever replace that.*

October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ It has almost been a year. It is still not o.k.,it will never be alright.Tasha was such a beautifull person. I think of all of you (her family) mom, dad, brother, sister and baby so often and pray for God's mercy to keep you. Tasha will never be forgot.Peace and comfort to each of you.

~

sharon mckeever,

circle pines, Minnesota

sharon mckeever - August 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Tasha, Everyone knows my hearts misses them, there is a part missing from me now but carry on with your life and dont look back....*

~

Lilly Tilly,

Birmingham, Texas

Lilly Tilly - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998-2009 <http://www.ruthann1.com>

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lulu chew,

america, Hawaii

lulu chew - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *hiya peeps*

~

lilly tilly,

texas, Texas

lilly tilly - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Tasha, My heart aches for you and your family everyday! You were so a special person and will forever be in my heart and prayers.*

January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tasha, There isn't a day that goes by that our hearts are aching for you. Wish we had the power to turn back time and change everything. Love you and miss you deeply.*

January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tasha, Missing you so much and thinking of you and your family everyday! If we would have known, maybe things could of been different. You will always been in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Sweetheart!*

January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Natasha, Everyday you are deeply missed. The love that you had for life is still living in your beautiful daughter. Your family and friends will keep your memories close to there hearts.*

December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Tasha, Just wanted to say Merry Christmas Sweetheart and missing you very much!*

December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Natasha, Thinking of you and missing you today on Thanksgiving.*

November 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the Waalen family, I am very saddened by yours & everyones loss. Tasha was one of the sweetest and most kind person I'll ever know. I offer my condolences & sympathies.

~

scott morgan,

maple grove, Minnesota

scott morgan - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tasha, Miss and Love You so much! Can't get you off my mind. You will forever be in my heart as well as your family. God Bless You All!

November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Sending regards from SwedenCarina Sandman*

~

Carina Sandman,

Stockholm

Carina Sandman - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ I am missing Tasha sooo much and I am so grateful to be a big part of Savannah's life. Our daughters are best friends just like Tash and I. Marley (my daughter) tells me every morning on our way to daycare that Tasha is happy and in heaven with several other people that we know. I have known Tash since the 6th grade she is a beautiful person and has so many great qualities that will live through her daughter! My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends. I will continue to keep our girls friendship strong so that they can endure all that Tasha and I had. Love You all.

~

Alissa Prochniak (Anderson),

Anoka, Minnesota

Alissa Prochniak (Anderson) - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Dear Waalen Family, It was my sixth grade year, and the boundaries of the school district had changed. I had the pleasure of attending Andover Elementary for one year. I was in this incredibly advanced math class where I did not belong, and the brightest mind and most beautiful light was the only thing that brought me comfort throughout that class. That mind and light was Natasha. I was new to the school and she be-friended me. She also taught me how to ski on a field trip, and it was an inspiration that prompted me to race for my alpine ski team throughout high school. This taught me endless lessons about independence, commradery and wealth of spirit. I attribute Natasha as a large inspiration to these lessons. I remember Tasha as being magic incarnate. It was like she held every key of wisdom with grace. I would have loved it if we stayed in touch beyond sixth grade, but Northdale Middle School and Coon Rapids in contrast to Fred Moore and Anoka seemed a world away at that age. I did have the pleasure of bumping into her in Mexico Senior Year. Still a vibrant, unwavering light and a flower in rain. God bless each of you that mourn her. I pray your lives be restored with happiness and peace with her memory and the life she has given you through Savannah. She truly touched my life and will always be remembered.

~

Maren Marks (Anderson),

Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Maren Marks (Anderson) - October 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Waalens, I am so sorry for the loss of Tasha. I will pray that justice is served in the court of law as the days and months pass us by. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help out.*

~

Subi

October 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ *My husband and I both worked with Tasha at Tasty Pizza many years ago. We were so shocked and angered by hearing the news. She was such a beautiful person and we will always remember her that way. Who could forget her huge smile?!!Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and especially her little girl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

~

Ethan and Michelle (Gonshorowski) Nutter,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ethan and Michelle (Gonshorowski) Nutter - October 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tasha, Your are so dearly missed by everyone! There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you and your whole family. We all love you very much! And I promise I will remember you, your little Savannah, Your Mom & Dad, Tera, Travis, JoAnn, Greg, Terry, Dennis, Dianne, Cheri & Mark, Grandma Erickson and all your cousins & friends in my prayers! God Bless you Sweetheart!

October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Waalen Family, Tim and I were just acquaintances of Tasha through highschool, she was a couple years older then us, I know she was a wonderfull person just from meeting her a few times. The world will never be the same, but either will heaven. You all will be in our prayers and thoughts, especially her sweet daughter savannah.

~

Lacy Messer/Tim Koehler,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Lacy Messer/Tim Koehler - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Cindy, Tera, Jeff & Travis, I was friends with Tasha when we were about 8 years old. Tera was our favorite babysitter. I haven't seen Tasha in years, but to know someone as a child is to truly know their spirit. She was fearless, beautiful, competitive, strong, funny, energetic, charismatic, intelligent and free. I will always remember riding our bikes through the field by our house, and playing hide and seek in the woods at night. She brought out the fun, brave side in everyone she met. She will be sorely missed here on earth, but I'm sure that heaven hasn't been the same since she arrived.

~

Amanda Cvetich-Gorra,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

Contact Me

Amanda Cvetich-Gorra - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My thoughts are with you all but especially little Savannah. My heart is broken for her and her loss. I will pray for her daily....for all of you. I have grieved along with you through all of this. What a beautiful girl. What a senseless tragedy. I too have a daughter. I am so sorry. I cannot imagine your pain. God is with you and baby Savannah.*

~

Cheryl,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cheryl - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *The Waalen Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. My heart broke when I found out the news. Tasha and I became friends in 7th grade. Her, I, Kari, Alissa, and Kari were inseparable. We remained friends for a long time. She was just a magical person and no matter what she knew how to make you smile!! She will be missed by all!! As I sit here all I can think of are happy thoughts of her and all the trouble we used to get into when we were in high school!! She was an amazing person. I will miss you dearly Tasha.. R.I.P*

~

Michelle Entsminger,

South St Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michelle Entsminger - October 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I feel so drawn to this horrible story that I couldn't help but write and these things really do happen to some of the best people around. I wish I had known her I could use another friend like her and I am envious of all that knew her- I learned of this preventable story when my 13 yr. old was doing homework involving the newspaper and we did one on local news-and I am embarrassed to say have been a part of it ever since. I want to hold her poor girl so badly. Thank God for all of you who love her. What do you say to comfort a little one like her and try to be strong(this kills me) sorry for you all I hope I am not intruding M.Cummmings (Andover)

~

Michelle Cummings,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

michelle cummings - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ So sorry for the tragic lost. She sounds like a great person. Wish I had the opportunity to meet her. My thoughts are with the family.Lisa

~

Lisa Norwood,

Tacoma, Washington

Contact Me

Lisa Norwood - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I had not seen you in years but now think of you daily. I miss you and love you Tasha!

~

Amber,

Minnesota

Contact Me

Amber - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Dave, Cyndi and family, Please know that our hearts go out to you and that our thoughts are with you. We love you. Bruce and Cathie Wlaschin*

~

Cathie Wlaschin,

Danbury, Wisconsin

Cathie Wlaschin - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ cindi, tera, savannah and family,i can scarcely believe what has happened. words cannot sufficiently describe what you are going through. i am so sorry.i feel honored to have had the chance to see her just a couple of short weeks ago.you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

~

mona owen,

seattle, Washington

Contact Me

mona owen - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I remember Natasha from grade school and beyond, I'm very so sorry for your familys loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all*

~

Charles Hamers,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Charles Hamers - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jeff & Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories of Natasha bring you comfort as you grieve. She will live in your hearts forever. God bless you and little Savannah. If you need anything please let me know.

~

Mavis Walbridge,

Isanti, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mavis Walbridge - September 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Tera and family, My thoughts are with you and dear little Savannah left to pick up the pieces of such a tragedy in your lives. May strength and peace be with you as you go on keeping the memories and spirit of Tasha alive.*

~

Teresa (Holland) Brutger,

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Teresa (Holland) Brutger - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When I heard about what happened to Tasha, my heart broke. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and especially for Savannah. It's not fair that she has to live her life without the person that she loves the most. I didn't know Tasha very well, but from what I did know of her, I know that she was an amazing person. She will never be forgotten.

~

Jaclyn Witte,

Minnesota

Jaclyn Witte - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Tasha you will be so dearly missed. My heart goes out to your beautiful daughter Savannah and all your family. You will always have a special place in all our hearts.*

~

Missy Skoglund,

Waterville, Minnesota

Missy Skoglund - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“*Cyndi, Jeff and family, we were shocked and saddened to hear about your daughter. We have a daughter who is 28 also, and I can't imagine the unbearable pain you must be going through. She sounds like she was a wonderful person and enriched many lives. Our hearts and prayers go out to you.*

~

Ron and Gloria (Stenstrom) Pflager,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Ron and Gloria (Stenstrom) Pflager - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Annual Candlelight Vigil Honoring Victims of Domestic Violence in Northwest Hennepin County October 1, 2008 6:30pm-7:30pm Central Park Behind the Brooklyn Center Community Center 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway Sponsored by : The Domestic Violence Prevention Network of Northwest Hennepin County Members include Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council, Home Free, Project P.E.A.C.E., Northwest Hennepin Community College, Valley Community Church, League of Women Voters from Brooklyn Park, Osseo and Maple Grove, Brooklyn Center Police Department and other concerned citizens. Please call Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council at (763) 503-2520 for October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Old cell phones will be collected for Battered Women's programs. The NW Hennepin Clothesline Project will be on display inside the community center in memory of Victims of Domestic Violence.

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Annual Candlelight Vigil October 1 Please come and remember Tasha,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Annual Candlelight Vigil October 1 Please come and remember Tasha - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Waalen family~ Like a bird Singing in the rain Let grateful memories Survive in time of sorrow.Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers for your tragic loss.A grieving Andover resident*

~

C,

Minnesota

C - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Tasha's family, and precious little Savannah. The wonderful memories will last forever. We will miss you Tash.*

~

Angie Sullivan,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Angie Sullivan - September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Tasha, sweet girl, i will miss your beautiful face, your wisdom, cooking for you, and bumping into you around town when i least expected it! you have been such a part of my brother and because of that - part of me. i am devastated that we will no longer spend late nights together talking and laughing. may you rest in peace at last, and grace us with your presence in our lives, our hearts and our memories...jennifer*

~

jennifer duncan,

anoka, Minnesota

jennifer duncan - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I remember Tasha from school as being one of the sweetest and caring person that anyone could have known. She will foreverly be missed. My heart and prayers go out to all of you. God Bless

~

Alysa LaDuke,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Alysa LaDuke - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am so saddened by what happened.
My heart goes out to you all.*

Minnesota

September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Tasha, I will miss your smile I will miss the way you could brighten up a room with your brilliant eyes I will miss your mischief I will miss watching you raise Savannah I will miss your X-mass hugs I will miss you.. You will be on my mind every Christmas for the rest of my life* Uncle Mark

~

Mark Fitzgerald,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Mark Fitzgerald - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Even though Natasha's death has affected many of us in so many ways, it is not of the magnitude that her life so beautifully touched so many more. It is so sad to have the loss of such an amazing woman. We will continue to hold her family and her precious daughter in our prayers.

~

The Adams Family,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

The Adams Family - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ To all of Tasha's family and friends, my heart is sad. May God embrace you all and help you heal. She is a beautiful girl/woman. She spent many days at our house with Brianne and Ben Harty. Her vibrance will be remembered forever!

~

Deb Thompson,

Andover, Minnesota

Deb Thompson - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *The Waalen Family, My Heart and Prayers go out to to you, along with all of Tasha's friends. We will miss her. This is so tragic. My heart broke when I heard the news of Tasha's death. Tasha will always be close to my heart, always and forever. We Love you and will never forget you Tasha. I miss you. May you rest in peace. Love*

~

Jeremy King,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Jeremy King - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Waalen and Erickson Families. Our Angel is looking down on us all, Natasha may you rest in peace. The one's we love are never gone they live in our hearts forever. Emil, Judy & James Sutton Bullhead City, AZ

~

Emil, Judy Sutton,

Bullhead City, Arizona

Emil, Judy Sutton - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Natasha always had a smile and she was so outgoing and loved by everyone. She will always be remembered for the good times we all shared. So many memories through school and around the bon fires we all loved. She will be deeply missed. Our hearts go out to her family and all her friends.*

~

stefan paczkowski,

ramsey, Minnesota

stefan paczkowski - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I had the pleasure of reconnecting with Tasha after many years. I knew her when we were younger (at Shyan's birthday parties) and the past year I got to spend one evening a week with her at our daughter's dance classes. Savannah is such a ray of light... Just like her mom. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Tasha's family and friends at this time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

~

Melissa Juntunen,

St. Francis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa Juntunen - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Tasha you will be missed by so many people. The number of people you touched with your kindness could fill a stadium. My heart goes out to the family...especially savannah. R.I.P.

~

Chad Avery,

Anoka, Minnesota

Chad Avery - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Tasha was a great person, full of life and truly one of god's beautiful angels. She was so down to earth and was friends with everyone. Her spark will live on through her daughter. I hope those of us who knew Tasha will share their stories so that her daughter will truly understand how wonderful of a person she was. My heart goes out to her friends and family. May they find peace.*

~

Dayle Corbitt,

Buffalo, Minnesota

Dayle Corbitt - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss our hearts go out to everyone who is affeted by her death especially the family we will always be here for you - lov matt and jess

~

matt & jessie bjergo,

andover, Minnesota

matt & jessie bjergo - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *To Tasha's Friends and Family: I did not know Tasha, but as a mother of two young children, my heart aches for Savannah. My prayers are with you and have been since I learned of your tragic story through a coworker that knows family members. I am truly sorry for your loss.*

~

Jen Chappuie,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jen Chappuie - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Tasha in middle and high school. This is a loss to the whole town. I'm so sad for your family. Prayers are with all of you.

Minnesota

September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Cindy and Family/It was heartbreaking to hear of Tasha. Your children are beautiful, and always full of Life and sparkle. I have seen Tasha through out the years in passing always smiling and happy. Tasha deserved so much better in Life, and I never can understand such a Life being taken away like this. I can not imagine your pain nor heart ache. Please take care of yourself, and know that are thoughts and prayers are with you, and family through this very difficult time.*

~

Ginny Larson&Family,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ginny Larson&Family - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Very saddened to hear about Natasha. My deepest sympathy's to her family.*

~

Alison Stritesky,

Fairfield, Australia

Alison Stritesky - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *I was friends with Tasha in elementary school...that was a long time ago...but I am still crying right now. You are missed.*

~

Chelsea Korba,

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Chelsea Korba - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Tera, I am so sorry about the loss of your sister. I cannot imagine your grief. Please know you and your family are in my prayers.

~

Kristen Bedard,

Andover, Minnesota

Kristen Bedard - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Tasha, This is so heartbreaking, I cannot believe it. I saw you just a few months ago at the salon while doing Travis' hair. You and Travis were the best of friends to my sister and I growing up in Ham Lake, I can't believe this could happen to you! My prayers for your family. God Bless you, Kristie Anderson*

~

Kristie Anderson,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kristie Anderson - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Waalen Family, Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. The two of us worked with Tasha at Tanners, we will always remember her beautiful smile and gregarious laugh. She had a special gift to make all in her presence to feel comfortable and appreciated. We will miss her dearly.

~

Judy and Tierra,

Blaine, Minnesota

Judy and Tierra - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To the Waalen Family and friends of Tasha: I've known Tasha since junior high, she was one of the coolest girls I ever met, so down to earth and nice. My heart goes out to her family and her darling daughter, whose mommy's light will shine upon her forever. Love,
Katie

~

Katie Carlson,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Katie Carlson - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *i am so deeply sorry for your tragic loss i can only hope knowing that so many having you all in their thoughts and prayers can give you some comfort and pray for your continuing strength with Gods help in all the hard days to come*

~

diane patten,

fridley, Minnesota

Contact Me

diane patten - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Jeff, Cindi, Tera, Travis and Savannah, Our prays and thoughts are with you. We can not begin to understand your loss, but now she is safe in God's hands. Curt, Mabel, Barb and Nikki Waalen

~

Barb Waalen,

Amery, Wisconsin

Barb Waalen - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tasha and I were very good friends so many years ago, although, it feels like yesterday. She was a person you would never forget and I always considered her as my friend. To be taken away so young is just not fair. Your entire family will be in our hearts and prayers. God Bless you all in your time of loss.* ”

~

Christina & Eric Blaiser (Hinrichs),

Minnesota

Contact Me

Christina & Eric Blaiser (Hinrichs) - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ As I read through the pages of this Guest book, I see that everyone remembers you as I do. Beautiful bright blue eyes and a smile thats neverending, each and everyday. Though it has been awile since we hung out together It does not make me miss you any less. My heart goes out to your Family and Daughter, but I know that by the way your parents raised you to be such a good person, your daughter could only turn out better. God Bless, Love you!

~

Dawn Johnson,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dawn Johnson - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I cannot begin to find the words that will help to heal your hearts. It is a tragedy that your lives have been forever changed. My deepest sympathy and condolences go to your family at this time. May you take comfort in your love and memories of Tasha and may Savannah's smile continue to bring you more of Tasha in your life.- Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. ~Author Unknown

~

Carli Reyelts,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carli Reyelts - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Tera & Waalen Family Although it's today to see beyond the sorrow may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. Tara Barrett, Blaine*

~

Tara Barrett,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tara Barrett - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *Tasha you were a wonderful person, always made me smile. May you rest in peace.*

~

Misty Zimmerman,

Anoka, Minnesota

Misty Zimmerman - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *The Waalen Family - Our Hearts and Prayers go out to your family through this difficult time.*

~

Dave, Katie & Gerad Hanle,

Becker, Minnesota

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Dave, Katie & Gerad Hanle - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Tasha, Although it's been many years since we've seen each other, my memories of our childhood together are still quite vivid. I remember going to each others' birthday parties. I remember riding to Girlscouts together and always sitting by you as we sang Brownie songs. I remember all the fun we had making "dirt meatballs" in my backyard. Our first day of kindergarten is what stands out in my mind the most as we stood with our moms waiting for the school bus. You jumped right on the bus while I stood back and cried. When we got to school, I remember how you sat next to me on the big colorful carpet in a room full of strangers. I also remember wandering around "the circle" with you back when Vermillion Circle seemed SO big. I still remember the last day we played together before you moved away. It was one of the first heartbreaks I faced in my young life. You will always be my friend Tasha, and though we've lost touch over the years, I have never forgotten you and never will. I hope all of the memories your family and friends have of you serve as a reminder that memories NEVER go away and they will always bring you back to our hearts and minds. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and especially Savannah. Your Vermillion Circle Buddy,

~

Julie (Anderson) Gustafson,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Julie (Anderson) Gustafson - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. When I first heard of the story my first thought was, "I hope that isn't Tera's little sister." What a tragic loss for your family. Reading through all of these entries I can see how truly loved and special Natasha is. What a beautiful person, inside and out. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers, especially her beautiful daughter. God bless.

~

Kimarr Lee,

Elk River, Minnesota

Kimarr Lee - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Cindy, Jeff, Tera and Travis: We want to offer you all our deepest sympathies in your time of grief. Tasha was a beautiful and independent woman who had so much to live for. Her death is untimely and unfair, but we will remember Tasha for all of the wonderful things she offered to so many people. May all of your dreams for Tasha now live on in her daughter; and feel proud to have given all of us the opportunity to meet such a beautiful soul. We pray that you are surrounded by friends and family to help you through this difficult time. May your angel always remain close to your heart, as she will in ours. Sending you our love...*

~

Robbie & Renee (Rheault) Dickenson and Family,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Robbie & Renee (Rheault) Dickenson and Family - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *I'm Heidi's friend. I'm so sorry to hear about your lost. My heart goes out to the rest of your family.* ”

~

Donna Nguyen,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Donna Nguyen - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To the Waalen Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all....may God Bless you during this time.

~

Rauchelle Meschke (Formerly Nielsen),

Algona, Iowa

Rauchelle Meschke (Formerly Nielsen) - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *This is so very sad. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Rest in peace Tasha.*

~

Jen Wait,

ANOKA, Minnesota

Jen Wait - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Natasha will always be the picture of a true beautiful woman. She gave so much to those who were lucky enough to meet her. I will always be proud to say I was one of those lucky ones.*

~

Denise Jellis,

Blaine, Minnesota

Denise Jellis - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Tasha, You were always such a sweet, nice girl with the biggest smile on your face. I will miss seeing you with that great smile and sunny disposition. It seems impossible that the last time I saw you was at “gramps” memorial service only six weeks ago. I know you are happy and safe with gramps, your grandma and with Jesus. You will be greatly missed. Your step-grandma Myrt

~

Myrt Waalen,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Myrt Waalen - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will pray that you feel the embrace and comfort of Jesus through this terrible time and for love and comfort for Savannah and your family. May God bless your baby girl, Tasha.

Rogers, Minnesota

September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

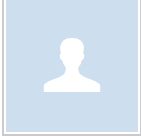
“ *Tash was one of the most beautiful people I knew, inside and out. She loved kids and always had some really helpful tips. My heart breaks for the entire family. Savannah has a very special angel with her! You will be deeply missed.*

~

Angie and Ryan Weber,

St Paul, Minnesota

Angie and Ryan Weber - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We haven't met Tasha, but a close friend of ours was friends with her. She seemed like such wonderful mother, daughter, sister, friend. We are so very sorry for your loss and we are praying for everyone that she touched. You have a beautiful angel looking after you. The Turners

Ramsey

September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ I did not know your daughter, but she has weighed heavy on my mind as I live in the community. Being a father of three grown daughters my heart goes out to your family. I will continue to keep Tasha and her daughter and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May God help you and give you strength.

~

kenneth yellen,

COON RAPIDS, Minnesota

Contact Me

kenneth yellen - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the Waalen family -We may have never met, but decided to cut the lilac bushes back. Our new friends on the other side were Tasha and Sabannah (as my son Samuel would say). Tasha was good to my children also. She would do crafts with them when they came to play and my daughter Sophia loved to visit Tasha to be with her in her garden. Tasha was so generous with herself to the kids. What a Mom. My children would love to play with Savannah again to love on her. The neighborhood has been so saddened by this tragedy. Praying that the Holy Spirit will comfort you all deep within to carry you through this very sad time. Our most heartfelt condolences go out to the Waalen family and friends. Blaine, Cindy, Sophia and Samuel Martinson

~

Cindy Martinson,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Martinson - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Tasha, I have just gotten home and I can't believe you are gone. My heart is broken. It was just a few short weeks ago that we were laughing at Gramma's house about all of the wonderful things you taught me when we were young (you younger than I) You know what I am talking about...:-) And about our daughters, how lucky we are to have them. I so clearly remember you telling me that my daughter looked like me. I said she really looks more like her daddy and you said "she has your eyes and that is how you know". Well Tasha, Savannah has your eyes...and that is how I know. She is simply amazing...how could she be anything less, you set a pretty high standard...I hope you realize how beautiful you are, how you touched the very soul of everyone you met. You know we all have a special place in our hearts that you hold....I mean it, all of us. You have a spirit, an energy about you that demands attention... from your sparkling bright big blue eyes and your giant smile to your truly mischevious laugh that is contagious. Tash, it will never be the same without you. Please know how much you are loved and will be missed. We will all look out for Savannah and love her in the way that only a Mother can. I know you lived your life for that little girl and please know that your family will do their best to help her grow up just like you would have wanted her to and she will know, always, about you...what a wonderful mother, sister, daughter and cousin and friend you were. And how much you loved her. I love you tasha and I hope you finally find peace. You will be in my thoughts every singe day of the rest of my life....

~

Aleshia Fitzgerald,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Contact Me

Aleshia Fitzgerald - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I have many so many great memories with Tasha. I always enjoyed her company. She knew how to light up a room. My sympathy goes out to her family. She will be missed. We Love you Tasha!

~

Ross Lumley,

Mpls, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ross Lumley - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathies for all of Tasha's family and friends. Rest in peace Tasha, I regret not getting to know you better, despite many opportunities. It is clear on these pages you have touched many lives far and wide. Your family must be very proud.

~

Derek Sitz,

Anoka, Minnesota

Derek Sitz - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Tasha is my cousin, I had the privilege of being in her family and knowing her throughout her life. She was a wonderful person, and she will be missed dearly. I pray that all of us will find peace through our faith and trust in Jesus. Tasha has a special place in Heaven now. Until we meet again, I love you Tasha.*

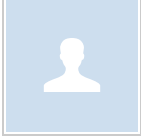
~

April Fiebranz,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

April Fiebranz - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.* ”

Coon Rapids

September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ It is absolutely amazing to read all of the entries from the endless number of people Tasha has touched in some way or another. Tasha was intriguing and beautiful and everyone wanted to know her and be her friend. Whenever we spent time together I always felt as though maybe some of her confidence and energy would rub off on me just by being around her. She was so funny, quirky, and definitely unforgettable.

~

Shannon Wagner (Pies),

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Shannon Wagner (Pies) - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *TashTroy and I miss you dearly. You and your perfect smile havent left our minds. Knowing you are in a safer place brings comfort. You are forever in our thoughts and prayers.~Troy and Ash Petermeier!*

~

Ashley,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ashley - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am so sorry for the tragic loss of your beautiful Tasha. She will be greatly missed by so many. I have some beautiful pictures of Tasha from 5 days before her passing, I will post them in this guest book. Our greatest sympathies.

~

Jason & Randi Nerlien,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jason & Randi Nerlien - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My deepest sympathies to Tasha's family and her daughter Savannah. I met Tasha through my cousin Alissa and have many memories with Tasha. (I called her Tashie) I hadn't seen her in awhile but the last time I did see her I can still picture her with her huge smile and her contagious laugh. I will never forget her. I am truly blessed to have had the chance to know her. I will miss her very much. God Bless all of you.

~

Tracey Berglund-Brooks,

Elk river, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tracey Berglund-Brooks - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's friends, family, and daughter Savannah. Nick and Felicia Loney & Family*

~

Felicia Loney,

St Francis, Minnesota

Felicia Loney - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Jeff and Cyndi, Mere words simply cannot express the sympathy I feel for you over the loss of your beautiful daughter, Natasha. When I first saw her picture on the news, with those big beautiful eyes, I felt touched by a strange familiarity... it wasn't until later that I learned she was your daughter, and then I knew why she looked so familiar. Physically, she was the perfect blend of two wonderfully gorgeous kids that I went to Spring Lake Park High School with so many years ago. I hope your best and fondest memories will carry you through what I can only imagine must be the most horrible pain a parent could ever feel. I am so sorry for your loss.

~

Leslie Green Terrell,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Leslie Green Terrell - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Tasha or as my 4 year old Riley would say Josh because she couldn't say her T's for the longest time, Her smile was like a ray of sunshine. She had a natural and amazing ability with children, loving mother. My daughter Roo would say I want to go see Josh and Savannah and I would say you mean Tasha? She had a loving soul and we will miss living next door to her. My heart goes out to her family and my daughter would love to play with Savannah again. My deepest sympathy...I'm saddened by the loss of a loving woman that made this world sweeter.

~

Missie Hoskins,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Missie Hoskins - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ To the Waalen family;I don't know the family but when I first heard of the accident, my prayers went out to the family. I lost my 29 year old son last summer due to a motorcycle accident. I was following this story for a couple of days and was deeply saddened to hear of the outcome. I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter and sister. The road you will travel will be very hard. Keep your family and friends close for comfort. I pray God will wrap His arms around to ease some of the pain.

~

Jill Othoudt,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jill Othoudt - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Tash, I am having a hard time thinking about you not being here. Your soul was truly beautiful as were you. My life will never be the same, you have changed more lives than you could ever know. I will miss you. Morgan*

~

Morgan Drummond,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Morgan Drummond - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Tasha, This still seems so surreal. I went through a whole box of letters we used to write to each other when we were little - yes, I saved them after all these years. I cried and laughed and cried and laughed - things were so simple back then. I just wished we would have had time to go through them again together - they brought back so many crazy memories. You are going to be missed so much. I love you and still cannot believe this happened. Family functions are not going to be the same without your smiles."K"- Cousins Forever!! Hails

~

Hailey Wagamon,

Lindstrom, Minnesota

Contact Me

Hailey Wagamon - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *As gold more splendid from the fire appears, Thus friendship brightens by the length of years, Tasha, your shining light will never disappear. All the things I wish I could say, How your friendship never swayed, I wish you hadn't gone away, What I would do for just one more day, Just to have the chance to say, How much I love you. Rest in peace Tasha. May your family and friends find comfort in all of the wonderful memories we share. Your spirit will live on forever.*

~

Sara Emmerich,

Cedar, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sara Emmerich - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss of such a wonderful person.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's friends and family.*

~

Rebecca & Brandon Krone,

Orlando, Florida

Contact Me

Rebecca & Brandon Krone - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Dearest Waalen Family, The light of Natasha's spirit was so bright that it will never fade. She was a gift. Blessings to all of you.*

~

Rebeka Dwyer-Ndosi,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rebeka Dwyer-Ndosi - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I met Tasha while in grad school. We were training to become acupuncturists. She was an amazing young lady, so beautiful yet humble. She was the most beautiful tom-boy I ever met. She would hop out of her truck, hair pulled back in a pony tail with a baseball cap on and her huge smile on her face as she headed into class. Our graduation party was at my house and Tasha brought Savannah. I feel very lucky to have a picture of her and Savannah from this party. My prayers are with Tasha's family and her little girl. Tasha made a mark in this world. If you met her you would not forget. She will not be forgotten.

~

Colleen Angus,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Colleen Angus - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To the family of Savannah's mom, We had so much fun together at dance class every Monday! Natasha and I had many great conversations and so much fun watching our girls dance. We were room moms together for the girls' dance recital and had fun entertaining 15 little 3 and 4 year old girls for two hours during the recital! Savannah is so adorable and such a smart and funny little girl. I have vivid memories of her leaping and twirling in her fluffy pink tu-tu and brown printed tights. She is a gift from God! I am comforted only by the thought that Savannah will be in good hands with her family as she grows up. May she feel the love of her mommy through all of us. Savannah will be in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can help her in any way. Sincerely, Coral-Lyn, Mackenzie and Lexie

~

Coral-Lyn Wyman,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Coral-Lyn Wyman - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ My prayers go out to Tasha and her family. Tasha was a gem as well as a great person to be around. In her departure from agony rewards a life of angel; through this she can raise her daughter in gods eyes. Pure! You will be missed and loved by many.R.I.P.

~

Tim Anderson,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tim Anderson - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *We are so sorry and we will be praying for all of the families and friends grieving. Kevin and Julie Hank.*

~

Kevin and Julie Hank,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Kevin and Julie Hank - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Tasha was one of the sweetest people. She always had a smile on her face. Tasha you are in my prayers and will never be forgotten.*

~

Katie Butler,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Katie Butler - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So many tears are falling for you guys. Tasha was blessed with an amazing family-thank God that Savannah will know that love through all of you. Tommy told me last night that he was picturing Tasha in heaven- at peace and happy, watching over her daughter and all of her family. We are pouring out our love and prayers for all of you. We are so, so sorry.

~

Casey & Tom, Hayden & Annabelle Holland,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Casey & Tom, Hayden & Annabelle Holland - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Cindy, I am sorry about the loss of your precious daughter. I will be praying for you and your family. You are such a special lady and a loving and wonderful mother, may God give you strength now and help you each day. Your friend, Julie.

~

Julie Hank,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Julie Hank - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our son is only 8 years old and does not know the details, but only that we lost a friend and co-worker much too soon. He asked today why we are wearing the purple ribbons, and we told him "in memory of Tasha". He expressed how sad he was and that Tasha is now an angel who feels no pain, is in a better place and sleeps on clouds. It's kind of amazing how much comfort a child can bring. Love to you all.

~

Corey and Kelly Maggiolo,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Corey and Kelly Maggiolo - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the Waalen family-our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

~

Justin Day & Dave Day,

andover, Minnesota

Justin Day & Dave Day - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Walen family and Savannah: I am so sorry for the loss of Tasha. She always had a smile on her face whenever I saw her. She had this glow to her that's indescribable. Tasha was a good friend of my sister Kari growing up, she was like another big sister to me. She was loved by many and will forever be in all of our hearts. Her youthful soul will be carried through everyone she knew in her life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With Love,*

~

Jessica Hupp,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jessica Hupp - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“*Cyndi, my heart is saddened for you and your families loss. Tasha will be deeply missed by so many lives that she touched, just her presence was enough to make you smile when she walked into a room. You knew she was going to say something sweet about Savannah or something smart about vitamins or medicine. She had alot going on for her and she was a great mother and friend. Her spirit, her smile, her laughter will live on in Savannah and everyones memories. Love you Cyndi, if you need anyone, please call anytime!*

~

Staci Halverson,

otsego, Minnesota

Contact Me

Staci Halverson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *How sad and tragic.*

~

Daniel Cafourek,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Daniel Cafourek - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to all that loved Tasha. My heart aches and I am so sorry for your loss. May the light of the Holy Spirit shine down on you to give you strength and comfort.

~

Matt Smith,

Zimmerman, Minnesota

Contact Me

Matt Smith - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ To the Waalen Family, My heart goes out to all of you. I think of you all often as I try to focus on my many beautiful memories I have of Natasha. One of the greatest tragedies is that little Savannah won't have the opportunity to get to know her mom as we all did. As I was reading the many entries in this guest book, I was impressed by all the great stories that help describe what a wonderful person Tasha was. I thought it would be a nice idea to compile these stories into a book for Savannah. If you are interested in sharing a story, please contact me. I'm so sorry for your loss. Kristen (Kuntz) Robbins

~

Kristen Robbins,

Woodstock, Georgia

Contact Me

Kristen Robbins - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I only hungout with Tasha a handful of times, so I didn't know her very well. But well enough to know how great of a person she was. She always made sure to say hi to me whenever we crossed paths. And never without a smile on her face. Tasha, you will be missed by all who have been so lucky to have met you at one point or another in your life. We will see you again. Watch over us all with that gorgeous smile and free spirit of yours.

~

Lindsay Helfenstein,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lindsay Helfenstein - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ jeff,cyndi,trav,tera,we are deeply saddened by your loss, being your nieghbors for 19 plus years, we have watched tash grow up over the years and she always had a smile on her face when we would see her drive by or when she would take her little girl for a walk. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tasha, the world was a brighter place with you in it, may yours spirit live on in the many lives you have touched. God Bless. Don,Mary Nick, Brett Leverson

~

Don Leverson,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Don Levenson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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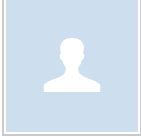
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so sorry.*

~

Kristina Juntunen (Kulkay),

Blaine, Minnesota

Kristina Juntunen (Kulkay) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Many, many people have been affected by this, and lives will never be the same. It's quite obvious she was loved by many. It breaks my heart to know that her family and friends won't be able to hug her, speak with her, laugh with her, and just feel better having been around her. Remember her ray of light, the memories, the happy times and that beautiful smile. The world has lost a very special person.*

~

My deepest sympathy

September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I am putting in another entry in hopes that someone on here might be able to get me in contact with Travis, Tasha's Brother. He and I were close in High School and have since parted. Due to the circumstances I would really like to be able to get a hold of him to share with him. If anyone could help I would appreciate it. May You Find the Peace that you deserve. R.I.P Tasha.

~

Barb Gettel,

Minneapolis

Contact Me

Barb Gettel - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ I am so sorry for everyone affected by Tasha's passing. Although I did not know Tasha very well, I do know that she was a wonderful person. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers especially Tasha's daughter, Savannah. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.....God bless.Amanda Smith (Carlson) fromAnoka High School

~

Amanda Smith (Carlson),

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Amanda Smith (Carlson) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our condolences are with you, cindy and your family's. We did not know Natasha, but we know she was a wonderful person, and this should have NEVER happened. Our thoughts and Prayers are with all of you. From your cousin, Marlene Erickson Stone

~

Jerry & Marlene Stone,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Jerry & Marlene Stone - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tera, and the Waalen family-We are so sorry to hear about your loss, you are in our thoughts...Ben and Beth Sullivan

September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Dear Natasha's family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Tasha... I remember seeing you at where I worked, and I always thought, wow she is so pretty. I will pray for you and your family.*

~

Natasha Wald,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Natasha Wald - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ jeff and cindi I am so sorry for your loss. so senseless for someone so young. I am sending you and yoiur family my sympathy and hope that all the prayers from everyone help you all through this. I also hope the best for her daughter. My prayers are with you all.

~

Deb Nalezny,

lino lakes, Minnesota

Deb Nalezny - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ We are deeply saddened by this devastating loss. We feel so blessed at having been able to spend time with Natasha just two weeks ago at the family gathering. We will never forget her bright beautiful smile. Denni & Judy.

~

Dennis Erickson,

Plymouth

Dennis Erickson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *It was deeply saddening To hear this unfortunate news. My Most heartfelt condolences go out to the waalen family And friends.*

~

Nathan Adler,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nathan Adler - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Waalen Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

~

Jean Roozen (formerly of Mpls MN),

Dallas, Texas

Jean Roozen (formerly of Mpls MN) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My heart goes out to the family who lost a wonderful person. I only met Tasha once through my boyfriend, so I didn't really know her, but loved her right away. I especially feel for her daughter and family. May God Bless you all and Tasha.

~

Katie Henry,

Rochester, Minnesota

Katie Henry - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Jeff, Cyndi, Tera, & Trav -Words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for the loss of Tasha. She was a wonderful person & a great friend. I am so grateful that she was such a big part of my life. She was loved by many & will be dearly missed. May her beautiful daughter Savannah carry on her spirit. My thoughts & prayers are with you all throughout this terrible tragedy. Rest in peace, Tash. You will live forever in my heart.

~

Kari Mevissen (Hupp),

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kari Mevissen (Hupp) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I don't know your family, but heard about the tragic death of Natasha. My prayers are with your family during this most difficult time.*

September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Natasha's spirit will glow forever in the hearts of every person that ever met her, knows her and loves her. My heart aches for such a tragic loss. I am so sorry for your loss.*

~

Stacy Nelson,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Stacy Nelson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Dear Waalen Family, I am so saddened by all of this. My heart goes out to you. My heart is touched as I read all of these wonderful messages for Tasha. I didn't know her personally but I knew of her (from school), we shared friends and I work with Tasha's uncle Terry on a regular basis. I am so sorry for Tasha's mom and dad for losing their beautiful daughter, so sorry for Tasha's beautiful daughter losing the one person that means most to her and especially for Tasha, who's life was taken from her in such a wrongful way. I hope you all lean on each other during this difficult time and find peace in knowing that she is in safe hands now. With my deepest sympathy, Katy

~

Katy P.,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Katy P. - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful tribute to such a beautiful young woman, taken from so many in the prime of her life. May her smile and all the memories she gave you all carry you through the days ahead. To her sweet Savanna, your mommy has not left you, she is just waiting in a different place to hold and see you again. May you always be reminded of your mother's love for you.*

September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for Tasha and her entire family. We are thinking of all of you and wish you strength in every coming day.*

~

Julie & Rick Davis, Yvonne, Lily, Paige, Rylie and Angela,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Julie & Rick Davis, Yvonne, Lily, Paige, Rylie and Angela - September 24, 2008
at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Waalen family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this overwhelming time of grief. My heart goes out to you at this time and in the days ahead. Cherish the wonderful memories.*

~

Mary Schutta,

Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

Mary Schutta - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Waalen Family.*

~

Dave, Katie and Gerad Hanle,

Becker, Minnesota

Dave, Katie and Gerad Hanle - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dearest Cyndi and Family, I've only had the pleasure of meeting you and Natasha a few short months ago at Achieve. She certainly was a shining soul and I am deeply sorry for your loss of her. I know that God knows your overwhelming pain and sadness. He understands your anguish and knows the number of your tears. Jesus weeps with you, as do all those who know and love you and Natasha. When the sacred are taken, God holds you in his own hand. His holy spirit is your comforter. Trust in his unfailing Love, he will be your peace and give you rest for your souls (Matt 26:38), he will hide you in the shadow of his wings (Psalm 17:8). He is close to the brokenhearted and he saves those who are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18). He will bind up your wounds. Be still and know that he is God (Psalm 46:10) I am so so sorry. I will pray for you always For Sweet Savannah For he commands his Angels concerning you, to guard you in all of your ways (91:11) I pray that you will feel the lord's sweet presence. May it bring you peace and healing to know that Natasha is in the arms of Jesus

~

Paula Anderson,

Minnesota

Paula Anderson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Travis and all of the Waalen family, The sudden loss of someone so close is so painful. We hope you can find comfort and peace in your beautiful memories of Tasha. We always heard so many good things about Tasha from my son, Buddy. Jim & Julie Larsen*

~

Julie Larsen,

Andover, Minnesota

Julie Larsen - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ DEAR CYNDI, THERE ARE NO WORDS THAT COULD COME CLOSE TO COMFORT YOU AT THIS TIME. I ONLY WISH I COULD TAKE THIS TRAGIC TIME FROM YOUR LIFE AND LET YOU HAVE TASHA BACK, BUT KNOW IN TIME YOU WILL BE ABLE SOME HOW REMEMBER ALL THE WONDERFULL MEMORIES OF HER AND WHAT SHE MEANT TO YOU AS A DAUGHTER. I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT SHE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU IN YOUR HEART AND NO ONE CAN TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU. SHE IS YOUR ANGEL NOW AND WILL BE LOOKING OVER YOU THROUGH THESE HARD TIMES AND GOOD WHEN THEY COME. I AM SORRY WE HAVENT TALKED IN A LONG WHILE AND WISH IT WASNT BECAUSE OF A SENSELESS TRAGEDY, BUT IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK OR TRY TO HAVE A LAUGH SOMETIME PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. LOVE YA LINDA !

~

ILINDA HAMMES BUSTROM,

LINO LAKES

ILINDA HAMMES BUSTROM - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *cindy and family my prayers are with you all. I took care of savanna when she was a baby across the hall from cindy's work. Robin Turner*

~

Robin Turner,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Robin Turner - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers

~

Colleen Grams,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Colleen Grams - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ I will always remember Tasha and Alissa getting ready for prom at our house. They were so beautiful and so excited. She will be so missed by everyone. I will pray for her family for strength and most of all her love of her life Savannah.

~

Nancy Dietz,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nancy Dietz - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Tasha's friends, family, and her little girl during this painful time. Tera, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Paula Ulrickson (Miller),

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Contact Me

Paula Ulrickson (Miller) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Waalen family*

~

Kristin Sather,

Andover, Minnesota

Kristin Sather - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Waalen family, I will miss Natasha deeply. She was my acupuncturist for the past several months and a true friend. Her passion for helping and healing others was tremendous! What a brilliant, intelligent, and beautiful person. I know Natasha's spirit will continue to treat and heal us all; clients, family and friends. Her goal was to help improve our lives and she will accomplish it. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

~

Amanda,

Circle Pines, Minnesota

Amanda - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *CYNDI & FAMILY, WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND
WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. LOVE
LINDA & TERRY*

~

TERRY & LINDA(BUSTROM) HAMMES,

LINO LAKES, Minnesota

TERRY & LINDA(BUSTROM) HAMMES - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the family of Tasha and Savannah, I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. I was Savannah's dance teacher last year and the love I saw between mother and daughter was truly special. I pray for your family and especially for Savannah, may she always remember how much she was loved by her Mommy.

~

Jenna Frischmon,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jenna Frischmon - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ It seems like yesterday I saw you at the monster trucks and now your gone. your beautiful smile and spirit well be missed. Savanna will carry on your wonderful spirit and memories. She will now what a wonderful person you are. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of the waalen famliy and I pray justice will be served. Tasha is now in the hands of god and is well taken care of. Now she may rest in peace but her spirit lives on.

~

Brenda and Gene Schultz,

andover, Minnesota

Brenda and Gene Schultz - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone that is suffering from this great loss. She was a very special person who touched many lives and her story will continue on. Just remember to keep her daughter in everyone's prayers. She will be blessed with all of the amazing stories about what a wonderful woman her mother was.

~

Phil and Char May,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Phil and Char May - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

T(

“ Tasha was one of my first best friends. We did almost everything together when we were kids. I used to love going on the go cart and just laughing and hanging out. My best summer ever was my fifth grade yr. The first day of six grade we wore the same shirts. There are so many memories. The last time I saw her was before I moved in March. My heart goes out to the whole family. She was a beautiful person in so many ways. I will forever miss her. I pray that threw her daughter may her spirit live on.

~

Tara Bostic (Foyt),

Wyoming, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tara Bostic (Foyt) - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Our thoughts are with all of you.*

~

Stacey, Dave & Steven Anderson,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Stacey, Dave & Steven Anderson - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Tera & the rest of your family~I am so so very saddened to hear of your loss. My heart aches for all of you & Savannah. It has been several years since Tasha and I have crossed each other's paths. But I as well ~ will always remember that beautiful smile of hers & genuine heart she had. NO WORDS can describe the pain you are feeling right now but remember you are in our thoughts and prayers everyday.An old friend from the Ham Lake neighborhood.

~

Carissa Strenge,

Minnesota

Carissa Strenge - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Always in our hearts*

~

Jessica Eide,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jessica Eide - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Waaalen Family~I am so sorry for your loss, I met Tasha when we were in 7th grade. I will never forget her big pretty eyes and huge smile. She was such a sweet girl. I havent seen her in years but still thought about her, and wondered how she was doing. I am so glad her daughter will be loved and cared for by so many. Tasha will forever live in everyones hearts and thru her daughter. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with her entire family, especially her daughter. She will be missed very much by every single person who was lucky enough to know her. She is in a better place now and will watch over everyone that she loved so very much. She is an Angel now. God Bless.~Katrina and Family~*

~

Katrina Evelius,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Katrina Evelius - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Tera and The Waalen Family, Sorry to hear of your loss. A beautiful life wasted.*

~

Pat & Waldo Hasse,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Pat & Waldo Hasse - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's daughter Savannah, and her family and friends at this difficult time. Tasha, you are a very beautiful woman, you have a beautiful smile and gorgeous blue eyes! I know you will be missed by so many people. Rest in Peace.*

~

Jackie Loehlein,

Andover, Minnesota

Jackie Loehlein - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *It has been many years, but I will never forget how wonderful and kind she was to everyone....always.*

September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.*

~

Nicole,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Nicole - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I was privileged to have met Tasha several years ago through Mason and Alyssa. I remember the first time I saw her I was drawn to her, and wanted to know more. I took her to her first Wild hockey game against the New Jersey Devils and that is a memory I will always cherish. She was an amazing woman with the most infectious smile, big blue eyes, and amazing spirit that instantly brightened your day. I am still shocked and saddened by this tragedy. Tasha will live on through Savannah. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family and friends during this difficult time.

~

Jon Engel,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jon Engel - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *We are so saddened and sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and in our hearts. If there is anything we can do to help at all, or provide any comfort at this difficult time, please do not hesitate to ask. We love you and we are always here for you.*

~

Christina and Kane Loukas,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Christina and Kane Loukas - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Deeply sorry for your family's loss.

~

A Mom,

Otsego, Minnesota

A Mom - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Natasha's family at such a sad time. Our hearts go out to you... but she is now with God... and Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Jo who will take good care of her!

~

Doug and Karen (Waalén) Breitnauer,

Madison, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Doug and Karen (Waalén) Breitnauer - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Sending my deepest condolences & sympathies. I worked with Cyndi for a short time at Achieve several years ago and at that time, I remember Cyndi talking of her daughter Tasha being pregnant and how excited she was.

~

S. T.,

Minnesota

S. T. - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I haven't seen Tasha since high school but I will always remember her sincere kindness and beautiful personality. My heart goes out to your family at this time and in the days ahead.

~

Kelly (Martinson) Stewart,

Princeton, Minnesota

Kelly (Martinson) Stewart - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Tasha, daughter, friends and family, "All you really need to know is the one that who promised never to leave or forsake you- the one who said "I am with you always." "Yes, even if I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not be afraid of anything, because you are with me." "You have a walking stick with which to guide and one with which to help. These comfort me." ~Psalm 23:4 "God will take away all their tears. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All the old things have passed away" ~Revelations 21:4 I just read this myself and really thought these words of God may help in these terrible times. Tasha is in such a beautiful place now, no more hurt, pain, fear or sadness. Tasha is smiling down on each and every one of us! God takes us soldiers back and he wanted her home now. Although it is sad for all of us because we deeply miss her presence in this world, she is now in Paradise. I Love and pray for all of Tasha's family and friends.

~

Toni Folkestad,

Foreston, Minnesota

Contact Me

Toni Folkestad - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *To the entire Waalen family-We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers! You all have a wonderful and strong family bond, use it to help each other through this difficult time! God Bless!!!*

~

Beth & Eric Waba,

East Bethel, Minnesota

Beth & Eric Waba - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I am deeply saddend by the loss of Tasha. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with Tasha and her friends and family.*

~

Laura Gutzwiller,

Isanti, Minnesota

Contact Me

Laura Gutzwiller - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-lived.*

~

Robyn Dickover,

Anoka, Minnesota

Robyn Dickover - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Having Tasha as a cousin my whole life, i have lots of great memories. One that stands out the most in my mind was an opening fishing weekend about 8 years ago. Tasha, Trav and I took Trav's canoe up to Little Ox Lake, just the three of us. All we could catch was mostly bass. It was a blast, even though bass opener wasn't for a few week later. I'm so glad i can flash back to that bright sunny day on the lake and remember Tasha. Tasha was a such a wonderful person, i will miss her very much. But i know she'll greet me with that big smile someday when i get to heaven. Tasha i love you.

~

Luke Waalen,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Luke Waalen - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Tash-I miss you so much already. But, I can feel you with me right now. I am being as strong as I can right now and I will continue to do so for you & for Savannah. I love that little girl so much. My heart is broken... it hurts so much. I love you.*

~

Tera Waalen Gilmore,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Tera Waalen Gilmore - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Her light was so bright that the life lived will forever outshine the lost life.*

September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Tera, you and your family have my deepest sympathy. Tasha was a beautiful person and always fun to be around. We can all agree, she was taken way too soon. Stay strong.

~

Chris Nichols,

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Contact Me

Chris Nichols - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I am so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

~

Angela Foster,

Zimmerman, Minnesota

Angela Foster - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.*

~

Alysa Numainville,

Zimmerman, Minnesota

Alysa Numainville - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Tasha. My families thoughts and prayers are with the whole Wallen family*

~

Rob and Lori Wadel,

Blaine, Minnesota

Rob and Lori Wadel - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Tasha brought so much light and healing to our office. I will miss our little chats between patients and will always remember her neverending love for savannah. My heart aches for her family and I pray that God comforts you in your deep pain. Tasha is a angel in heaven, she finally has spread her wings. ~Rest in peace my friend~*

~

Janee Dame,

Zimmerman, Minnesota

Janee Dame - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I went to high school with Tasha. Although I haven't seen her in many years, I remember her smile and what a wonderful person she was. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

~

Alicia Ayala,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Alicia Ayala - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I am very sorry to hear about the loss of such a wonderful person.
My thoughts and prayers are with all of Tashas family and friends.*

~

Chad Bailey,

Forest Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Chad Bailey - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ Jeff, Cindy, Tera and Travis: There are no words that can be said to diminish your pain. I cannot imagine what you must be going through. Hold on to each other and hold on to Tasha. Please know that we love you, pray for you and will forever keep you and Tasha in our thoughts and hearts. Savannah: I once saw your mom in a store, pregnant with you. Before you were even born, she loved you with everything she had. I am so sorry that you will have to know life without her. I hope that through memories and stories, you'll know just what an amazing woman your mom was. Tasha: I've missed you so much over the years. From slumber parties and science fairs, field trips and talent shows, passing notes and sharing lockers, and everything in between, many of my favorite memories growing up are of you. Even just running into each other in recent years, I was always so happy just to see you and talk, if only for a few minutes. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of my life. I will be forever grateful for having the chance to know and love you. The world is a better place for having had you in it.

~

Carrie Hutchens,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carrie Hutchens - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Tera and the Waalen Family, Sorry to hear of your loss.*

~

Paul Wherley,

Coon Rapids

Paul Wherley - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Tasha I miss you so much. I feel like it's impossible to hold it together. The only thing keeping me grounded right now is knowing that we have a responsibility to make sure we give Savannah all our memories of you- and to make sure this doesn't happen to another beautiful soul like yours. Why is it that the greatest, most genuine people are the ones that are taken? I don't understand it. You always wanted to help heal us; everyone you met. Maybe thats the answer I'm looking for. Now you can truly help us all the way your heart desired. . .from up there...I miss you Tash

~

Amanda Larson,

Andover, Minnesota

Amanda Larson - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Working with Tasha was such a pleasure. I am still trying to make this nightmare a reality. She was such a beautiful person, both inside and out. She was a great friend with a heart of gold. I wish nothing but the best for Savannah and the rest of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love~R.I.P. Tasha!

~

Andrea Novack,

Isanti, Minnesota

Contact Me

Andrea Novack - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jeff, Cindy, Tara, Travis..... When I spoke with my daughter Christine this early morning, she was sobbing. When she spoke more clearly, I learned of your tragic loss. We lost our not quite nineteen year old son Brian seven years ago.....tragically too. Please know how covered in prayer you are every hour of every day, we do "get it". Our circumstances are not just the same, but shattered hearts are. the thunderstorm outside right at this moment of typing catches only an edge of the word picture of what you are living through right now. I have found God to be faithful. I have found Him to be my strength, and my hope. I am praying that for each of you. He knows all of the facets of this shattered glass, the dynamics of your feelings. HE "gets it" more than any of us possibly might. I am trusting Him to hold you near His heart. Christine and Tara were such good girl friends in elementary, and junior high..... I remember Tasha as a pretty little sister.....my heart is grieved that you now walk this child/sibling loss journey too. We are reachable. The abyss is deep, God is deeper still. From the edge of the abyss, others like us, turn 'round and reach out our hands and arms to you. love in Christ, Deb and Denny Moore

~

Deb Moore,

Circle Pines, Minnesota

Contact Me

Deb Moore - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ There was no hiding the fact Tasha brought much happiness to all of her friends, and family. This is such a tragedy. She was an amazing individual, creative, funny and always smiling... we will never forget her smile. My prayers go to our friends that are suffering, her family and most of all her beautiful daughter. She will never be forgotten yet remembered for how she touched all of our lives.

~

Jennifer Bauer,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Jennifer Bauer - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I did not know Natasha but my friend found her on thursday night and my heart just sunk the second he told me he found someone and then i heard the news and it sunk even more. It sounds like she was a wonderful person that everyone loved and will continue to love. My prayers go out to her daughter and her family. Hang in there!!

~

Ashley Pechan,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Ashley Pechan - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I already miss hangingout out with you. Your big smile and all the lauphs we had together. Plus going to the good ol' Rocket Park in anoka with YOU, gavyn, savannah and I. I wish there was a way to bring you back into everyones lives. We will all miss you. If YOUR family needs help with anything your bro Travis has my number call ASAP. I will help take care or your beautiful daughter whenever needed. Gavyn and I already miss her.

~

Bryan JOHNSON,

ANOKA, Minnesota

Bryan JOHNSON - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathies for your family, especially little Savannah, in this tragic time. I am so sorry for your loss. She will always be remembered, and greatly missed!! I knew Tasha from Middle school on, and she was always the nicest, most caring friend you could have ever met. Whenever Tasha would come into a room, everyone would just sort of gravitate to her because she just had something amazing about her that you just wanted to be around her. She was such an amazing, beautiful, caring person!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sadness. Tasha we will always remember you!!

~

Jessica (Hedlund) Kerns,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jessica (Hedlund) Kerns - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time of tragedy. The pain all of you must be going through I couldn't even Image. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Tasha was a wonderful person! I had the great privilege of knowing Tasha. She was friend's with my little sister Laura Hوجلund growing up. Tasha-rest in peace, will never forget you, and will keep you with us, in our hearts, always. My thoughts and prayers are with her Daughter Savannah, and her entire family. Sincerely, Lori Kuhlman

~

Lori Kuhlman,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lori Kuhlman - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ To the family of Tasha Waalen. Our deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time. I know Uncle Jimmy is up there with you taking care of you. May you find peace now and no more suffering. God Bless.

~

Robin & Scott Uram,

Wyoming, Minnesota

Contact Me

Robin & Scott Uram - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Natasha came into our life briefly in 1995 when she hung out with my children Rob and Holly Cosentino. I remember picking her up and bringing her to our house; she could bring sunshine into the room just by walking through the door. Even at that young age it was evident she was a special person. Since that time many things have changed. Our kids grew up, had families, went their own way. One thing that stayed the same is the friendship they all felt - the roots they never forgot growing up. When Rob or Holly saw Tasha, they always made a point of sharing that they saw her and how she was doing. I think as parents we all care about the welfare of each others children; I am proud to have had the opportunity to know her. Today I pray for peace for the family. There are no words - Tasha's memory will be ever present always.*

~

Cindy Wilburn (Cosentino),

Dayton, Minnesota

Cindy Wilburn (Cosentino) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Cindy, I was saddened by the news in the loss of your beautiful daughter, Tasha. Although the years have come between us, your family will always have a special place in my heart & I will always remember the good times we shared growing up. Know that you are in my prayers today and the hard days that lie ahead. May the strength of the community and your faith be a source of comfort to you and your family. God Bless.

~

Mary Beaudette (Spah),

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mary Beaudette (Spah) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I would like to send my heart felt sympathies to the Waalen family. I just realized that this Natasha Waalen that I have seen in the news is the beautiful little girl I used to babysit on occasion when the family lived in Ham Lake. I remember babysitting Tera and Tasha when I was a teenager. Even though I have not seen Tasha for many many years I do remember her as being a beautiful free spirit. When it was bed time she would sneak out of bed and run downstairs and jump on my lap and laugh and giggle and make funny faces at me. I knew she was a special little girl and I am sure she is shedding her beautiful light wherever she is now.

~

Heidi Gustafson-Nielsen,

albertville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Heidi Gustafson-Nielsen - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *I met Tasha when she was in middle school, as everyone sais she is a beautiful girl and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family in this time. As for her daughter Savannah always know your mother was one of the best.. God bless your family in making it through in this hard time.*

~

Angela Lane,

Brunswick, Georgia

Angela Lane - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *She was such a caring and beautiful person and I know that is how she will be remembered by all who knew her.*

~

ReAnna Skowronek,

Mpls, Minnesota

ReAnna Skowronek - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayer are with the friends and family of Tasha and the Waalen family. The loss of Tasha is being grieved by many people, she touched so many lives and she will be missed SSSOOO much.

~

Sheena Dahlheimer,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sheena Dahlheimer - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ This is just too much for our hearts to bare. Just six weeks ago, we lost our beloved Gramps, and now its Tasha. I will never forget walking into gramps hospital room and seeing Tasha feeding gramps ice chips with tears filling those big blue eyes. She was so sad, and yet I couldnt get over how stunningly beautiful she looked. I am going to try to visualize her as I saw her that day, calmly walking to the light where she takes Gramps hand and they walk to meet Jesus together. We will miss you Tasha...until we meet again..We love you...Ter and Bec

~

Terry and Becky Waalen,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Terry and Becky Waalen - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I don't know you or your family, but this story has caused me great angst and I feel a deep emotional loss for Savannah, the little girl that is left behind. May God keep her safe now that her mother is gone. I feel you in the morning When at first I awake Your thought is with me With each decision I make You've been around forever Since the first breath I took Now I have to go on alone But for love, I need not look Cause by what you bestowed In our short time together Will last in my heart Forever and ever Although you've left And now walk above I'm never alone I'm wrapped in your love Enjoy now your long waited reward Feel peace that your love continues on What was taught to me, will be taught to mine Cause you live on in me even after you're gone God bless!

~

Lydia Brekke,

Andover, Minnesota

Lydia Brekke - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

N(

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone effected by Tasha's death. Tasha was such a beautiful and unique woman!! Tasha had recently given some great advise and knowledge of acupuncture, it was very interesting and I will never forget. I have known Tasha since highscool. She was also patient at Park Dental in Blaine and I know she truly had a BEAUTIFUL SMILE... god bless your beautiful little girl and may you live on in her spirit. You will truly be missed by everyone that crossed lifes path with you.*

~

Nicole Sich (olson),

Ramsey, Minnesota

Nicole Sich (olson) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ To all family and friends of Tasha, I'm so sorry for what you're all going through. I met Tasha in a 7th grade Algebra class at Sandburg. As everyone has commented, her smile always lit up the room. We had several classes together in middle school, but not many in high school so we lost touch after that. I will never forget what a genuinely nice person Tasha was. My deepest sympathy to you all.

~

Katie Peterson (Taylor),

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Katie Peterson (Taylor) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Waalen's: I lived down the road from Tasha growing up, and went to school with her. She was a beautiful person, both inside and out, and will not soon be forgotten. She had a grace about her to make any situation better, and was always there to help out someone in need. I was not real close friends with Tasha, but always wanted to be, just because of the loving and caring type of person she was. I too have a child the same age as Tasha's daughter, and could not imagine the confusion and loss she must be going through right now, along with the rest of the family. She is in a better place now, away from the pains and sorrows of this world, and I'm sure she is watching out over all of you with loving arms. My prayers are with you.*

~

Megan Sartwell (Bjork),

Danbury, Wisconsin

Megan Sartwell (Bjork) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Tasha was allways such a sweetheart to every one she met. She inspired so many people in her life. When she talked to you it made you feel like every thing was going to be fine. She is gone from this world but never from our hearts. R.I.P tasha*

~

Matt&Leya Galvan,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Contact Me

Matt&Leya Galvan - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ To the Waalen family, So sorry to hear about your loss. Our hearts go out to you all! Our deepest regards,

~

Rob & Lori Wadel,

Baine, Minnesota

Rob & Lori Wadel - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My Prayers are out to the Waalen Family. I will always remember Tasha as such a free sprit, outgoing, & just a likable person all around. Everyone could use a little Tasha in their lives. She was a truly wonderful girl.

~

Shelly Clifford aka Cowan,

Lake Zurich, Illinois

Contact Me

Shelly Clifford aka Cowan - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Natasha was always sharing the gift of health and will be missed greatly both as a friend, and colleague. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.*

~

Dr. Christine Ingbretson and Family,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dr. Christine Ingbretson and Family - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I will never forget Tasha's funny "Joker Smile" she used to do when she saw me. Tasha, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you rest in peace.

~

Jorna Priddy,

Champlin, Minnesota

Jorna Priddy - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *I Just found out about Tasha, and my thoughts go out to her family, and friends.*

~

Brian Rachel,

Becker, Minnesota

Brian Rachel - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Words can not express the sadness I feel for your family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the comfort of those around you help you with this difficult time. Angie Sandvold (Kirschenmann) and Family

~

Angie Sandvold,

Lino Lakes

Contact Me

Angie Sandvold - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of such a vibrant person. It is hard to understand such a senseless tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's family and friends.

~

Derek, Libby and Locke McCoy,

Albertville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Derek, Libby and Locke McCoy - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ *May God watch over your family and provide comfort in your loss. My heart aches for her daughter and I hope she will come to know, through so many people's memories of her mother, just what an amazing woman she was. You are in my prayers.*

~

Stephanie Bohrer (Miller),

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Stephanie Bohrer (Miller) - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To Natashas family our condolences are with you. Natasha was a regular patron at lakewinds natural foods Lakewinds employees

~

pennymclean mclean,

champlin, Minnesota

pennymclean mclean - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We will always remember Tasha's beautiful smile and caring personality. Our hearts go out to all of you. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

~

The Zierden Family,

Andover, Minnesota

The Zierden Family - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I have a big brother that loved Tasha... He always did... always talked about her... how good of a snowboarder she was... how tough she was... how beautiful she was... to her friends, she lit up even the darkest of rooms... to her enemies, she was a force to reckon with... last time I saw Tasha she was treating me with accupuncture... I hated needles, but I trusted her and she was so soothing that she put me right at ease... not easy thing to do... she was so proud of her beautiful daughter... Tasha will be missed greatly...

~

Andrea Sahlen,

Oak Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Andrea Sahlen - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ My greatest sympathies goes out to Tasha's family. Witch I had the great pleasure to grow but 6 doors away! I loved everything about the Waalen famliy Travis was who I was good friends with I feel so bad for your family and may your sister rest in peace, safe from harm. I love and care for you all

~

Nicole Hayes,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nicole Hayes - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ To the Waalen Family, Your daughter will truly be missed. As a classmate she made graduate school bearable. As a friend she brought joy to so many, and as a colleague she helped bring health and healing to so many. She will be greatly missed.

~

Christian Hanson L.Ac,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Christian Hanson L.Ac - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Tasha we loved you, and had so many good times hanging out together. You will be sorely missed by all of us!*

~

Nicole Britton,

anoka, Minnesota

Nicole Britton - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I went to high school with natasha. She was always there for anyone when they needed her the most.

~

Dylan Colbath,

andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dylan Colbath - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ This all is still not totally real to me yet. I still can't believe this has happend. Tasha was such a great girl and had so much life left to live. One of the first memories I had reflecting back was when Tasha and I were swimming with "all the granddaughters" (some will smile at that) on the diving dock at the cabin making the little kids laugh and play and watching Tasha laugh and smile and just have a great time. That was always her, in a good mood and having fun. Jonah, Jenny, Alexis, Brooke, and Cassidy will miss you Tasha. Watch us from above and be with us. We love you Tasha. The Jonah and Jenny Waalen Family.

~

Jonah & Jenny Waalen,

St. Francis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jonah & Jenny Waalen - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ To Tasha's parents- I have many wonderful memories with Tasha. We were friends for a time and lost touch when our lives took separate paths. We got to bump into each other this year and briefly catch up. It brought smiles to our faces when we learned our daughters share the same name. Mine was born yesterday. I am honored to have known your daughter. When the anger and sadness steal your focus, remember to focus on Savannah so Tasha will continue to make you smile through her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

~

Greg & Aimee Potter,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Greg & Aimee Potter - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the Waalen Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Natasha and I worked together at Tanners , and she was a wonderful, happy, fun, and nice girl. I also went to school with Tara. Tara, I am so sorry that your beautiful sister was taken from you and your family too soon. You are all in my thoughts. I lost my brother to Leukemia earlier this year, April 13, and know that grieving is difficult. My heart aches for you and your family. Please contact me for ANYTHING! Lots of love, Lizz

~

Lizz Howe-Kimbrel,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Lizz Howe-Kimbrel - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Tasha was a beautiful person, she was so kind to everyone. My thought and prayers go out to her family.* ”

~

Emily Bro,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Emily Bro - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathies to Tasha's family. She sure could light up a room. The middle school and high school memories of Tasha will never be forgotten.

~

Cullen Boyd,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cullen Boyd - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Natasha's family in this time of grief. My husband (Mike) and I both knew Tasha in high school, and she was a wonderful, beautiful person. It is awful that this happened to such a bright, young soul. We're very sorry for your loss. Mike and Missy Grant

~

Missy Grant (Melville),

Ramsey

Missy Grant (Melville) - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our deepest thoughts & condolences go to Jeff, Travis, Cindy, Tera & her daughter Savannah. We were shocked & saddened to hear the tragic news of Tasha. She'll be remembered in our hearts. R.I.P.

~

Chad & Brenda Honer,

Winter Springs, Florida

Chad & Brenda Honer - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Tasha's family and friends. What a truly beautiful, amazing woman. Gods Speed Always*

~

Holly Cosentino-Weed,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Holly Cosentino-Weed - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I never met Tasha yet I have friends who knew her and I can't believe such a terrible thing could happen to such a young, beautiful mother..friend..daughter. My heart goes out to her daughter, I'm so sorry sweetie, to her family and friends and to every person this touches. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and daughter during this time. I've been reading the entries and I can't help but cry for the pain your family is feeling. I'm so sorry for your loss.

~

Lisa (Capitola) Lucking,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lisa (Capitola) Lucking - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Tasha's friends and family- May you all be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Tasha you will be missed greatly!*

~

Faith Courneya,

Anoka, Minnesota

Faith Courneya - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tasha's family. It's hard to lose anyone, especially someone so young.*

~

Doug and Norma Hough,

Anoka, Minnesota

Doug and Norma Hough - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Tasha was my first friend when we moved to Andover in 1989- she had such a carefree personality and a contagious smile and laugh. My heart goes out to her child and family- I am so sorry for your loss.*

~

Karyn (Kraus) Essen,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Karyn (Kraus) Essen - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ My deepest sympathy to everyone in Tasha's family. My prayers are with you. Tasha was truly one of a kind, a free spirit, and had a zest for life that that people were drawn to. I am very lucky to have known her. Rest in Peace Tasha, You will be missed by many.

~

Nicole Ziegler,

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nicole Ziegler - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *I went to highschool with tasha and travis. my deepest sympathy go out to everyone that knew her. and I pray for god to watch over her family and her daughter.*

~

val gould,

east bethel

val gould - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to Natasha's family. I met her about 2 yrs ago and she helped me tremendously! I learned a lot from her and she treated my husband and my 2.5 yr old daughter- who loved her dearly! Natasha just had a way of "making it all better"!! We will miss her and it is heart wrenching to have something like this happen at all let alone to someone that had so much talent and so much to offer this world. She was so blessed and we will miss her very much!!God Bless!Kathy, Brian and Adayla Weulander

~

Kathy Weulander,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kathy Weulander - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Natasha was a student of mine in English class at Anoka High School, and I have been lucky to see and hear from her occasionally since her graduation. I remember her well, and know she was unforgettable to most. She was always so bright and beautiful, and seemed ahead of her time in the way she dealt with life, even then. I am so saddened by the loss of this amazing young woman and am so sorry for all who loved her and knew her on a different level than I did. She really did have a way of touching others, and sadly, I guess that will have to do. Her light in this world was so very bright...I am sorry for your loss.*

~

Marcia Nelson,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

Marcia Nelson - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *i don't know what to say tasha.....this is so very sad and unbelievable.....thank you for being my friend....until we meet again...april*

~

april johnson,

anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

april johnson - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ So sorry to hear about this...Rest in Peace, Tasha

~

Matt Ziegler,

Seattle, Washington

Contact Me

Matt Ziegler - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Jeff, Cindy and kids. I am so sorry for your loss. This is a difficult time for you all and I just want you to know you are in my thoughts and prays.

~

Lynn (Waalén) Thron,

Stillwater, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lynn (Waalén) Thron - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Cindi and Family, Words will never convey the feeling's of Natasha's passing. We never met but she is FAMLY and I was hoping to someday meet your side of the Erickson clan at the Gathering, unforutnately it wasn't soon enough. Reading the other guest entries I see I missed meeting a wonderful woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cousin Larry and Faye

~

Larry & Faye Erickson,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Contact Me

Larry & Faye Erickson - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Jeff, Cindy, Tera and Trav, We are so so sorry to hear about Tasha. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you all.

~

Jeff, Nancy Wadel,

Fridley, Minnesota

Jeff, Nancy Wadel - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *This is a very sad event and from the time that I heard the news I could only think wonderful thoughts of what a great person Tasha was. I pray for her family, and most of all her child. God Bless*

~

Rob Cosentino,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rob Cosentino - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Tasha was a very special person, a good friend and a great mother. My heart and thoughts go out to Tasha's family and friends. We will all miss her beautiful warming smile.*

~

Tony Linn,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tony Linn - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A1

“ *DEAR FRIEND; I HEARD ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR DAUGHTER OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY-FROM YOUR OLD FRIEND,*

~

ART AND DIANE ERKE 111,

ZIMMERMAN

ART AND DIANE ERKE 111 - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I always viewed Tasha as the type of person that people could look up to...it seemed as though she was always trying to better herself in many ways. She had a confident quality within her that I think people were drawn to...not to mention her sense of humor. She will be missed by many. I feel like I am still in shock. Rest in peace Tasha I know your up there watching over Savannah. My heart goes out to all devistated by this tragedy.

~

Angela Tamburro,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Angela Tamburro - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My deepest sympathy to everyone in Tasha's family. I have known tasha from about 7th grade and have been known her for a long time. It's hard to believe i can't see her beautiful face around anymore. She will be missed by many and her spirit will live on in all of us forever. My love goes out to Travis, Savanna, and the rest of the family if you need help with anything let me know. Peace!

~

Angie Shape,

Ramsy, Minnesota

Contact Me

Angie Shape - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *She was one-of-a-kind, truly unforgettable and ahead of her time. I’m grateful to have known her. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

~

Ryan Thomes,

Marina del Rey, California

Ryan Thomes - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ You will be deeply missed! Thank you for all the memories and times we shared. You are forever in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

~

Brian Hartman,

Monticello, Minnesota

Contact Me

Brian Hartman - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. No one deserves anything like this to happen to them, especially a person like Tasha.*

~

Sheena Dahlheimer,

anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sheena Dahlheimer - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Tasha was a very special person, a good friend and a great mother. My heart and thoughts go out to Cindy, Jeff, Tera and Travis. We will all miss her smile. God Speed.*

~

Jesse Lungstrom,

Saint Michael, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jesse Lungstrom - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ I am still in absolute shock that this horrible thing has happened to such a caring, loving & wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Tasha's family and friends. My heard just aches for you all especially her little girl. May god be with you all and help you through this tragic time.

~

Sara Rivers (Wilcox),

Zimmerman, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sara Rivers (Wilcox) - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Celebrating a life well lived. We will cherish the memories forever.

~

Brooke LeBlanc Jim Knoll,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Brooke LeBlanc Jim Knoll - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *My prayers are with Tasha's family. It is hard to believe that this beautiful woman was taken from her life on Earth so early. I pray that she is in Heaven and you will all see her again. God Bless*

~

Matt & Lindsay (Jay) Ree,

Isanti, Minnesota

Contact Me

Matt & Lindsay (Jay) Ree - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Jeff, Cindy, Trav, Tera and Savannah, It is so hard for me to believe that something like this could happen to someone so special. I have only good memories of Tasha and all of the many, many years we spent together. I feel blessed that I knew her as long as I did and that she had the chance to touch so many people's life. Jeff, Cindy, Tera and Trav, the overwhelming sense of grief you feel right now is nothing any of us can begin to understand. Please know that each of Tasha's friends, especially the ones she has kept close throughout life are here if you ever want to share stories and talk about Tasha. I have know Tasha since I was in elemenary school. I remember the days and days we spent with Alissa and the many adventures we endured through middle school and high school together;). Those good times can never be forgotten. Even though I have been so far away for a couple of years now, I have always considered Tasha to be a part of who I am and my childhood memories. And even though she is gone way too soon, I will always keep her smile in my head. I love you Tasha - and your baby girl will always hear the funny stories about you and how hard you worked to to be such a good mother. Brianne

~

Brianne Harty,

Somerset, Wisconsin

Brianne Harty - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family Tasha! Look over that beautiful little girl of yours...She will NEVER forget her mother! R.I.P.*

~

Heather Litchy,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Heather Litchy - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out.*

~

Jesse Small,

East Bethel, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jesse Small - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Tasha's loved ones. May GOD wrap his arms of comfort around you at such a difficult time, and may the warmth of Tasha's smile always be in your heart. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of such a beautiful soul.*

~

Shandi Zurek,

Andover, Minnesota

Shandi Zurek - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Jeff and Cindy...My heart goes out to your family. The shock of losing a child is unbearable. I have many fond memories of our children in school together. You are in my prayers. Teri Kuether-Williams

~

Teri Williams,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Teri Williams - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ It's no secret that Tasha was a *VERY* beautiful person inside and out!! She truly intrigued everyone she came into contact with. No words can express what many close friends and family are feeling at this time, but remembering happy memories of Tasha will help bring comfort. Hopefully Savannah will carry on the light that Tasha has left behind. She is a beautiful little girl!!!

~

Cory and Emily DeLuca,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cory and Emily DeLuca - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So many memories from middle school and high school and though we haven't been in touch you will be missed by all who knew you. My deepest sympathies to family and friends.

~

JON HAMMER,

ISANTI, Minnesota

JON HAMMER - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Tasha you will be missed by everyone. Take care of my sister up there. If there is anything you guys need let me know.*

~

Nicholas Reeder,

Andover, Minnesota

Nicholas Reeder - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *What a great loss to so many people. Tasha was one in a million, a shining star with the smile of an angel. She had the unique ability to make anyone feel better. Her absence will leave a hole in many people's lives. You are so loved and so missed Tasha. You will never be forgotten. R.I.P.*

~

Rich Kniebel,

Ramsey

Contact Me

Rich Kniebel - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Tasha's daughter and family.*”

~

Trevor Avery,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Trevor Avery - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I went to high school with Natasha and lost contact with with her till I saw her again working at the Green Mill many years ago. I have stayed in touch with her on and off over the years. What a terrible loss..My heart is breaking for her child. My deepest sympathys to the family.

~

Melissa Earsom-Ohnstad,

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

Melissa Earsom-Ohnstad - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ To the Waalen Family, Hearing the news of Tasha's tragic death has put me into a state of shock. I have known Tasha since I was 12 and was extremely close to her for many years. Tasha was a big hearted girl, and could be so silly. I will never forget her "Joker face." Although time and life drove it's wedge between us in our adult life, I still will never forget the memories I do have of her. I will hold them close and dear to my heart forever. My famailles and I have prayed and will continue to pray for your family and Tasha's little girl. God Bless you and may he be with you to ease your hearts and minds.

~

Tina Eggleston,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tina Eggleston - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Cindy, Jeff and family I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Natasha but I know she was a wonderful person and was taken far too soon. John & Patty Lawson

~

JOHN LAWSON,

ISANTI, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

JOHN LAWSON - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I had the great privelage of knowing Tasha. She was always around with my little sister Kari growing up, so I couldn't help but to care about her and think of her as a little sister. She was one of the most beautiful, up beat, and caring people I've ever met. And that smile.....literally lit up a room. I think anyone who has ever had the chance to meet her would agree. She is DEFINATELY someone you only get the honor to meet once in a lifetime. Tasha-we all love you, will never forget you, and will keep you with us, in our hearts, always. Rest in peace, Tash. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with her sweet Savannah, and her entire family, from my own.

~

Lisa Hupp,

Rosemount, Minnesota

Lisa Hupp - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My heart breaks that something so tragic had to happen to someone so beautiful inside and out. My heart goes out to her beautiful little girl, her family and friends. She brought so much happiness into so many lives and that will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

~

Kari McGhee(O'Hotto),

Albertville, Minnesota

Kari McGhee(O'Hotto) - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ It didn't take long for the four of us to find each other in the Acupuncture program at Northwestern. Me, Annie, Tasha and Amy eventually became the "fab four" and if you saw one of us, the other three were usually not far behind. I have so many incredible memories during our time in graduate school. I'll never forget Tasha's huge smile when she was truly happy or her infectious laugh. I'll never forget how amazed I was when she was telling me about the road trip she took on her own during one of our breaks from school. Just her and her truck, she didn't need anything else to have an amazing time. She showed me through her actions that I could also be an independent, self-sufficient woman and I'll always remember her for that. Tasha and I share the same birthday so she will always hold a special place in my heart and when I celebrate my birthday I will celebrate hers as well. Love you Tasha!

~

Heather Wagner,

San Diego, California

Contact Me

Heather Wagner - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Tasha, what can i say? You were always so spirited, always knew how to stay positive and keep all of us there with you. I dont know how I'll get by with out seeing that smile every weekend. You were everything a good friend could be and so much more. I am truly fortunate to have met you. My sympathies goes out to the entire Waalen family. Tasha, until we meet again: Peace, Love, and Bullet-proof marshmallows..*

~

Brian Keefe,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Brian Keefe - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Dear Waalen Family, We are very sorry for your loss of your loved one. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

~

Bob and Rachelle Eastman,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bob and Rachelle Eastman - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I had just met Tasha this summer so I did not know her very long. But in the time I did know her she was the most sweetest and funnest girl to be around. My heart goes out to all of her family and friends. She truely will be missed.

~

Anna Ramsrud,

Anoka, Minnesota

Anna Ramsrud - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I am so sorry about your loss. I didn't know Tasha very well but she was a great person and know that many loved her and will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

~

Phil and Ashley Gallipo,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Phil and Ashley Gallipo - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Natasha was a truly beautiful person inside and out. My heart goes out to little Savannah and her family. She will be missed by all the people she touched. Rest in Peace Tasha.*

~

Melissa Hazelton,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa Hazelton - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Will miss you *Natasha*.

~

Marc Schulte,

Blaine, Minnesota

Marc Schulte - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I just wanted to express my sincere condolences during this painful time. I only met Natasha a couple of times; she was surely beautiful, and surely too young to be gone! I know Tera Waalen from high school & college... I just wanted you to know Tera- how sorry I am for you and your family. I don't think there are any words I can say at this time to ease any feelings, but please know I am praying for you and your family! God Bless You!

~

Hollie Hukee-Blanchard,

New York, New York

Hollie Hukee-Blanchard - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Tasha, you were so strong, Its hard to believe this could have happened to someone like you. I see how much everyone is hurting, I am hurting too... but you yourself will never hurt again.*

~

Megan Kerchner,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Megan Kerchner - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Jeff, Cindy, Tera & Travis -Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I just cannot believe this is real. Tasha was my very first friend - all of my childhood memories include Tasha ...barbies, igloos in the snow banks, homemade slip & slides, Brownies, getting run over by a 3 wheeler, Tasha ratting me out when I taught her to swear.....she was always happy and up for anything. I feel very lucky to have had Tasha in my life and she will be forever missed.

~

Amber Lawrence,

Rochester, Minnesota

Contact Me

Amber Lawrence - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *I can not wrap my head around the fact that I won't see you anymore. I was so saddened to hear that you were taken from this earth much too quickly. I will always remember your kind-spirit and your beautiful heart. The biggest memory of you that sticks out in my head is 8th grade volleyball when you were our best server on the team and the other team couldn't even return the ball because you'd smack it so hard. You were a fun girl Tasha and will truly be missed by so many people. My thoughts and prayers go out to your little girl, your family and friends who I know feel so empty without you, but so blessed to have known you. Rest in peace my friend.*

~

Kelly Johnson Pietsch,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Kelly Johnson Pietsch - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Travis and Family, It's been many years since I have seen you, but when I heard about this my heart went out to all of you. I am so sorry for your loss.*

~

Barb Gettel,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Barb Gettel - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Waalen family, It has been years scince I have seen Tasha but we went to middle school together. I remember her being the most beautiful girl in school who was always friendly to others. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go to you..

~

Jenny Williams,

New Hope, Minnesota

Jenny Williams - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tasha and her family. I am so sorry to hear this awful news!*

~

Alisha Carlisle,

Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

Alisha Carlisle - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I had only recently met Tasha and didn't know her real well. But even though the time was short, I will miss her.

~

Kevin Gerads,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kevin Gerads - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I can't believe this is not a dream....It's hard to believe I am not going to be seeing you again. I will be there for Savannah and your family....My heart goes out to you all. I will always remember you.
R.I.P. Tash.

~

Stephanie Christy,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Stephanie Christy - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I didn't know Tasha very well, but met her a few times through my cousin Alissa. I know Alissa and Tasha were very good friends. I remember Tasha being very friendly and happy and the last time I talked to her she told me all about her daughter and how she enjoyed motherhood. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Tasha's family and friends in this very difficult time.

~

Michelle Crain,

Ham Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michelle Crain - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“*Natasha, you will be missed by many, your bright spirit, beautiful eyes and contagious smile will be forever missed. I have great memories of you through the school years and am saddened by your early departure. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace.*

~

Alicia Revering,

East Bethel, Minnesota

Alicia Revering - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Jeff, Cindy, Tara, Travis and the entire Erickson & Waalen Family, As we all know the english language does not contain words that can quite the soul from the loss that we're all suffering from, or express the compassion we feel for your family right now... Tasha was more than a kindhearted women, she was a ray of light in a world where light so often refuses to shine. Never one to complain, always having something positive to say and always, bearing love, hugs and unmatched sincerity to how we were doing. Tasha was so much to so many, including our family. Reading through the multitude of comforting thoughts you've received from so many, there is constant reference to Tasha's smile and other forms of kindness. It seems to me that if one is judged, while anchored to this earth, on how you affected others, then Tasha is now being embrassed by God with great pride and love for a life well lived. The immense pain that is felt at her passing is testament to the enduring love she has left behind. With the utmost sympathy, our deepest condolence, and love, your family is in our hearts and prayers... Sincerely, Glen & Lynette (Flikeid) Kulkay & family

~

Lynette Flikeid-Kulkay,

Pillager, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lynette Flikeid-Kulkay - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ ~

Lisa Hupp,

Rosemount, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lisa Hupp - September 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I occasionally asked a dear friend how you were doing Tasha, because you were always just the sweetest person to everybody around You. I always was happy to see You around. Every once and a while when I saw You at our friends house, You put a smile on my face because how uplifting you were about life adventures. I Sit here amazed and look at Your picture and can't believe that such a beautiful person inside and out is gone. I'm going to miss You Tasha. My Love goes out to Your Family and Friends. Frank Colwell

~

Frank Colwell,

Ramsey, Minnesota

[Contact Me](#)

Frank Colwell - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Waaalen family, I'm deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time of tragedy. Tasha was a great friend and person that many will miss.*

~

Juan Arellano,

Albertville, Minnesota

Juan Arellano - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's family during this incredibly hard time.*

~

Stefanie Hageman,

Roseville, Minnesota

Stefanie Hageman - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family and friends of tasha, may you find strength and peace in the days to come.*

~

Michael & Alisha Haste,

Anoka, Minnesota

Michael & Alisha Haste - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Savanna! If you ever get a chance to read this, Your mother was an amazing person who lit up the room with her smile and warmed it up with her laugh. RIP Tasha.*

~

Anna Wachtler,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Anna Wachtler - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Losing Tasha is felt so fully and deeply by her friends. This wonderful, strong, very determined woman was such a positive force and bright light in this world. Fortunately, we have all of the memories to make us smile again. She will never be forgotten.*

~

Amy Theis,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Amy Theis - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *When you lose someone you love it seems that time stands still. What moves through us in silence, a quiet sadness, A longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, We may not understand why you left so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not that you are gone that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget. You are forever in our hearts Nicole and Dustin*

~

nicole johnson,

andover, Minnesota

nicole johnson - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I was lucky to have met Tasha in 5th grade and have known her since then. We were not the closest friends after school but everytime I was around her she had on her face and always put on mine the HUGEST smile. My prayers and deepest sympathy to all of her friends and family. "I dont feel the suns coming out today..."

~

Mark Jacobs,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mark Jacobs - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *It's sad to think that someone so nice and caring is so far away. I knew tasha from working at kam wongs. Her family and friends are in our prayers.*

~

nicole johnson, Dustin holmberg,

andover, Minnesota

nicole johnson, Dustin holmberg - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our prayers are with Tasha, her daughter, and her whole family. She had a warm heart and a friendly smile. Whenever she was around our day was brighter. She will greatly missed by the Gilbert family.

~

Brian, Alisha, and Sean Gilbert,

Andover, Minnesota

Contact Me

Brian, Alisha, and Sean Gilbert - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *natasha will be greatly mist. i will always mis all them little talks we had when i came to visit the room she was working in*

~

gary houdek,

coon rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

gary houdek - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ When I heard about this terrible tragedy, my thoughts turned to childhood memories and the great times I had growing up with Natasha. She was an intelligent, warm, funny, amazing human being and I know that I am a better person for having known her. I will never forget you, Tasha!

~

Laura Sobieck,

Los Angeles, California

Contact Me

Laura Sobieck - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Tasha's Family and Friends. She will never be forgotten and will be missed. God Bless*

~

April Gulso,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Contact Me

April Gulso - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends. Tasha was a one of a kind. From her personality to her wonderful smile.*

~

Julie Gobernatz,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Julie Gobernatz - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our Thoughts and prayers are with your family through this difficult time. Tasha was a very kind and loving person. We will miss her very much.*

~

Ruth Gerdesmeier & family,

Mounds View, Minnesota

Ruth Gerdesmeier & family - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Tasha, your daughter, your sister and a mother. May God be with you and take care of all of you during incomprehensible time. You are in our thoughts and prayers; Kathy, Teresa, Lisa, Christy, Kari and Jessica.

~

Kathy Hupp,

Andover

Kathy Hupp - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Tasha was a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this difficult time.* ”

~

Mindy Smith,

Anoka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mindy Smith - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Tasha will be forever in our hearts and memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.* ”

~

Corey and Kelly Maggiolo,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Corey and Kelly Maggiolo - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Tasha was such a beautiful person. her smile and presence lit up any room she was in. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

~

Chuck Honer,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Chuck Honer - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ our thoughts and prayers are with your family Tasha, rest in peace...
em colbath, eric murray, and ebin murray much love

~

Emily Colbath,

Anoka, Minnesota

Emily Colbath - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I'm going to miss Natasha"s smiling face everytime she came into the front office at Achieve . Natasha greeted me with a smile and said Good Morning. My thoughts and prayers go out to her daughters and family in these trying times. She will be missed greatly.

~

Tony Goetz,

Coon Rapids

Tony Goetz - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Tasha's family and friends during this difficult time. Tasha was an amazing person and she will always be remebered.*

~

Heidi Williams-Ramirez,

Olathe, Kansas

Contact Me

Heidi Williams-Ramirez - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort through this difficult time.-Leif and Alethea Simpson*

~

Alethea Simpson,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Alethea Simpson - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *This cannot be real. I love you much Tashy! I don't know what to do....so much empiness inside me right now. I will watch over Savannah for you. You were a great person and one of my best friends in the world! Rest in peace. You're forever in my heart baby!!!!*

~

Kelly Monson,

Anoka

Kelly Monson - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *My prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time. Losing such a caring woman my thoughts are with her daughter as well.*

~

Bridget Robertson,

Minnesota

Bridget Robertson - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM