



Jenny Katherine Faenza

August 15, 1989 - November 29, 2008

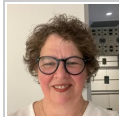
Jenny Katherine Faenza age 19 of Springfield died Saturday November 29, 2008 at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2:00PM with Rev. Russ Boyd officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00-8:00PM and Tuesday 12:00-2:00PM at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield. Jenny was a Sophomore at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and a member of the Central Christian Church in Springfield. She is preceded in death by grandmother, Ann Faenza; grandfather, Harold Barbee; uncle, Gary Barbee. Jenny is survived by father, Matteo Faenza of Springfield; mother and step-father, Amelia Barbee Faenza and Randy Fletcher of Springfield; grandfather, Frank J. Faenza of Adairville; grandmother, Margery H. Barbee of Springfield; sister, Ally Faenza of Springfield; step-brothers, Ryan (Shannon) Fletcher of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Josh Fletcher of Hendersonville; step-sisters, Jan F. (Josh) Nerren of Jackson, Mississippi, Shelly Fletcher of Old Hickory; numerous aunts and uncles. Pallbearers will be, Jeff Barbee, Josh Fletcher, Ryan Fletcher, T.J. Faenza, John Law, John Michael Law. The family request that donations be made to the Scleroderma Research Foundation at (220 Montgomery St., Suite 1411, San Francisco, CA 94104) or the Gorham McBane Book Fund. All donations may be sent care of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ I only knew Jenny from the Gorham-McBane Public Library. I was a teenager at the time, working there after school. She was unlike any kid I'd ever met, so much to say and so much joy. I can remember always smiling when she and her little sister, Ally, would come in. I talked to her a little on Facebook just after she started college. We had chatted about finding some place & time to catch up, see where life had taken us. Schedules never meshed so it didn't happen. I think about her often, imagining what she might be like. She'd be in her 30s now, which seems so strange to think about. In my head, she's that precocious little kid from the library. The world is so dark these days, that in some ways, perhaps passing so young saved her from having to see that darkening. She'll always be this endless light of joy in our memories.

Seth - April 05, 2023 at 11:53 AM



Thank you, Seth.

Ami Fletcher - October 10, 2024 at 01:57 PM

AB

“ I still think of Jenny. She was nice to me at a very awkward time in my life. Wish I could thank her.

ABC - December 20, 2019 at 03:15 AM

CK

“ I only knew Jenny a short time but her smile will stick with me forever.

Charisse Knorr - December 06, 2008 at 02:27 PM

MI

“ I always thought telling someone who had a loved one pass away that this will not be the last time you will see them, would make that person feel better. Yet I have a new idea. Jenny may have lived 19 years, but I think everyone can say that she did more in her life than most 19 year olds did in a lifetime. She was just as smart as she was wise and being an Associate Justice with her at Youth Legislature, I could see that. And with those two characteristics, her character was almost angelic in nature and I say that non-metaphorically. I miss her so much, but every time I remember being a bit under the weather while she was around, she would briefly glance at me and ask, "Hey! Are you okay?" And what a smile! People say that she lit up the room around her, but that bright smiling face was enough to make me laugh and ask, "What are you laughing at?" And her response would be more laughing. I think my message to Jenny's family is thank you for bringing her into this world. You've done the world a favor...and if not the whole world, at least mine.

Mazen Istambouli - December 04, 2008 at 04:50 PM

AF

So sweet, Mazen. Thank you from her mother, Ami.

Ami Faenza Fletcher - June 04, 2022 at 07:40 PM



Jenny, we miss you so much and still think of you all the time. Thank you for making me a mom. I was so blessed to be the one. Please keep watch over us. Until we meet again...

Ami Fletcher - December 02, 2023 at 06:52 PM

AL

“ I met Jenny at the HELM Conference this year, and so I only had three days to get to know her. But when the people at St. Louis Bread Company gave me something that was distinctly not chai tea, Jenny took it back and got me a hot chocolate, and told me that if you are just kind to people they will always be helpful. She spoke about talking to people and helping them work through life rather than worrying about schoolwork if she needed to. She had her priorities straight, and she saw great potential in everyone around her. I am so grateful for the time I spent with her, and I am sure that her life will continue to have a positive impact on the world.

Allie Lundblad - December 03, 2008 at 02:58 PM

KH

“ Jenny, i just recently met you at the HELM Leadership Confeence...but your warm personality made it seem like I knew you so much longer. Your spirit was so enlighting and Im just happy and simply blessed to have the chance to have met a beautiful person like yourself R.I.P. You will be missed Jenny.My biggest sympathies go out to the family. May God give your strength and courage in your time of need and mourning.
God Bless, -Kiersten

Kiersten Hawes - December 03, 2008 at 12:35 AM

AW

“ Jenny was such a bright, bubbly young woman, and I feel so blessed to have met her in Washington D.C. last November at the HELM conference. She had an amazing spirit and was always so courageous. Jenny was the first person I hugged at the St. Louis HELM conference, and I will never forget how special she truly was.

Alexis Westerhausen - December 02, 2008 at 10:55 PM

TF

“ You brought us joy though you were in pain. Your love was there with no disdain. Your eyes so bright as a shining star. You are in heaven we know where you are.
Why you had to leave us we will never know. Your pain and hurt you never let show. Your flowing hair in the strong wind. It now blows without but you were everyones friend.
Now we lose such a beautiful Lady. Come back to us, we wish you could. I know if God could let you he would. You are now in heaven and you have no pain.
You shall be missed by us all. But your love for us you never let stall. You are now an angel. In God we believe. We shall never understand why you had to leave. Now rest beautiful angel. It is your time.
May you now have peace. And tears no more. May God keep you in his store. You are his child and he has taken you away. Rest our angel it is your day.
May god keep you and bless you and the tears never show. You will miss us to this we know.
Good bye to a wonderful lady. Jesus now holds you tight in his arms . we will forever remember your charm.

The Hughes Family - December 02, 2008 at 03:08 PM

WC

“ I am sorry about your loss. May God be with your family.
Wally

WALLY CORNETT - December 02, 2008 at 09:25 AM

MW

“ Matteo,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers go out for the family during this time. Sometimes we stop and ask why things like this happen. We can only know that it is in God's Plan of Life.

Mark Whitt - December 01, 2008 at 09:30 PM

RB

“ *May the Spirit of the Lord comfort you through this difficult time. While we know that Jenny has already been welcomed into paradise, as brothers and sisters in Christ, our prayers are with you and your family.*

Rev. Karyn Bogert - December 01, 2008 at 03:47 PM

RW

“ *I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to you during the lost of your daughter. She was a wonderful young lad and we all LOVED her here at Georgetown. I send my Prayers to God for you and the family and I look forward to having a memorial service at Georgetown and I look forward to meetng you. In God's Love and Care Rev Constance C. heeler Protestant Chaplaincy Director*

Rev Constane C. Wheeler - December 01, 2008 at 02:52 PM

RM

“ *Matteo, I am so very sorry for your great loss and truly pray God will grant you and your family comfort and peace. You and I both know the Guard family is deep and faithful, unlike any other we know and will be there for you. God bless you and your beautiful daughter today and throughout eternity.*

Rick McKnight - December 01, 2008 at 12:13 PM

RA

“ *Amy, I'm sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*
Ricky

Ricky Averitt - December 01, 2008 at 12:09 PM

BF

“ Matteo,
I am filled with overwhelming sorrow as I write this. I wish that I could have met Jenny as it is so obvious that she was an extraordinary young woman. It is my prayer that God will ease the pain of your loss in His assurance of her eternal home.

Burt Fuqua - December 01, 2008 at 11:12 AM

WN

“ Matteo,
My deepest sympathy for the lost of your daughter. Words really can't express when you lose a child at such a young age. I will keep you in my prayers.
Michael

W. Michael Nave - December 01, 2008 at 11:09 AM

EJ

“ Matteo, *We are all so sorry to hear of the death of Jenny. She was the apple of your eye and your kind words of her still ring in our ears. Please accept our sincere, heartfelt sympathy for your loss and let us know if we can help in any way.*

Edward Joyce - December 01, 2008 at 11:03 AM

CB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences to you and your family. Cindy Baker*

Cindy Baker - December 01, 2008 at 11:03 AM

CJ

“ *God bless you Matteo and I will keep your family in my prayers*

Chris Jeanette - December 01, 2008 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *Matteo, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I am praying for you and your family.* ”

Tiffany Kelley Ferguson - December 01, 2008 at 10:42 AM