



Jennifer Leigh Schmidt

May 3, 1993 - March 16, 2017

Jennifer Leigh "Jenny" Schmidt passed away as she slept, in the early morning hours of March 16, 2017, and went to be with the Lord in Heaven.

Jenny was born in Corvallis, Oregon on May 3, 1993 to Jeff and Lori (Huff) Schmidt. Brother Joe joined the family in 1998 and he joined Jenny on her journey; enjoying innumerable pool parties, vacations, and family gatherings. Jenny adored her brother and often said how much she loved her family.

Jenny attended Jefferson Elementary, Linus Pauling Middle School, Corvallis High School, and Oregon State University.

Jenny played basketball throughout her childhood as a Future Spartan, and played on the Corvallis High School Spartan Basketball teams for four years. Her dad had the honor of being her assistant coach her junior and senior years on varsity.

One of Jenny's true passions in life was interacting with children and she worked at Hand in Hand Learning Center at Zion Lutheran School in Corvallis. She loved her little people and they loved her. Even in her final days, Jenny checked her phone often for new pictures sent by co-workers of "her kids."

Jenny lived life "Large" and with enthusiasm. She had a spicy vocabulary and was hilariously funny. Jenny had a beautiful voice and sang Karaoke often at home and when socializing with her cherished friends. If you asked her friends what their favorite thing was about Jenny, they would likely say "She made me laugh." Jenny loved attending country music concerts, camping out, and taking trips to the beach.

Jenny is survived by her parents, Jeff and Lori; brother, Joe; dog, Kelsey; grandparents, Bob and Susan Schmidt; Joseph Huff and Elizabeth Newcombe; aunts, Kim (Schmidt) Knorr and Lisa Huff; uncle, Mike Vasilopoulos (Christie); and cousins Lucas, Nick and Alex.

Jenny was a beautiful girl who touched many hearts. Fly with the angels, sweet Jenny.

A memorial service in celebration of Jenny's life will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 2745 NW Harrison Blvd., Corvallis, OR on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 2:00pm.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran School Hand in Hand Learning Center, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice (Albany, OR) or OHSU Cancer Center, sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Comments



“ I'm so sorry to just now hear that this beautiful spirit passed away over a year ago. I lost touch with the family. I remember babysitting her and going to her basketball games. Much love from Benny Hoshaw.

Ben Hoshaw - April 25, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Lori, Jeff & Joe,
We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family, & Jenny's friends.

Dave & Sarah Ehlers - March 31, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Jenny worked in my son's class at his school and had babysat for us on occasion. She was wonderful with our children and such a beautiful person. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to family and friends of Jenny.
The Greene Family- Kelly, Juanita, Riley and Martin



Juanita - March 25, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Carla Jean Hall lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Leigh Schmidt



Carla Jean Hall - March 22, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Lori, Jeff and Joe. We are so sorry for your loss, and so grateful to have known Jenny. xo Carla Jean, Henry and Joe Hall.

Carla Jean Hall - March 22, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ Dear Jeff, Lori and Joe: I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you're in my thoughts.

Bennett Hall

Bennett Hall - March 22, 2017 at 01:01 AM



“ Dearest Jeff, Lori, Joe and family,
The world lost a precious, bright, beautiful soul! It's hard to put into words how sorry I am that you've had to face this! My heart is truly broken. What gives me comfort is that I have great memories of 4th of July fireworks celebrations at your home when all the kids were little (when I came to visit my sister's family [Peters']) and you so kindly invited my family to your home. I remember Jenny coming over to visit Lexi when I was in Corvallis last and how cheerful and beautiful she was to look at and listen to. You raised an amazing young lady and she sure will be missed by so many, especially the ones closest to her. My love and heart go out to all of you. May she rest in peace and in great love... <3
Jeanie Ayala and Family



JEANIE AYALA - March 21, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ Elisa N lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Leigh Schmidt





“ Jeff, Lori, Joe,

We love you and are thinking about you. I am so sorry for your loss. I am honored to have had the chance to watch Jenny grow into a beautiful young woman. She was a gift and left us way too soon.

We love you Jenny!

Love,
Lisa, Steven, Taylor & Katie Cvejn

Lisa Mayer Cvejn - March 21, 2017 at 03:01 PM



“ Jeff, Lori, and Joe,

I have no words that can express the sadness I feel for your loss. Mike , Adam, Claire and I have been talking about our memories of Jenny and your wonderful family. She was a wonderful young woman and will be missed.

Bronwyn

Bronwyn - March 21, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ Dave And Terri Blake sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Leigh Schmidt



Dave and Terri Blake - March 20, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear beautiful Jenny,

We met back in High School through playing basketball together. It was hard for me to make friends with the girls on the team right away since all of you had been playing basketball together for years and I was the new one to the team. But you reaching out to me, you invited me over for sleepovers, introduced me to Sara and Nicole and made me feel like a part of the team.

We became such close friends. Your family made your house feel like a second home to me. Your mom would make us the most delicious sandwiches for basketball games and your dad would always joke around with us about what we were up to for the day. And we always had Joe to annoy :o). When I think of all of you, I think of nothing but happy memories that we made together over the years. You are always smiling when I think of you. No matter what, you were always so positive and when you saw others down you were able to easily cheer them up with your amazing sense of humor. It's easy to replace people, but I will never meet someone who's as optimistic, loving and with such a great sense of humor as you. You always had us in stitches and you didn't even have to try.

I will always remember driving around with you and Nicole and "supping" people. I will always remember our basketball tournaments, trips to foster lake, Irish Bend and Moonshine. I have so many hilarious memories to look back on just by looking through my photobooth photos or videos of us dancing/singing. I will never be able to forget our high school senior trip to Newport thanks to you.

We grew apart in college because we were busy with different things but we still managed to stay in touch. The last time we hungout, we went to Irish Bend together. It had been months since we had seen each other, maybe even a year, and although so much in our lives had changed, we were still the same old Jenny and Taona. I cherish the friendship we had together so much and the person you were. Thank you for always being such a positive effect to my life and to many others, we all love you so much <3



Taona Elchibegashvili - March 19, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ Shannon Southard sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Leigh Schmidt



Shannon Southard - March 19, 2017 at 04:48 AM



“ Lisa Butler lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Leigh Schmidt



Lisa Butler - March 19, 2017 at 03:48 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Jenny was an amazing beautiful person, on the inside and the out! I remember what a tomboy she was when she was little and always saw her with a basketball in her hand wearing sweat pants and T-shirts. As a young woman she was a beautiful angel. God bless!

Lisa, Travis & Katrina - March 24, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ So very sorry to hear this news. May God bless you all with His peace and comfort.
Rob, Donna and Paul Durbin

DONNA and ROBERT DURBIN - March 18, 2017 at 12:22 AM



“ Jeff and Lori,

Mike and I are so very for your loss. Time goes by and you don't see the ones you care about but we are truly heart broken to hear that your beautiful daughter has passed. Please know that you are in our prayers.

Mike and Jackie Leach

JACKIE A LEACH - March 17, 2017 at 11:15 PM



“ Jenny is with Jesus right now, what joy this thought brings. I shall miss her smile, beautiful face and spunky attitude. But for her, only happiness from now on, forever and ever!!

Sue Reams - March 17, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ I will always remember you and Bethany as my pilot group for bible studies with coffee. You were most enthusiastic! And then we would get distracted by the little nick nacks at Borders and come back to church "late". You gave me faith in the youth of our future. We'll see you soon. Find my mom. She will dance with you.

Brandie - March 17, 2017 at 10:14 PM



“ In my final moments with Jenny, we held each other and laughed and wiped away the tears as we watched her parents sing "I got you babe" together for our last karaoke night. It was one of the most precious moments I think she experienced and I am so grateful to have been by her side. I have so many memories with her but I wanted to share that one moment specifically. I started my day today thinking about it. love you Jenny and thank you for loving me! Even when I'm crying my eyes out right now over losing you, it turns to laughter as I recall your hilarious personality and how you crack me up! please join my host of guardian angels until we meet again lovely lady, beautiful girl, sweet Jenny baby you were like a younger sister to me, My heart weeps for your parents and brother, I hope that they will feel your sweet spirit with them like a gentle butterfly flying next to them or a humming bird come to say hi, the way I experienced those two little visitors the morning you flew away to heaven as I sat outside to process this life. and may we all trust in the promise of eternal life and being reunited once again. I pray for comfort, for rest and peace to everyone suffering with the loss of Jenny alive on this earth with us. Help us understand and accept what is so hard to both understand and accept. And remember to sing and dance and laugh and love life the way you do. and to be brave in the face of pain and suffering. I'm sorry I didn't see you again after our final karaoke night. But something tells me you're not holding anything against me or anyone. You're freer and feeling better than any of us can even imagine. Love you forever and always, Sheri

Sheri Pie - March 17, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ She,brought great happiness to our Granddaughter so know she was a very special person. Her memory will leave a lasting effect on our family. May God bless and give you the strength needed at this time Don and Sharon

Don and Sharon Thomas - March 17, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ Loved working with Jenny at the Koa laughing and talking about movies and music...she will be missed but I am happy to know I will see her in Heaven!

Susanna Greig - March 17, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ I loved Jenny with all my heart and will carry beautiful memories of her with me for the rest of my life. I will miss her so much.
Jenny's "Grams"

Elizabeth Newcombe - March 17, 2017 at 06:23 PM