



Ashleigh Anne Deitz

May 24, 1985 - March 23, 2011

Ashleigh Anne Deitz, 25, of Showers Road, Clarion, died of heart failure on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at home surrounded by her family and in her parents arms.

Born May 24, 1985, in DuBois, she was the daughter of Gerald D. and Kathleen J. Troup Deitz of Clarion.

She participated in various IU programs and was a graduate of C-L High School.

Ashleigh attended the New Rehoboth Greenville Presbyterian Church in Clarion.

She was a member of The Arc of Clarion County. She enjoyed fishing, boat rides, and gator rides. She loved puppies and raising ducks, rabbits, and chickens.

Ashleigh has been an inspiration to all. She loved to spend time with her family and friends and enjoyed talking to them on the phone.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister, Brandy Girt and her husband, Jeremy, of Strattanville; two nieces, Ali and Adylin Girt of Strattanville; paternal grandmother, Edith Deitz of Clarion; and maternal grandparents, Jacqueline and Charles Troup of Clarion.

Also surviving are aunts and uncles, Charles Deitz and his wife, Elise, of Clarion; Jeffrey Deitz and his wife, Michelle, of Sligo; Jeanne Foster and her husband, Fred, of Clarion; Linda Corbin and her husband, Bill, of Clarion; Terry Troup and his wife, Rhonda, of Knox; Steve Troup and his wife, Marilyn,

of Clarion; Roger Troup and his wife, Doris, of Strattanville; numerous cousins; her dogs, Jesse and Jake; and her boyfriends, Bill, Bob, Dave, and Derry.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Donald Deitz.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in the funeral home with Rev. James Dietrich, pastor of the New Rehoboth Greenville Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Interment will be held in the New Rehoboth Greenville Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorial and donation can be made to Ronald McDonald House of Danville, PO Box 300, Danville PA 17821; or to the American Heart Association, 59 North Crescent Drive, Hermitage, PA 16148.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was saddened to hear the news. Ashleigh always had a wonderful smile. She will be remembered fondly.

Shelly McCall - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Cheryl and I were saddened to hear of Ashley's demise. We hope you both are coping OK and wish you would contact us if there is anything we can do.

Cheryl Gwin & Carol Willis - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers, Kathy, I have always admired your caring and dedication in caring for Ashleigh.

Helen Sheatz - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kathy & Jerry, There's no bond as great as that between a parent and child. You were wonderful parents to Ashleigh. My deepest condolences are with you at this time of grief. Janice

Janice McEntire Frazer - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Kathy and Gerry, We are so sorry that we could not be there for you. We believe that Ashleigh is home with Pappy Don. She is running all over the place and everyone is yelling RUN ASHLEIGH RUN. Pappy Don is telling her to slow down because he can not catch her. We wish we could be with you to put our arms around you and hold you really tight. All our love to both of you. RUN ASHLEIGH RUN

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“ You have my deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prays are with you at this time. Ashleigh was a beautiful person.

Karen (Edinger)Beck - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Kathy and Jerry, life handed you a tough situation and you both grabbed it by the horns. It takes incredible parents to support and love a special needs child and you certainly have done that. Ashleigh will be greatly missed. She touched everyone's heart with her presence. I'm so blessed I got to know her through our children. She and Amanda can now run and play together with Jesus. Our Angels will always be with us. Love you always. Marcy

Marcy Simpson - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

UR

“ As I looked up I saw a cluster of stars I believe that was a greeting from our loved ones for Ashleigh as she entered heaven. She was one of a kind her amazing smile would melt the hearts of many and anyone whom held her hand knows what I mean... if ever there were cell phones in heaven you bet Ash has one, she always had something to say and laughter to share and mostly her personality and concern for others was unbelievable her heart was bigger than life itself and that reflection came from her wonderful parents I applaud your unconditional care and love not to mention your commitments to making Princess Ashleigh's life one that most children can only dream of we thank you for sharing your precious angel for she has touched us deeply we have passed many quarters back and forth over the years, her hugs and kisses to Uncle Pat behind my back makes me smile how sweet and priceless those moments were, God takes the best and he truly got number one! with sympathy, Uncle Pat & Aunt Lisa Radaker At the end of our rainbows, not a pot of gold perhaps Walter with a handful of quarters.....

Uncle Pat & Aunt Lisa Radaker - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ I cannot even begin to imagine what the family is going through, but I know that Ashleigh is in Heaven smiling down on each and every one of us. I loved the countless summer days I spent with her swimming in the pool, cooking in the kitchen, chilling in the garage, seeing her before my senior prom, playing with Jake and Jesse and of course, taking more buggy rides than countable with her on the gator. She will be missed terribly, but she will always be an angel in heaven looking down and watching out for each and every one of us. Hugs and love to all of her family and friends.

Sasha Young - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I am sorry to hear about Ashleigh's passing. She was a wonderful person. I will always cherish the time I got to spend with her at the ARC of Clarion County. I will never forget her. So much I want to say just can't put it to words. Until we meet again save me a spot in heaven next to you.

Robert Anderson - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Sorry to hear of Ashleigh's passing. She was a very special person. We loved to see her come to the farm to see the horse's and the other animals. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Gene & Jan Kellerman - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Kathy&Gerry and family,I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter even though I didn't know her I'm very sure she touched alot of lives and was a very special girl.Heaven got a very beautiful rose.May she rest in peace with the angel's in heaven.I will pray that God bring's you peace and comfort in the day's to come.May God bless you all.

Kim Larson Murray - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I can still hear Ash laughing while gator-riding through the woods with you when Pat and I were walking. I remember walking your trails and leaving her notes to find tied to the tree branches from the"woods fairy". Every time I saw her, she was either smiling or laughing. I believe she's still smiling and making everyone else in heaven smile too. May God comfort you in this sad time. Karen

Karen, Pat, Jake and Ben McMillen - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to Ashleigh's family at this sad time. Ashleigh was such a lovely person; sweet, kind, and beautiful. I worked with her and Kathy while employed at Riverview IU. May God's love envelope you all.

Bonnie Dodd - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“*Ashleigh was a special lady!! She always had a smile, even at her grumpiest! My favorite memories of Ash are when we went camping and she wouldn't sleep she was so excited to be camping with us! Swimming in the summertime was awesome with her but my most precious memory was the "angel kisses" on my wedding day!! She will be missed!! Kathy and Jerry may God give you strength in the months to come!! You have cared and loved her for 25 years and gave her the best life, I admire you guys! If you guys need anything we are only a phone call away! We were blessed with her for 25 years and we loved her to pieces!! Love you all so much!!*

Roger & Doris Troup - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Every day I drive to work across Flint River bridge
A hundred yards from the spot where me and grandpa fished
There's a piece of his old fruit stand on the side of Sawmill Road
He'd be there peelin' peaches if it was twenty years ago
And what I wouldn't give
To ride around in that old truck with him
If heaven wasn't so far away
I'd pack up the kids and go for the day
Introduce them to their grandpa
Watch 'em laugh at the way he talks
I'd find my long lost cousin John
The one we left back in Vietnam
Show him a picture of his daughter now
She's a doctor and he'd be proud
Then tell him we'd be back in a couple of days
In the rear view mirror we'd all watch 'em wave
Yeah, and losing them wouldn't be so hard to take
If heaven wasn't so far away
I'd hug all three of those girls we lost from the class of '99
And I'd find my bird dog Bo and take him huntin' one more time
I'd ask Hank why he took those pills back in '53
And Janis to sing the second verse of "Me and Bobby McGee"
Sit on a cloud and visit for a while
It'd do me good just to see them smile
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Jim, Lacey And Haydin Foster - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Kathy and Gerry, My heart felt sympathy goes out to both of you. The world has lost a very special person. Ashleigh touched all of those who knew her with that wonderful charming smile and those bright twinkling eyes.*

Judie vogus - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

UJ

“ *Ashleigh is our special angel. She is greatly missed. Hugs and prayers to Kathy and Jerry. God give them the strength for the future. Love you both.:)*

Uncle Fred and Aunt Jeanne - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM