



Kessa B. Beckwith

October 23, 1982 - April 10, 2013

Kessa B. Beckwith, 30, of Ridge Road, New Bethlehem, passed on peacefully surrounded by family and friends early Wednesday morning, April 10, 2013, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born October 23, 1982, in Butler; she was the daughter of Donald M. and Leanne R. Hooks Rankin of New Bethlehem.

Kessa was married on June 2, 2007 to Nathan L. Beckwith, and he survives. She was 2001 graduate of Redbank Valley High School. Kessa worked as a Hygiene Assistant for Brookville Dental.

She attended the Oakland Church of God in Distant.

Kessa enjoyed gardening and taking care of her children. She was involved in helping with Redbank Valley Youth Cheerleading and 4-H of Clarion County. In addition to her parents and husband, Kessa is survived by her three children, Bailey, Braylon, and Briggs, all at home; two sisters, Kendra Minnick and her husband, Clint, of Rimersburg, and Karina Rankin and her companion, Dustin Libecco, of Clarion; and a brother, Kord Rankin and his fiancé, Kaci, of New Bethlehem.

Also surviving are father and mother in-law, John and Amy Beckwith of Clarion; two sister in-laws, Rochelle Beckwith of Clarion, and Amanda Coradi and her husband, Patrick, of Rimersburg; paternal grandparents, Marshall and Florence Rankin of New Bethlehem; maternal grandparents, Carroll and Lorilee Hooks of Rimersburg; maternal great grandmother, Myrtle Hooks of Tidal; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an uncle, Brett Hooks, and a cousin, Larry Miller, Jr. "Bubby".

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion, is handling the arrangements.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013, at the Oakland Church of God in Distant.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Oakland Church of God, Distant, with Rev. Jimmy Swogger, Senior Pastor of the Oakland Church of God, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Squirrel Hill Cemetery in New Bethlehem.

Memorials and donations can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I was so sorry to hear about the death of Briggs mother, Kessa. Briggs and my son, Gabe, have been friends for over a year now and were in pre k together and now in the same kindergarten class. I will pray for your family and for Briggs who my son really loves. He just had to get the same shoes that Briggs had! Kessa was such a beautiful girl and I wish we had known earlier, we would have come to support you all. Please contact me if I can do anything for Briggs, have him over or anything. I can pick him up or take him home whenever you need for school functions or sports or whatever. My number is 758-3143. Again, my deepest sympathy and love to your family.

~ Christy and Gabriel Smith

Christy Smith - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was in Kessa's class in high school, and graduated with her. I saw that she had passed, and my heart broke. Even though I didn't know Kessa very well, I do know that she was very kind and nice to me in high school when a lot of people were not, and I always thought highly of her because of that. My thoughts and prayers will be with her family, friends, and all those who were close to her. I hope that God brings peace to your heavy hearts.

Michelle Swartz - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Amy,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God grant you strength during this difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Your friend,

Nancy

Nancy Falvo - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dear Nate*
Just got back in town & am so sorry to hear about Kessa. Please know that you & the kids & all family members are in our thoughts & prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. Sorry we missed the service, but we have you in our hearts.
Love-Kristi & Jerry

Kristi Wolbert - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *We are so sad to hear about your loss and wanted you to know we are thinking of your family daily. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers.*

Alayna Murray & Family - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D"

“ Nathan,

My condolences to you, your children and the rest of your family.

My thoughts are with you.

Bill.

David W. Billheimer "Bill" - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss. There is no doubt that she will be sincerely missed by family and friends.

Patricia Kolencik - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ John, Amy Don,Leann & Families, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts & Prayers during this difficult time.

Kathy Burke(Johns) - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To the Beckwith Family:

During this time of sorrow, may the gentle presence of friends and the caring love of family help to comfort you. May the God of all comfort surround you with peace as you walk through this time of sorrow. May the soul of Kessa Beckwith, through the mercy of God, continue his journey to a new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

Our prayers are with you.

Thomas & Nancy Somers - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ shelly u and your family are in my prayers and thoughts! sorry for your loss !!!!

kim kelly - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Peace be with you and your family during this period!!! I lost my grandpa three years ago this may!!! there not a day that really goes by that I look to heaven, knowing he is in a better place!!!! But, the days get better!!!! I will be praying for you all that u may find peace!!! God bless you all

Melissa And Jonathan Ford - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ While I only had the chance to meet Kessa once or twice, she was a beautiful person with a matching personality. Her cousin, Lanae Ciccirelli, has told me so much about her and what an amazing person that she was. I am praying for all family members and friends. The relationship that her family members have with each other is incredible and I can not imagine what they are going through right now.

Chelsea McClelland - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Barbie Clinger Rupp - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kessa's family at this time.

Anita McCracken - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I guess Heaven needed another angel!!!!

Bob Burnham - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Nate,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong.

Deb Graham and family - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. We are wishing your families strength and and peace.

Ed Renniger & Family - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ My heart and prayers goes out to your family at this time. So sorry for your loss

Etta Best - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Kessa left amazing footprint on this world with her uplifting spirit and kind words. She made the world brighter simply by being in it. To her children, Know that your mommy made a difference in this world and she will always be a part of you. To Nate, I pray that God will give the strength you need and comfort. I pray for all who were touched by Kessa and are now hurting.

Tracy Calhoun - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I pray for you in this time of sorrow. Kessa was an amazing person.

Joshua Smith - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ SO SORRY SHE WAS A LIGHT..

Pamela Adams - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your lost. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris and Kim Weaver - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the families at these hard times..may god bless you all !

Kim Smith - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ We know that no words can help ease the pain and loss that you are feeling right now. You are in our every prayer and thought.

Ken, Wanda, Kenny, Kyle, Julie - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ God sure took the best when he called Kessa home. She was such a beautiful girl with a contagious smile. I am praying for the entire family, especially her three gorgeous children and her husband to have the strength to get through this difficult time and times ahead. She will never be forgotten and her courageous battle has been an inspiration to myself and to many others. May God bless you with comfort in knowing that she is now at peace and spreading her wings as an angel above.

Tucker and Jessica Copenhaver - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Heaven got a beautiful Angel...Kessa was an inspiration to many of us and she will be deeply missed!! She may be gone but she will never be forgotten!! Rest in peace Kessa

Lisa Fox - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ We are truly sorry for your loss and are saying prayers for you and your family. Although there are no words that can ever heal the hurt, God is looking out for all of you...

Donna and Randa Rickard - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Ours thoughts and prayers go out to the family. My you rest in piece!

Fred & Gail Wingard - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry for your lost. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brad Astolos - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ To Don and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Word obviously cannot express my sorrow! As i did not know her personally i do know her father and she had the qualities of a fighter as she was raised from a VERY good family! My prayers to you to ease your pain!

Ned Wittebort - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Nate and Family*

My Prayers are with you and the Entire Family. God Bless Carmen

Carmen Malasanos - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Nat & The Entire Family,*

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

*From the Entire Dolan Family
Dave*

David Dolan - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Dear John, Amy, & family,
So sorry for your loss. Your daughter-in-law sounded like a beautiful person, inside and out. Praying for you all.*

*Sincerely,
Margie (Nanz) Smilowitz*

Margie Nanz Smilowitz - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Thoughts and prayers from my family to yours!!!

Ashley Wells - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Thoughts and prayers are lifted to you and all your family in this difficult time. May God help you through this trying time.

Steve and Kris Bowser - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Kessa was such a beautiful lady both inside and out. We will miss her smile and her wonderful laugh. Words fall short for expressing our sorrow.

Mike Shaffer and Family - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Nate and the Beckwith/Rankin Families: We are heartbroken to hear of Kessa's passing. We will always remember her as the active, beautiful Mother and Wife that was so very proud of her family and so full of life and love! We will be praying for comfort and strength for all of you and especially for your beautiful children. Love, Tim, Jeannette, Zach and Abby

Tim & Jeannette Musser - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My deepest sympathy Leann, and family. I know Kessa fought a hard battle, but if she had your spirit Leann she never gave up. Keeping everyone in my thoughts and prayers.

Angela McCanna - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are very sorry for your loss and thinking of all of you at this difficult time.

Justin & Danielle Bunch - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM