



Amanda Claire Briggs

January 1, 1984 - July 2, 2011

AMANDA CLAIRE BRIGGS

(1984 - 2011)

"I have fought the good fight; I have won the reward." 2 Timothy 4:7

Rayne, LA- On Saturday, July 2, Amanda Claire Briggs, 27, won her battle with Cystic Fibrosis and peacefully returned to sit on the lap of our Lord with her Heavenly Mother at her side. Grieving her passing yet celebrating her life are her devoted parents, Ricky and Sonya Alleman Briggs, her loyal brother and his wife, Ricky, Jr. and Hannah Kerner Briggs all who loved her and faithfully cared for her. She was affectionately spoiled by her grandparents, George and Varnell Andrus Briggs and Dalfred and Joyce Monceaux Alleman. She is also survived by many uncles, aunts and cousins who supported her, laughed with her and followed her on her earthly journey.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents: Renee` Sr. and Louise Mistic Briggs, Lloyd and Marie Halphen Andrus, Edward and Emelia Sonnier Alleman and Deus and Margaret LeBlanc Monceaux.

Amanda was born on June 27, 1984 in Lafayette, Louisiana. She attended La Petite E`cole, Broadmoor Elementary and Edgar Martin schools. She moved with her family to Tomball, Texas in 1997 and graduated from Tomball High School in 2002. She attended Tomball Junior College and then returned to Rayne, Louisiana in 2007. She loved children

and was able to be a Nanny, a pre-school teacher and a member of the St. Joseph Edge Youth Ministry in Rayne when healthy. Her love for all animals was evident by the motherly care she would give to her many cats and dogs. She loved to cook and loved to eat. She celebrated her Golden Birthday with a party at her home with family and friends prior to returning to the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas where she spent her last days surrounded by her loved ones.

Her family is grateful for the medical teams who walked beside her striving to keep her healthy until God's call and would like to thank: Dr. Brent Prather, Dr. Steve Butaud, Dr. Robert Beckerman, Dr. Peter Hiatt, Dr. Dana Hardin, Dr. John Dallas, Dr. Marcia Katz, Dr. Stuart Solomon, Dr. Howard Monsour, Dr. Dwayne Brown, Dr. John Mickey, Dr. Ghyass Rizk and also the many compassionate nurses and support staff of Texas Children's Hospital, The Methodist Hospital and Lafayette General Medical Center.

Friends are cordially invited to visit with the family from nine o'clock to eleven o'clock in the morning on Saturday, the 16th of July at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church 401 S. Adams Avenue, Rayne, LA. A rosary will be recited at eleven o'clock followed by a Memorial Mass celebrating the Eucharist at eleven-thirty in the morning with Father Clint Trahan as celebrant. Lectors will be Emily Alleman and Holly Briggs. Giftbearers will be her godparents, Kevin Briggs and Melanie Venable. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason, Brandon, Ryan, Joshua, Brennan, McInnis and Matthew Briggs, Mark, Lance and Jason Alleman, Christopher and James Kratzer.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations are sent in her memory to: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Louisiana Chapter, Baton Rouge Regional Office, 10532 South Glenstone Place, Suite C, Baton Rouge, LA, 70810.

Amanda was an inspiration on how to live life to the fullest to all who knew her with her motto "Live. Laugh.

Love.".

Condolences may be made to www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home,
Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I am so saddened by the news of Amanda's death. Over the years that I worked with her to control her sugars I grew to love and respect her. I will miss her sweet smile. Warmest thoughts and prayers,
Saundra Hendricks FNP, BC-ADM (The Methodist Hospital)

Saundra Hendricks - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. So sorry for your loss. I know it's been years since we cared for Amanda on Peds at OGH, but she made a lasting impression. We think of yall frequently.

Sandy Soileau - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

SA

“ Briggs Family,

Some of my first memories growing up are of Amanda babysitting Bennett and I. I remember sitting in your living room as she and Ricky did their treatments. One of my favorite memories of Amanda is when she locked Bennett and I in our dog kennel and laughed while we barked at her and then wanted out. The earth has lost one of its most precious angels. I'm only glad that I was able to spend some of my earliest times with such a wonderful person. My prayers are with you in this hard time. I wish more than anything I could have made it to the service!

Sarah Koerber

Sarah Koerber - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DK

“ Imagine Amanda in heaven with God surrounded by yellow roses. How happy she must be! God bless all of you. Maatt and Donna Keller

Donna Keller - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

CL

“ I am writing this with tears in my eyes as I think of your sorrow for your loss. Although, loss is not the correct word! Amanda is NOT lost. She is with her Jesus. And while we celebrate her total health now, we grieve because she is no longer with us. We will see her again when we, too, go to be with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Our love and prayers are with you all. I wish I was there to give you a big hug. Clara Hanes and Family

Clara Hanes - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. What wonderful parents you have been to dear Amanda. I remember that beautiful smile and outgoing personality when I would see her in the neighborhood growing up. She was so brave and full of life no one would guess she had an illness. Now she is well and with Jesus.

John and Mary Durand - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DE

“ Dear Ricky, Sonya and extended family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We briefly had the opportunity to meet you when you moved back to Rayne and we are very glad to have had that honor.

The Doc Mier family, Deb, Bob & kids, Deanna and Nick.

Deb Mier - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JO

“ The Respiratory Therapy Dept. at Opelousas General Hospital sends their condolences. We fondly remember Amanda as our patient as a small child. She brightened our days whenever she was here and it was a joy to take care of her. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

JoLynn Bergeron - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

NA

“ Sonya, Rick and Ricky. You have been much in my thoughts these past few weeks. Although I had not seen Amanda since she was a little girl, I remember she had such a winning smile, and I'm glad to see she kept it into her adult life. She was blest with a loving family and I'm sure she returned that blessing to you and others in her life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Nancy

Nancy Goodwin - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

SA

“ Sonya & family, with much sympathy for your loss. I know your faith and family will keep you strong through this difficult time. Sending prayers your way. Sara

Sara Flores - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KN

“ Nicole and I were never blessed enough to know Amanda, but if she was anything like her mother the world was a better place for having her. God bless you, Sonya and Ricky during your time of sorrow. You and Amanda will be in our prayers.

Kerry and Nicole Gibson - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

PP

“ Heard the news of Amanda with both sadness and joy. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Paul and Penny Vaccaro - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

TE

“ My prayers are with your family during this time of loss. May you always know you have an angel by your sides. God bless you. Teresa

Teresa Margaglio - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family, Ricky. I never had the pleasure of meeting Amanda, but these past few years working with you and meeting Sonia, I know what type of angel she will be in heaven. My prayers are with you all.

Kevin Landry - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

PA

“ Rickey and family:

Please accept my condolences.

Pat Wartelle

Pat Wartelle - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MI

“ Ricky may God bless you and all your family.

Mike Dugan - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DI

“ To the Briggs Family:

Even though I never met Amanda, her goodness and strength was made very clear to me through the discussions with you, Ricky. There is nothing that can remove the pain of losing a child, but to know that people that knew her, and even those of us who did not know her directly, cared for her and you all as a family may lessen the pain in some small way.

I think of you all frequently and know that you were very blessed to have Amanda in your lives for 27 years.

Dina Salvaggio - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

BA

“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God*

when our deepest sympathy.

*Matieral Management Department
CHRISTUS St Frances Cabrini Hospital.
Alexandria, La*

barbara mock - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JC

“ *Sonya, Ricky and Ricky (Jr), you and your family are in our prayers. Although it has been many years since I've seen y'all, I have thought of your family often and I consider myself blessed to have gotten to know y'all. My heart is heavy for those she left behind, yet rejoices for Amanda as she will breath freely among our Lord and all the angels and saints.*

Jenét (Domingue) Cazayoux - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

EL

“ *My heart breaks as I think of your loss. I will always feel honored to have known Amanda and will admire her for her courage and honesty. Also, every time I see a Marilyn Monroe poster I will wish I could hang it in Amanda's bedroom for her to enjoy like all the others. You are in my thoughts and prayers daily. Love, Ellen*

Ellen Young - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MF

“ God Bless Amanda and her blessed beautiful family! Love and peace to all. Our thoughts and prayers during your time of grief.

Mary and Danny & family Chachere - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

CY

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the one time i was able to meet her a few months back. As sick as she was; she had a smile on her face. The picture she colored for the pharmacy is at home with me. I will cherish it always. God bless your family and it is good to know she is resting in the Lords arms today.

Cynthia Reed - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

RC

“ We fondly remember beautiful Amanda while living in Hunterwood. It is with much sorrow to hear of her passing from this life, but we celebrate her new life with Our Lord.
Your family has always been special to us, and we hope you find comfort in your faith.

Love,
Carolyn and Richard

Richard and Carolyn Carriage - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

TE

“ Sonya, Ricky and "little" Ricky. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to your family on your loss. I never had the pleasure to get to know Amanda personally but I feel I knew her through Steve and Jean and the visits from you Ricky. My prayers are with you all. May you find peace, knowing she is in the hands of our great Father. God Bless you.

Terry bosley - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ I just wanted to extend my prayers to all of you at this time. Thank you for sending me the link to read the beautiful thoughts, prayers and reflections on your sweet Amanda. May God continue to surround you with Love and Peace.

Camille Claibourne - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

GA

“ Now you have an angle on your side. You could use it. Take care my friend, hope to see you soon.

Gary Wisdom - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JE

“ Amanda's obituary is beautiful and I know she is proud. You were all so wonderful and supportive throughout her life. She had a beautiful 27 years and we are all so blessed to have been able to share it with her.

Love ya'll!

Jennifer Briggs - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DN

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during your time of loss. Amanda is a great inspiration to all. She had many angels on earth to help her through her journey and no doubt is dancing with the angels in Heaven today!

Darren & Nicole Strother - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DL

“ What a powerful testimony to God's plan for us all -- living life to the fullest, lifting up others on the path and leaving priceless lessons behind. What an inspiration! Prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Donna Landry - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

ED

“ Amanda's beautiful spirit will never be forgotten. She fought the greatest fight of her life with your support and love. God has presented her the ultimate prize, her eternal resting place with our Father. There is no more pain, suffering, struggles... God sent his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Edwina Mallery - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

“ My sincere condolences go out to Sonya, Ricky, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dalford and the rest of the Alleman and Briggs family. Amanda was a awesome example of courage and faith. She was an asset to the St. Joseph Edge Core Team, but the thing I enjoyed most was to watch the joy it brought her because she was able to be part of the team. The kids loved her and the Core Team enjoyed working with her. I am in Georgia at my daughters and will not be able to make the service but I want you all to know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. I so like the scripture chosen for her. She has fought the fight and now is reaping her rewards with both Jesus and her heavenly Mother.

Georgette Richard - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM