



## Kaitlyn Marie Kernes

November 23, 1989 - March 23, 2011

### Kaitlyn Marie Kernes

Kaitlyn Marie Kernes, age 21 of Overland Park, Kansas passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2011. She was born November 23, 1989 in Kansas City, Kansas, the daughter of Glenn Paul Kernes and Sabrine D. Biggs. She graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School in 2008 and was currently attending Entourage Beauty School. Katie was our carefree gypsy girl. Her travels took her to warm sunny beaches—the places she loved the most. She experienced life to the fullest. Her laughter and contagious smile lit up the room, and her outgoing personality made her a friend to everyone. Her parents, brothers and sisters will miss Katie every day. Vacations, holidays and birthdays won't be the same without our "Katie Kay". Katie was an artist. Her collages, water colors, scrapbooks and her creative mind make this world a beautiful place. She is survived by her parents, Sabrine D. Biggs (Don) of Forsyth, Missouri and Glenn Paul Kernes (Cari) of Overland Park, Kansas; sisters, Alicia M. Hanson of Kansas City, Kansas, and Carly E. Biggs of Forsyth, Missouri; brothers, Glenn Ryan Kernes of Manhattan, Kansas and Kyle Ledford of Overland Park, Kansas; great grandmother, Edna Mitzel of Manilla, Iowa; grandparents, Jim and Jan Goeser of Harlan Iowa; and grandfather, Emmett Biggs of Taneyville, Missouri; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Memorials to [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) (children with addictions) Funeral services will be 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Maple Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kansas. Visitation will be

from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Maple Hill in Kansas City, Kansas.  
A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Visit Kaitlyn's  
memorial website at [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Private Family Graveside

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
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Kansas City, KS 66106  
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# Tribute Wall



“Sabrine Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Kernes



Sabrina D Biggs - March 26, 2024 at 02:48 AM



“Kaitlyn Marie Kernes

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“Kaitlyn Marie Kernes

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“Sabrine Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



Sabrina Biggs - March 23, 2021 at 07:04 AM



“ Sabine Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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Sabrina Biggs - March 23, 2018 at 01:13 AM



“ Happy New Year, Love U <3



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Sabrina Biggs - December 28, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ Happy Easter Love U, Miss you so much Katie,



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Sabrina Biggs - April 16, 2014 at 11:30 PM



“ Sabine Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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Sabrina Biggs - March 23, 2014 at 09:03 PM

LM

“ *Love You, Mom lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



Love you, Mom - October 11, 2013 at 04:17 AM

RR

“ *Katie, I miss you so very much every single day.*

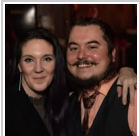
Robin L. Rouse - June 04, 2013 at 10:39 AM

RR

“ *Robin L. Rouse lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



Robin L. Rouse - June 04, 2013 at 10:34 AM



“ *Love you more then ever.*

Ryan Kernes - May 17, 2013 at 02:24 AM

SB

“ *Sabrina Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



Sabrina Biggs - October 17, 2012 at 09:40 PM

BH

“ *Barbara (Ware) Heddings lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Barbara (Ware) Heddings** - August 27, 2012 at 07:24 AM

AB

“ *Audry Ann Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**audry ann biggs** - August 24, 2012 at 08:14 PM

SB

“ *Sabrina Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Sabrina Biggs** - August 23, 2012 at 11:01 PM

SB

“ *Sabrina Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Sabrina Biggs** - December 08, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sabrina Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Sabrina Biggs** - October 13, 2011 at 04:39 AM



“ *Miss your smile, Hugs, your kind Heart. Love U Katie see in my dreams for now.*

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**Sabrina Biggs** - October 13, 2011 at 04:38 AM



“ *Sabrina Ware Biggs lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Sabrina Ware Biggs** - June 23, 2011 at 05:42 PM



*God I miss U it's been 3 month's I don't know how I'm doing this. I pray for you every day I won't see you soon but I will some day god had plan's for you and for me too I have to stay busy. Love you Katie Bear.*

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**Sabrina Ware Biggs** - June 23, 2011 at 06:10 PM



“ *I love you and miss you so much it is really hard to take at times! That was truely the best 21 years of my life kid!*

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**Glenn Kernes** - June 13, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ Charles lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn  
Marie Kernes



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**charles** - April 21, 2011 at 10:20 AM



*Dear Sabine, Don, Glenn, ( and family)  
I am So sorry to hear about your loss, she grew up to be a beautiful  
young lady. I found out to late to be there for  
you, and wish i could have . I just finished watching her tribute and it  
brought back many memories. I hope you all are doing well, and my  
thoughts and prayers are there for you. God bless you all, and may the  
lord have mercy on her soul.  
Love you all,  
Your Cous.  
Charlie ( & Family )*

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**charles** - April 21, 2011 at 10:30 AM

“ A note to Katie:

*There is a place on the campus of The University of Notre Dame known as the Grotto. Tucked in the shadow of the Golden Dome and across from St. Mary's lake, it resembles a small cave, filled with candles. US Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, celebrities in town for football games, fans, professors, faculty, alumni, and students, including myself, have all prayed there for decades.*

*This is a truly magical and majestic place, which people visit to light candles for prayers, dreams, worries, problems, people, and even the occasional good grade on a test. ?. The atmosphere is very difficult to describe in words because there is just a feeling you have being there and the sense of community you feel with others that are praying for similar things and may be in the same situation you find yourself experiencing.*

*For me, when any instance of pain, struggle, doubt, questioning, or difficulty comes my way, I know where I am headed. The Grotto is the most beautiful place I have ever seen and truly my favorite place in the world.*

*At about 5am this morning after sifting through some emails from my mother, I found a link to this website and noticed the virtual candles people could leave for you. I got in my car, drove to campus, and found the perfect candle at the Grotto, to light for your memory. This candle will burn for you and your family along with the candles for countless other prayers and wishes.*

*You are truly in good company.*

*I will continue to pray for peace with you, your family and all of your friends during this difficult time.*

*May the road rise up to meet you.*

*May the wind always be at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon*

*your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
-An Old Irish Blessing-*



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**Dan Ernst** - April 07, 2011 at 10:45 AM

DS

“Sabrine, Don and Glenn I am so very very sorry Katie was such a beautiful free spirited girl. She always wished she would have been born in the 60's and had been a flower child in a way she was even if it wasn't the 60's but i know she will be having parties now in heaven with her friends and relatives. She will be missed so very much. I will pray for all of you. I am so sorry Alicia,Ryann,Carly, Dorothy i just found out and feel so very sad for all of you. I will miss that wonderful spirited little girl and now god will be blessed with her and will keep her in his living arms. It will be awhile but you will all see her again and for now she is watching out for you all. Debbie Shea

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**Debbie Shea** - March 31, 2011 at 06:40 AM

AA

“Andrea Arenas lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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**Andrea Arenas** - March 29, 2011 at 06:36 PM

HI

“ Sabine & family,

*My heart pours out to you for the loss of Katie! No words can console you to complete peace. I am so sorry for you & I am so sorry that I was not there for you during this hour of darkness. If I would have known I would have been there for the service & visitation. I am here if I can ever help comfort you. Please be in touch - I will be with you! My love & prayers are with you! God's Arms are around you all, holding you up!*

*Your Friend Always,  
Sonny McWilliams*

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**Herschel H. "Sonny" McWilliams III** - March 29, 2011 at 02:05 AM

MS

“ Sabine - *There is no greater love than that love a mother has for her child and that is so true of you. My heart is hurting knowing the pain you are in. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and I am always here for you. What a beautiful angel Kaitlyn is. Her smile so reminds me of yours. Cherish the memories. - - Michelle McWilliams Shaffer*

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**Michelle McWilliams Shaffer** - March 28, 2011 at 10:07 PM

CS

“ Through it all, with all the stuff we've gone through separately and together you were the only one to ever truly make me understand what it meant to be OK with the imperfections we all have. I still read all the notes you once wrote from time to time. And remember us planning on running away and getting married. Playing softball at the park and sneaking in and out of each others houses. Its been five years and the memory of late night swimming in some strangers backyard is still fresh, the long long long talks with you and your ninja green van. I will miss you, and pray for your family.

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**Corey Scudiero** - March 28, 2011 at 09:05 PM

 Julie  
Newton

“ I cant believe you left this earth so quickly, remember when we make a pact when we were 12 that we were going to grow up and marry brothers so we could tell people we're sisters, I have too many good memories with you.. going to the lake, dressing up in cargo pants and croptops thinking we were the hottest things on earth, riding bikes, carving are names into the shell of that poor turtle, becoming sisters, "BOY GIRL party's," our walkie talkies, limited too diary's, getting grounded from each other.. we may have gotten in trouble together but it was always worth it. I love you kiki and i will never forget you. Rest In Peace

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**Julie Newton** - March 28, 2011 at 05:26 PM

KD

“ I remember me, you and Laura over at your house probably sophomore year and it was pouring and thunder storming and lightning outside, but we wanted that taco bell so bad. so we all put on your rain coats and ran to taco bell in the storm. we swam at the bottom of your street in the pool of water by the drain. it was one of the best memories i have with you. but we always had too much fun when we were together. i miss you more everyday. i love you katie

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**Kristie Davis** - March 28, 2011 at 04:33 PM

HA

“ *Hanson's sent a virtual gift in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Hanson's** - March 28, 2011 at 02:08 PM

LB

“ *Leslie Bowles lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Leslie Bowles** - March 28, 2011 at 12:45 PM

MG

“ *Only rarely I would run into you and you always seemed to somehow bring a smile to my face. One memory I will always have of us is singing on the playground at your elementary school and the good times we had cheer leading way back in the day. You will be missed forever...*



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**Mary Gilkerson** - March 28, 2011 at 12:05 PM

KK

“ *Katina Kellepouris lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Katina Kellepouris** - March 28, 2011 at 10:26 AM

SP

“ late nights, softball, cartwheels, food, laughter, mischief, love, light and today loss. Every time I see Wayne's World all I think about is hearing you tell stories and go "doodoodoodoodoodoo [that was five hours passing by the way]" and continue with your story, or hear you randomly go "wayne's world, wayne's world, party time, excellent" I can't believe we haven't spoken or seen each other in so long. I never imagined the possibility of never seeing you again. It never crossed my mind once. I always thought when I came back to KS I'd see you and the girls and chad again and it'd be just like old times. Even though we weren't as close as we used to be my heart aches something fierce hearing you're gone. I pray for the opportunity to see you again whether in another life or in heaven. We will never ever forget you katie, I swear it. Namaste princess. <3

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**Samantha Pirkle** - March 26, 2011 at 08:57 PM

TW

“ Tim Wyels lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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**Tim Wyels** - March 26, 2011 at 05:30 PM

NS

“ Nancy See lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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**Nancy See** - March 26, 2011 at 02:44 PM

MW

“ *I've grown up with her and her family I hope the Biggs family feels better from the loss  
Love you all <3*

mikayla whittington - March 26, 2011 at 01:50 PM

Emma  
Conaghan

“ *Emma Conaghan lit a candle in memory of  
Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



Emma Conaghan - March 26, 2011 at 12:55 PM

AC

“ *Abby Conaghan lit a candle in memory of  
Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



Abby Conaghan - March 26, 2011 at 12:53 PM

KE

“ *She was a beautiful talented young lady.  
Nurse Erickson*



Kara Erickson - March 26, 2011 at 12:03 PM

RB

“ *"Eternal rest be granted to you Katie and may the perpetual light shine upon you!"*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rob and Julie Baker(Sydney Lavine's mother and step-dad)*



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**Rob and Julie Baker** - March 26, 2011 at 10:52 AM

CS

“ *Caitlin Siebers lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Caitlin Siebers** - March 26, 2011 at 09:58 AM

SW

“ *Susanne Webb lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Susanne Webb** - March 26, 2011 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ My cousin Katie was beautiful, smart, outgoing, full of life, didn't know a stranger. She always had a hug for everyone. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. She loved her family and her friends. Her laugh was contagious as well as her smile. First time I met her she was one month old and it was Christmas and she was beautiful. I have fond memories of Silver Dollar City, her 21st birthday and my 38th birthday. She was the sun that shined in our lives. We will miss you. We love you Katie. "All you need is love...Love is all you need."

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**Susanne Webb** - March 26, 2011 at 09:00 AM

BH

“ Barbara Heddings lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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**barbara heddings** - March 26, 2011 at 08:59 AM

SH

“ Stephanie Hanson lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



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**Stephanie Hanson** - March 26, 2011 at 08:47 AM

AH

“ ALICIA MARIE HANSON lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



ALICIA MARIE HANSON - March 26, 2011 at 08:39 AM

AH

“ Cookouts....getting together with family and friends, holidays, canoeing, boating, tubing, kicking back under the sun, shopping in Branson, Silver Dollar City, talking about men!, nights out on the town, watching movies and staying up late talking about whatever crossed our minds, laughing together, crying together, giving big hugs and kisses, making up nicknames for each other, I am very proud to have been your big sister and enjoyed every minute we were together, you will live in my heart forever KatieBear....until we meet again, I love you forever...your Mexico!...MWAH!...XOXOXO!!

ALICIA MARIE HANSON - March 26, 2011 at 08:38 AM

JR

“ Josh Rauch lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



Josh Rauch - March 26, 2011 at 02:08 AM

OF

“ *Odle Family lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Odle Family** - March 26, 2011 at 12:37 AM

LH

“ *I remember the very first day I met you in the second grade and you tripped over the chair and did the craziest thing with your arms. That was one of the best jokes of Mrs. Stafford's class that we laughed about for about 10 years (after that, it just got old). From the moment we met, we never left each others side. I don't have many memories of my youth that don't include you and the girls, and for that time I am forever grateful. I have so many memories we shared going through my head that I cant even write out because no one else would really understand. I will never forget the sound of your one of kind laugh or the beauty of your smile. I know I will never meet another like you Katie K, you truly were an original. You were my invincible rock and you will hold a piece of my heart forever. I love you.*

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**Lena Houfaldi** - March 26, 2011 at 12:06 AM

SF

“ *Stverak Family lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Stverak Family** - March 25, 2011 at 11:07 PM

BS

*Katie was always so sweet and waved whenever we would come home. She was a great gal to be next door neighbors with for so many years and I will remember her that way - Betsy Stverak*

**Betsy Stverak** - March 25, 2011 at 11:11 PM

SC

“ *Death is a heartache that no one can heal, but  
Love is a memory that no one can steal.*  
*Sandra Crain*



**sandra crain** - March 25, 2011 at 10:26 PM

WF

“ *Weinert Family lit a candle in memory of  
Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



**Weinert family** - March 25, 2011 at 09:50 PM

CR

“ *Katie, I wish we could've spent more time  
together! You will always be remembered and  
missed!*



**Cecilia Reed** - March 25, 2011 at 09:30 PM

CR

“ *Katie, I'm sorry I was over seas the past 2 1/2 years. Maybe if I was here we could've gone a different direction. I really wish we could've spent more time together. You will always be in my heart. You will always be missed!* ”



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**Cecilia Reed** - March 25, 2011 at 08:35 PM

JR

“ *Jasmine Reed lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes* ”



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**Jasmine Reed** - March 25, 2011 at 08:25 PM

LR

“ Ocean Avenue, Red hot Chilli peppers, Cheese and Porn, Sharts, Mrs. Fields cookies, The mall, pleather outfits, Truth or dare, Weeds, Oak Park School, Construction Workers, Clumsy, 311, Hamburger face, Janice, My treadmill, your orange pants, sky, 3 strands, taco bell, happy apple, 7/11, ghetto booty, it's a beautiful day, the green ninja, trading clothes, grounded for life, breaking the bannister, work out balls, senior campout, the c team, spice girls, jordins purple pants, jake and thomas, fifth grade birthday party, TLC, this is not even the tip of the iceberg to the memories we shared together. I have seen your happiest days and your saddest nights. I couldn't ask for a better group of girls to grow up with. I always imagined us all together when we are old. I feel like this is not supposed to be your fate. I love you with all my heart. I could not have asked for a better friend to stand by me for the past 13 years. You would have done anything to help me and did and I for you Katie. I will never forget the memories we share or the person that you were. I love you may your soul finally have a chance to rest in peace.

Lauren Repp - March 25, 2011 at 08:03 PM

CG

“ My family lives across the street from katie's and i can remember watching her do handstands and cartwheels in the yard.

caitlin gregory - March 25, 2011 at 05:58 PM

SJ

“ Sarah Jones lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes



Sarah Jones - March 25, 2011 at 05:19 PM

KK

“ *Kelley Kernes lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Kelley Kernes** - March 25, 2011 at 05:19 PM

RA

“ *Randy And Terri Auderer lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Randy and Terri Auderer** - March 25, 2011 at 05:15 PM

CF

“ *My heart is so saddened by such unexpected news. I recall such a sweet-natured young lady. Her outgoing personality touched us all. I still have a poem she wrote while in my class.*

*One Night*

*One night it was very scary*

*Lily, the pumpkin, acted like a berry.*

*She didn't know why*

*It's probably because she was so hairy!*

*Her humor was a blessing. My prayers will continue with your family.*

*Connie Foil*

*Fourth Grade Teacher*

*Brookridge Elementary*

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**Connie Foil** - March 25, 2011 at 02:18 PM



“ *Amanda Kernes lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Amanda Kernes** - March 25, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ *Denise Clapp (Coon) lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**Denise Clapp (Coon)** - March 25, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ *Charles @ Ellen Ware lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**charles @ ellen ware** - March 25, 2011 at 12:51 PM



“ *Katie was a beautiful girl inside and out. She had a heart of gold. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

*Carol Mullen*

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**Carol Mullen** - March 25, 2011 at 12:22 PM

TB

“ *The Barry's lit a candle in memory of Kaitlyn Marie Kernes*



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**The Barry's** - March 25, 2011 at 12:15 PM

“ *This is to the ones who remember,  
How good things were before.  
We look back and recall,  
How good and cry out for more.  
But just as the past is gone to stay  
...so are the yesterdays.  
We can never turn back again  
The torn pages of time.  
For somewhere over the ages  
It must have been written in stone.  
Our loved ones leave us,  
Before we are ready to let them go.  
And then even if only to ourselves  
We all have whispered,  
What we'd trade now  
To have only known,  
Just how much time we'd had left  
Before turning back to find them gone.  
Leaving us behind to carry on.  
It's so sad that we sometimes need to be reminded  
Today all too soon will become yesterday.  
And as mortals we shall never hold that forsaken tomorrow,  
It is eternally destined to slip through the clutches of our mortal  
hands.  
Savor what is given now.  
Handle it gently.  
For life is fragile.  
As Fragile as glass  
Or as fragile as steel.  
Determined only by how deeply one does feel.  
And That is all that is even real.  
"Nothing more."  
As bleak as it all may sometimes seem,  
There is light only because of this darkness,  
And for every reality thrives a dream.  
Her dreams will live on.*

*Never to die.  
Fading only if it is forgotten,  
How she would choose to live this life.  
Thus if only half a life is lived before it is gone,  
One whole life is still lived.  
When measured by lessons taught  
And learned.  
Although appearing lost in the past,  
Dreams can not die unless they be forgotten  
For there is no loss in lessons learned or memories gained  
If nothing else,  
Life has taught me that no death should be in sorrow.  
For it is just the passage to tomorrow  
And we all aspire to go there alone one day,  
Leaving others behind  
To carry on  
Our dreams.*

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**Rob and D'Ette Coon** - March 25, 2011 at 12:11 PM

TS

“ *Katie will always be remembered as a happy and outgoing young lady.  
Her smile could light up a room. As next door neighbors, we loved watching her grow up.  
Tom and Jan Stverak*



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**Tom Stverak** - March 25, 2011 at 10:08 AM

DR

“ *Kaitlyn I still remember your hugs and sweet smile you gave me here at Shawnee Mission South...I love and will miss you...til we meet again...  
Deb Rosental  
Attendance Clerk SMSHS*

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**Debra L. Rosenthal** - March 25, 2011 at 09:07 AM