



Georgette Tillett

August 22, 1985 - June 17, 2009

Georgette McGuire Tillett was born on August 22, 1985 in Houston, Texas to Doug Tillett and Kimberly Weller. Georgie died on June 17, 2009 in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 23. She was struck by lightning and died instantly while crossing an open field with friends after spending the afternoon fishing and swimming.

Georgie was completing her last semesters at Missouri State University Majoring in Environmental Science and Agriculture. She had completed three years at Central Methodist University on a track and cross-country scholarship before joining the U.S. Army Reserves. She completed training in May where she excelled in her training as a U.S. Army Combat Medic. Georgie planned to attend Officer Candidate School next year after graduating from college. She planned to complete Jump School and was considering pursuing a career as an Animal Care Specialist.

Georgie loved all animals but especially horses. She loved trail riding and competing in barrel and pole bending. She was a natural and avid runner. In grade school she played team soccer and basketball, danced ballet, was a Girl Scout and sang in the school choir. In high school, she ran track and cross country, was a member of the National Honor Society and performed as a member of her church acting team. Georgie graduated from Waynesville High School in 2004.

Georgie was humorous, fun loving, adventurous, honest, loyal and devoted. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior early and lived a fully active and healthy lifestyle. She had a great relationship with her boyfriend Dereck Lannigan for the past one and a half years. Georgie just moved into her very first apartment off campus.

Georgie desired to have her ashes spread over the property where she kept her beloved horses.

Funeral services with military honors were held at 4:00 P.M. Monday, June 22, 2009 in the Grace Covenant Christian Center of Waynesville, Missouri with Evangelist Tony Cooke officiating. Georgie's father, Doug Tillett welcomed everyone to the service. Her boyfriend, Derek Lannigan, best friend, Ashley Alkire and former youth pastor, KC Wright all recalled their wonderful and different memories of Georgie. Soloist Maria Mesa sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", Soloist Charles Allen sang "Fear Not My Child" and Soloist Jesse Rutledge sang "I Can Only Imagine". Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Georgette Tillett*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Georgette Tillett*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I'm so soory for your loss Doug, it tears my heart open to hear of this tragic news. May God bless you and keep you.##imported-begin##Ray (Butch) Snyder##imported-end##*

July 06, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ *OUR FAMILY WISHES YOUR FAMILY PEACE.....WE ARE SADDEN BY YOUR LOST AND YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.##imported-begin##JANIE MENDOZA##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ Doug and Judi you have been in our thoughts and prayers everyday. We are deeply saddened for your loss. Friends are good support.##imported-begin##Dave & Carla Fontaine##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ We were very sad to hear about your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Brian & Judith Coldicott##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 01:01 PM



“ As General Manager of steak N Shake i would like to express our sympathy. Georgie worked for me for a period of time and was a delight. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing, we will all miss her precious smile.##imported-begin##Melissa Hopen##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 02:33 PM



“ Pastor Judi and Mr. Doug, I am sorry to hear about the loss of Georgette. I remember her in Superchurch and her big beautiful eyes and her smile. I have been and will continue to pray for you and your family. I love you, Courtney.##imported-begin##Courtney (Hopkins) Davis##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 12:11 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. We are all sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Secret Family##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ Pastor Judi and Doug,
My heart aches for you. I went back and read my notes from September 2002 where you taught us on death and dying. I remember having Georgie in Superchurch. She had spent time in Korea and would speak Korean for us. She was a good girl, pretty, funny, and loved animals. She sent me one of her senior pictures, I still have it in my wallet. Take comfort in knowing that Georgie is with Jesus. Everyone in heaven is enjoying her company and she is talking with the animals. I believe she feeds the Big white horse that Jesus will ride back when he comes after the rest us! I love you guys very much and so does Georgette. May the peace of God rule in your hearts. Take it one day at time. Jesus has both of you right in the palm of his hand. Much love,
Arnette##imported-begin##Arnette Hopkins##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 04:21 PM



“ This is for all of us who love Georgie:

*Death thought it had a victory
It thought it dealt a blow
That would cripple us
Crush us
Destroy us
But, Oh! The hope we have in Jesus!
In sorrow and in pain
There's such peace
Even joy
Restoration comes again
As we rise to face each morning
With Your mercies always new
Your grace, truly amazing,
Will ever see us through*

*Forgive us if we forget
The origin by which death came
As we cry and grieve for Georgie
Wondering will it ever be the same?
You came to give us life
It's abundant life You bring
Our part is to embrace it
This day and those to come
Be our strength
Be our source
Be our rest, O Loving One.*

*We keep you lifted up in prayer, Doug and Judi.##imported-
begin##Brenda Sands##imported-end##*

June 22, 2009 at 04:09 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I played soccer with Georgie for many years. She was always so full of energy and always had a big smile on her face. She always put her heart into everything she did. She will always be greatly missed and remembered.##imported-begin##Jessica Grosvenor##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 01:02 PM



“ Doug & Judi,
There are no words that can alleviate the pain of the loss of a loved one, if there were I would use them here. Just know that my heart goes out to you.
Sincerely,
Frenchy##imported-begin##James P Leveille ##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ Doug and Family,

Please accept my sincerest sympathy for your loss. I know your sense of loss is great now, and may never fully heal, but you can still cherish her memory and in time come to terms with your loss. Always remember the good times and the great memories. Cherish those memories above all else.##imported-begin##Roy Coker##imported-end##

June 21, 2009 at 09:22 PM



“ I love you guys.##imported-begin##Timothy W. Dillard##imported-end##

June 21, 2009 at 02:05 AM



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I played soccer with Georgie throughout high school and I will always remember her as one of the kindest young women I have ever met. Her family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jessica Mather and Family##imported-end##

June 20, 2009 at 03:26 PM



“ Pastor Judi and Doug, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am imagining her personal stables in heaven and trail rides beyond our imagination!
Much love and prayers,
Stephanie and Dylan Elliott##imported-begin##Stephanie (Porter) Elliott##imported-end##

June 20, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ Doug and Family,

Kim and I are so saddened by this terrible tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike and Kim Clarke##imported-end##

June 20, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ *Doug and Judi,
We are very sorry for your loss. We ask the Father that He provide you with His comfort and grace both now and in the days to come. In Jesus name, amen. God bless, Dan and Tammy##imported-begin##Dan and Tammy Corse##imported-end##*

June 20, 2009 at 12:04 PM



“ *Dearest Judi,

I remember how you offered your comfort to me at my loss.

I would offer the same to you and Doug.

In my prayers.

Bill##imported-begin##Rev. Bill Turner##imported-end##*

June 20, 2009 at 09:06 AM



“ *Doug & Judi - So incredibly sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jeannette A. Gibbons##imported-end##*

June 20, 2009 at 07:11 AM



“ *Doug and Judi, We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Brian and Connie Gibbs##imported-end##*

June 20, 2009 at 03:34 AM



“ Dear Pastor Judy & Doug, I'm so deeply saddened for the loss of such a beautiful presence in your lives. My thoughts an prayers are with you and yours.##imported-begin##Billy Jean Walker##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 11:48 PM



“ Dear Doug and family, we can not express how deeply shocked and heartbroken we were when we heard this tragic news. Please know that you have our thoughts, love, and prayers.##imported-begin##Stubby & Sam Reisner##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 11:12 PM



“ Echo Company 232 sends our sympathy to the families and friends of Georgie. All who have called have wished to express their sorry and support. Georgie will forever be a Tusker Medic and not be forgotten. Our prayers and hearts are with you all.##imported-begin##SPC Daryn L Stark##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ Dave, I am so sorry for your loss. Even though I never met Georgie, I have three children of my own. I cannot imagine what you and your family must be going through. I am so sorry. You and yours will be in our prayers tonight. May God be with you.##imported-begin##Andrea Crabtree and Family##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 04:23 PM



“ To Pastor Tillett and Doug, and Mom, I am sorry for your loss. Georgie was a wonderful woman of God and for the breif time that I was there at Grace, I remember that she always had a smile on her face and everyone that was around her was so happy to be near to her. Our prayers are for your family to have peace and joy, knokwing that you will get to see her in Heaven because her name was written in Christs book. May God give you peace once again. God Bless

Luke##imported-begin##Luke and Amy Bowen##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

David and Joy Farber##imported-begin##David Farber##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 02:50 PM



“ Georgie was a remarkable person and she really knew how to make you laugh when you were having a bad day. She truly was a great person, I'll never forget her smile and laugh. You will be missed Georgie. All my love and prayers go out to this family.##imported-begin##Brittaney Maggard##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 12:10 PM



“ Doug and Judi, we are so sorry for your loss. We pray peace and comfort for you in this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Ronnie and Lynn Atterberry##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you in this most difficult of times. We pray that you will be able to find peace in future days.##imported-begin##JB & Cheryl King##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 11:00 AM



“ Thinking of you in thoughts and prayer.##imported-begin##JB/Cheryl King##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 10:33 AM



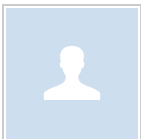
“ Doug and Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless##imported-begin##Holly Pesce##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 10:16 AM



“ Doug & Judi-we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Karl & Vicky Groninger##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 08:36 AM



“ Doug & Judy,
You are in mine and Leasa's prayers during this difficult time. Our hearts hurt for you. God Bless.##imported-begin##David Day##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 08:03 AM



“ Doug and Judi...Words cannot express the sorrow I am feeling for you both today, a parent's worse nightmare. I will be praying non-stop for you all.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 11:30 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. Our prayers are with Judy and Doug at this time.

Tammy and family##imported-begin##Tammy (Davis) Downs##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 11:26 PM



“ Our thoughts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Georgette was a wonderful young lady.##imported-begin##Angela Alkire Houf and family##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 10:03 PM



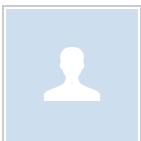
“ We all love you Georgie girl. You will be missed for the rest of our lives.##imported-begin##Leslie Weller##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 09:59 PM



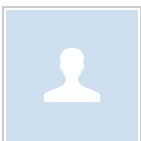
“ Love and Peace to all family and friends. Georgie will be missed by so many not the least of which is Bill and I. I believe Georgie would have been a General Officer some day, she was a dedicated soldier with passion and vision for service to her country. We thank God for the time we had with Georgie since she was a child. We miss her so much.##imported-begin##Bill & Elizabeth Bowlesf##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 08:59 PM



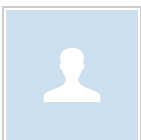
“ My heart and tears are heavy this morning with the news of Georgie. I have such fond memories of her. Of course, the whole family is in my prayers. I'm so thankful for a God who personally cares for us and intimately touches us always. Especially in times like this. I know He will take care of you and help you through this. He will help all of us! God Bless you all greatly.##imported-begin##Donna Gibson##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 01:58 PM



“ Doug and Judi, our heart goes out to you - this is something no parent should ever have to face. Our prayers are with you during this time ... if there is anything at all we can do, I trust you'll let us know.##imported-begin##Tom, Dee & John Mills##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 01:27 PM



“ Our heart is breaking with such sad news. Prayers to her family.##imported-begin##Dan & Beth Deering##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 01:26 PM