



Jessica Danyale Lee

February 8, 1990 - August 6, 2013

Jessica Danyale Lee, age 23, was born February 8, 1990, in Westminster, California. Her son, Elyjah Michael Lee, age 4, was born June 6, 2009, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. They departed this life together Tuesday, August 6, 2013, during the flood in Waynesville.

They are survived by Michael and Michelle Lee of Waynesville, MO; Justin Lee of Jefferson City, MO; Julia Lee of Waynesville, MO; Peggy and Glen Alderich of Lebanon, MO; Jerry Lee of Long Beach, CA; Joan Blatt and Jerry Mercier of Lebanon, MO; Frank and Laura Romney of Mesa, AZ; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Jessica lived in California, Georgia, and Colorado before arriving in Missouri where she spent most of her life. After graduating from Waynesville High School she went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Child Psychology at Columbia College. Her love for children took her career to the Child Development Center on Fort Leonard Wood where she was currently working. She loved to laugh, joke around, and express herself with her favorite color (bright pink) and thru sentimental tattoos which had special meaning to her. But most of all, what she loved more than anything, was being with Elyjah and her family.

Elyjah grew up here in Waynesville and enjoyed everything the area had to

offer. He was dedicated at Victory Fellowship where he and his mother attended. He loved playing outside and with his best friend Bear Bear. One of his favorite routines was picking fruits and vegetables with Grandma in her garden (while eating all of Grandpa's strawberries). Like his mother he also would express himself with his favorite color (blue) as everything he wore had to have blue in it.

Today we celebrate Jessica and Elyjah's lives together. We will always treasure the many wonderful memories they have created with each and every one of us. They will be fondly remembered, deeply missed, and will live in our hearts forever.

Everyone who knew Jessica would say she was a tough, strong willed person. Only those closest to her would know how loyal and protective she was. Jessica would do anything for family and friends, no questions asked. If you needed her she was there, especially when it came to little Ely. No matter the situation Jessica wasn't going to give up without a fight. She would have taken on a lion to protect her little boy. Elyjah was Jessica's everything, he literally was her entire world and she was his. Elyjah filled so many people's lives with joy and happiness, because that was all he knew. True and unconditional love was all Elyjah had ever experienced. It is without a doubt Elyjah and Jessica were made for each other; they were one another's destiny. Now they shall continue their eternal lives together in Heaven, never alone, but always together.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2013 in the Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville with Pastor Frank Brunais officiating. Recalling their wonderful memories of Jessica and Elyjah were Michael Lee and Debbie Lee. The songs "I Can Only Imagine", "Save a Place for Me" and "If I Die Young" were played. Serving as escorts for Jessica were Vincent Koehler, Martha Lee, Josh Crossland, George Forbes, Marty Lee and Steven

Orth. Serving as escorts for Elyjah were Kelby Stapleton, Debbie Lee, Bill Clements, Nathaniel Richards, Keitha Orth and Justin Lee.

Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jessica and Elyjah and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

AUG 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church
801 Historic 66 West
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jessica Danyale Lee*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I miss you everyday aunt. You were the most beautiful woman ever. I truly miss you and it still hurts and I'm now in my teens. I miss Elyjah so much also. He was my favorite cousin. I miss your presences. I wish I could hug you guys one last time. Love you.*

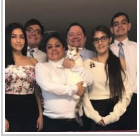


yazmein - January 05, 2020 at 02:58 AM



“ *I miss you aunt and cousin*

yazmein - December 11, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ *My wife and I are saddened by Jessica's and Elyjah's untimely passing. Jessica was like another daughter to my wife and our hearts break realizing this tragic event occurred 2 1/2 years ago. It reminds us all to cherish life and those around us and to remember them in our hearts every day. Condolences and blessings to the entire family. Sincerely, Patrick and Maria Casey*



Patrick Casey - February 25, 2016 at 10:25 AM

SJ

“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



SARA JONES - October 11, 2013 at 10:07 PM

ML

“ *My beautiful daughter, you will be missed. I will see your beautiful face again in heaven.*

Michelle Lee - August 21, 2013 at 06:30 PM

DL

“ *Debbie Lee lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Debbie Lee - August 21, 2013 at 04:12 PM

DL

you will both be in our hearts forever we miss you Aunt Debbie Aunt Martha Haley and Mo Mo

Debbie Lee - August 21, 2013 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ *Denise Miller lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



denise miller - August 18, 2013 at 11:17 AM

CM

“ *I feel so bad that i did not get to attend Jessica's funeral. I was in classes with her at Lincoln University. She was such a sweet young lady. I kept telling my husband i felt like i knew her then tonight it dawn on me that is was the Jessica i knew. I will say she loved her son. She always talked about him so much in class. I will say she loved her parents too. She always talked in class about her mom and dad. To her parents you had a wonderful daughter and grandson and so sorry for your loss. SHe will be well missed. May God Bless your family. Cherl Miller*

Cherl Miller - August 16, 2013 at 07:58 PM

MC

“ *Marcy Cavalier lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Marcy Cavalier - August 16, 2013 at 09:42 AM

“Michael and Michelle, Beverly and my heart goes out to you during this most difficult time in your lives. Having experienced the loss of a child 3 1/2 years ago, I can tell you through experience, "GOD will help you and sustain you, if you lean and depend on HIM". There will be many questions you are going to have that may not ever be answered. Be assured, the memories you have of your precious Jessica and Grandson Elyjah will be the brightest moments that will carry you through your toughest days. We were given a poem by our pastor that helped us and strengthened us, I would like to share it with you and pray it will help you.

A CHILD LOANED, BY EDGAR GUEST

*"I'll lend you for a little time
A child of mine," He said.
"For you to love the while she lives,
And mourn for when she's dead.*

*"It may be six or seven years
Or twenty-two or three.
But will you, till I call her back,
Take care of her for me?"*

*"She'll bring her charms to gladden you,
And should her stay be brief,
You'll have her lovely memories
As solace for your grief.*

*"I cannot promise she will stay,
Since all from earth return.
But there are lessons taught down there
I want this child to learn.*

*"I've looked this wide world over
In my search for teachers true.*

*And from the throngs that crowd life's lane,
I have selected you.*

*"Now, will you give her all your love,
And not think the labor vain?
Nor hate me when I come to call
And take her back again?"*

*I fancied that I heard them say,
"Dear Lord, thy will be done.
For all the joy thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we'll run.*

*"We'll shelter her with tenderness,
We'll love her while we may.
And for the happiness we know,
Forever grateful stay.*

*"But should the angels call for her
Much sooner than we planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes
And try to understand."*

GOD BLESS

Charles and Beverly Osborne

Charles & Beverly Osborne - August 15, 2013 at 11:11 AM

SB

“ *Stella Barkley & Anna Brown lit a candle in
memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Stella Barkley & Anna Brown - August 14, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ *Cristopher McCauslin lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Cristopher McCauslin - August 14, 2013 at 08:49 PM

SS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



shauna sievers - August 14, 2013 at 07:23 PM

SS

“ *shauna sievers*



shauna sievers - August 14, 2013 at 07:21 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Schooley lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Teresa Schooley - August 14, 2013 at 07:12 PM



“ *The journey,
I set out on my journey when I was very young.I knew not where the winding road would go.My Friend,He traveled with me-I never felt alone- He told me everything I had to know.At times the way was easy the road was straight and smooth,the sky was blue and everything looked bright.At times the road was rugged,the hills were long and steep,and darkness hid the view ahead from sight.....
But never did he leave me-This Friend who came along,and never did He let me lose my way.And every time I stumbled He offered me His Hand,assuring me that I would be okay.And than one day,I saw it ,at last my journey's end,and what a wondrous sight it was to see!For after all my travels,I found my way back home-the heavenly home that He'd prepared for me.
By Larry Sandman*

May u find peace in knowing that your loved one is home at last with the lord.

Cristopher and Ramona Mccauslin

Cristopher McCauslin - August 14, 2013 at 06:21 PM



“ *Missy Sellars-Gray lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Missy Sellars-Gray - August 14, 2013 at 06:02 PM

KW

“ *Kelly Wallace lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Kelly Wallace - August 14, 2013 at 03:30 PM

KA

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss of both Elijah and Jessica Lee, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. GOD BLESS YOU Gods angels*



Katherine Adams - August 14, 2013 at 02:10 PM

JR

“ *Joan Jesser Romney lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



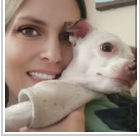
Joan Jesser Romney - August 14, 2013 at 02:05 PM

Jessica Hail

“ *Jessica Hail lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Jessica Hail - August 14, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ *Rheannon Pijl lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Rheannon Pijl - August 14, 2013 at 11:45 AM

SS

“ *Susie Snelling lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Susie Snelling - August 14, 2013 at 09:55 AM

RB

“ *Jessica, we will miss your beautiful smile and seeing you with little Ely every day...may God grant your family the peace and strength to go on with life without you and Ely...I pray you are dancing with the angels now up in heaven...*



*With heavy hearts,
Robert & Teresita (Teri) Brogan*

Robert & Teresita (Teri) Brogan - August 14, 2013 at 09:37 AM

KS

“ *Kelly Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Kelly Smith - August 14, 2013 at 09:35 AM

KS

“ *Life was too short for your family but we have two beautiful angels with us! Prayers going up blessings coming down!*



Kelly Smith - August 14, 2013 at 09:34 AM

KK

“ *As a former Waynesville resident, I've followed the story of Jessica and Elyjah closely. I'm so very sorry for their family's loss, and for the town's loss of two of its people. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

Kate K - August 14, 2013 at 09:01 AM



“ *Patricia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Patricia Stevens - August 14, 2013 at 08:43 AM

DS

“ *Deborah Smith lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Deborah Smith - August 14, 2013 at 08:29 AM



“ *Gwen Miles lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Gwen Miles - August 14, 2013 at 07:41 AM

RS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for their family.*



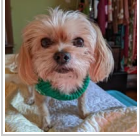
Robert and Mary Switzer - August 14, 2013 at 06:24 AM

RB

“ *Roger Bunch lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Roger Bunch - August 14, 2013 at 05:44 AM



“ *Pauline Leitgeb lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Pauline Leitgeb - August 13, 2013 at 08:48 PM

DB

“ *Delilah And Bob lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Delilah and Bob - August 13, 2013 at 08:44 PM

AT

“ *A.J TEEL lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



A.J TEEL - August 13, 2013 at 04:31 PM

NI

“ *NILSA sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



NILSA - August 13, 2013 at 04:30 PM

LF

“ Lesa And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Lesa and Family - August 13, 2013 at 04:14 PM

UR

“ Uncle Ken & Aunt Rachel Romney lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Uncle Ken & Aunt Rachel Romney - August 13, 2013 at 01:51 PM

CW

“ Cynthia Washington lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Cynthia Washington - August 13, 2013 at 01:47 PM

JS

“ Jim Schiller lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Jim Schiller - August 13, 2013 at 12:41 PM

DO

“ Donna Wagner Odegaard lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Donna Wagner Odegaard - August 13, 2013 at 08:21 AM

BM

“ Bill Anderson Nixa, Mo. lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee




Bill Anderson Nixa, Mo. - August 13, 2013 at 07:47 AM


Jennifer Hammock

“ RIP LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY



Jennifer Hammock - August 13, 2013 at 02:06 AM



“ Beth Wiles lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Beth Wiles - August 12, 2013 at 11:38 PM

AS

“ On behalf of Albert Sostre, Jessica Classmate 2008, and my family, I want to give you my condolence on this hard moment, I graduated with Jessica and it is sad to know that she left with her son to be next to the Lord. You will be miss, GOD Bless you and your family.
Albert Sostre and family The Armstrong, Andres AFB, Maryland



Albert Sostre - August 12, 2013 at 11:12 PM

AS

“ *Albert Sostre lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Albert Sostre - August 12, 2013 at 11:06 PM

TM

“ *Tara McKinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Tara McKinney - August 12, 2013 at 08:28 PM

NA

“ *Natalie lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



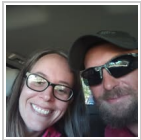
Natalie - August 12, 2013 at 07:18 PM



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Tara-Jeff Edmonds - August 12, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ *Brandy Dampier lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Brandy Dampier - August 12, 2013 at 04:40 PM

BE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Evans - August 12, 2013 at 04:23 PM

TM

“ *thank you Jessica. For being that ear and that shoulder at a time when I thought I was going to lose it. Your kindness has stayed with me over these years and your words of encouragement will continue to motivate me to press on*

Tyesha McKinney - August 12, 2013 at 04:23 PM

MW

“ *Michelle Wryn sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Michelle Wryn - August 12, 2013 at 04:10 PM

MW

I'm going to miss the sound of your laughter.

Michelle Wryn - August 12, 2013 at 04:12 PM

BE

“ *Barbara Evans lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Barbara Evans - August 12, 2013 at 04:10 PM

SM

“ *Shelly McHeffey lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Shelly McHeffey - August 12, 2013 at 04:05 PM

DW

“ Donald Witt lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Donald Witt - August 12, 2013 at 03:38 PM

MS

“ Mary Spampanato lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee




Mary Spampanato - August 12, 2013 at 03:18 PM

DW

“ Dave & Johnna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Dave & Johnna Wilson - August 12, 2013 at 12:56 PM

 Laura Julian Morgan

“ Laura Julian Morgan lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Laura Julian Morgan - August 12, 2013 at 12:52 PM

LW

“ LeighAnn Woody lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



LeighAnn Woody - August 12, 2013 at 12:06 PM

JW

“ Jason Wryn lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Jason Wryn - August 12, 2013 at 11:49 AM

DF

“ Deb Fairchild lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



deb fairchild - August 12, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ Kevin Short lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Kevin Short - August 12, 2013 at 10:46 AM



“ Janet York lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Janet York - August 12, 2013 at 10:37 AM



“ Simone lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Simone - August 12, 2013 at 10:37 AM



“ Mark & Maureen lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Mark & Maureen - August 12, 2013 at 10:35 AM



“ LOUISA HAYES lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



LOUISA HAYES - August 12, 2013 at 10:29 AM

AC

“ Alan & Pam Cox-Clark lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Alan & Pam Cox-Clark - August 12, 2013 at 10:13 AM

DW

“ Delmar And Lyndia Williams lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Delmar and Lyndia Williams - August 12, 2013 at 10:01 AM

BM

“ Brenda Motsenbocker lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



Brenda Motsenbocker - August 12, 2013 at 09:57 AM

 Shana Muskevits

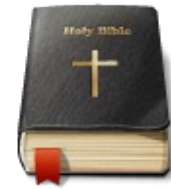
“ Shana Muskevitsch lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee



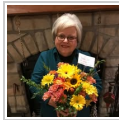
Shana Muskevitsch - August 12, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ *Annette Catts sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*

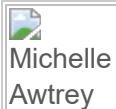


Annette Catts - August 12, 2013 at 09:39 AM



The calamities of this world are not from God. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27a May God send Jessica's family comfort and strength for each coming day. May His Holy Spirit protect you, guide you, and surround you with love.

Annette Catts - August 12, 2013 at 09:57 AM



“ *Michelle Awtrey lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Michelle Awtrey - August 12, 2013 at 09:37 AM



I'm praying for the Lee family.

Michelle Awtrey - August 12, 2013 at 09:38 AM

BD

“ *Brad D'Angelo lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Brad D'Angelo - August 12, 2013 at 09:37 AM

WL

“ *Welty Lohr lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Welty Lohr - August 12, 2013 at 09:35 AM

AD

“ *Angie Dake lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Angie Dake - August 12, 2013 at 09:33 AM

DW

“ *Such a great outpouring of love for the Lee family. Known Mike for many, many years. I know he would do anything for anyone....just as this community has done for his wonderful family.*
~ Walker-Berry family~

Donna Walker-Berry - August 12, 2013 at 08:40 AM

TK

“ *The Kieliszewski's lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



The Kieliszewski's - August 12, 2013 at 08:21 AM

CW

“ *Carol Welch lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Carol Welch - August 12, 2013 at 08:15 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



MARLIN STEVENS - August 12, 2013 at 08:14 AM

SH

“ *SUE & HARRY sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



SUE & HARRY - August 12, 2013 at 08:10 AM

DC

“ *Debbie Crawley lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Debbie Crawley - August 12, 2013 at 07:36 AM

KB

“ *Kerry Barbarick lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



kerry barbarick - August 12, 2013 at 07:25 AM

SF

“ *Condolences to the family our love ones live on in our hearts forever
bless all
Sander family*

sander family - August 12, 2013 at 07:10 AM

SU

“ *Sending my prayers to this whole family may god be with you all
Gone To Soon*

Susan - August 12, 2013 at 06:09 AM

BF

“ *Brandi Findling sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Brandi Findling - August 12, 2013 at 06:01 AM



“ *Vicky O'Neil lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Vicky O'Neil - August 11, 2013 at 09:38 PM

PS

“ *Pam And Robert Smith lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Pam and Robert Smith - August 11, 2013 at 06:56 PM

ME

“ *You were such an amazing person, rest in peace love!*



Meranda - August 11, 2013 at 05:33 PM



“ *Bridgitte Baker-Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Bridgitte Baker-Bennett - August 11, 2013 at 05:31 PM



“ *Jessica had a contagious laugh that spread through others.*

Le'Nesha Cunningham - August 11, 2013 at 05:22 PM



“ *Shawn Loveless lit a candle in memory of Jessica Danyale Lee*



Shawn Loveless - August 11, 2013 at 04:52 PM