



## Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter

September 12, 1979 - July 15, 2013

Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter, daughter of Merel Jay and Debra Jean (Haas) Johnson, was born September 12, 1979 in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Due to Laila's dad being in the military, the family moved several times and they were transferred to Fort Leonard Wood where Laila finished high school and graduated in 1998. After graduating from high school, she continued her education at Columbia College and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Laila enjoyed life and her main priority were the children that she was blessed with: Candra Carol Johnson, Timothy Howard Carpenter III and Anthony Jay Carpenter. She would do anything for them and worked very hard to provide for them. In her spare time, Laila enjoyed bowling and spending time with family and friends.

Laila passed away Monday, July 15, 2013 having attained the age of 33 years, 10 months and 3 days. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Laila leaves to cherish her memory three children: Candra Carol Johnson, Timothy Howard Carpenter and Anthony Jay Carpenter, all of St. Robert; her parents: Merel and Debra Johnson of St. Robert; one brother: Eric Anthony

Johnson of Lawton, OK; grandmothers: Tessa (Nana) Helehn Haas and Julie Dean Dobry; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, other relatives and a host of friends.

Laila was preceded in death by her grandfathers: Dr. Harold E. Haas and Hubert John Dobry; and one cousin: Grant G. Lechtenberg.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2013 in the Waynesville United Methodist Church with Pastor Bill O'Neal officiating. The songs "Agnus Dei", "My Savior, My God", "Better is One Day", "You Never Let Go", and "I Am Free" were sung by the congregation. The songs "Cinderella" and "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" were played. Serving as escorts were Ian Hatchell, Scott Darby, Gwen Andrewcavage, Adam Lechtenberg, Chris Albertson, Patrick Wadley, Mike Lewis, Mitchell Bland and Terry Smith. Serving as honorary escorts were Solomon Johnson and Kelly Long.

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

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Laila Carpenter and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Waynesville United Methodist Church  
200 Lovely Lane  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *What a pity, I knew Laila as a child. A more free-spirited person has never walked the earth. Lord keep you Laila. Many prayers to the family...*

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**Gary Zerwas** - January 21, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ *Although I did not know you Laila, you come to mind today after reading the conviction of your killer. Prayers to your family.*



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**Jluley** - May 08, 2014 at 08:48 AM

SJ

“ SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



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**SARA JONES** - October 11, 2013 at 10:17 PM

MD

“ Candra, Timothy and AJ, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please know that you are all in our prayers. ~Mr. Mike

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**Michael Delcour** - July 25, 2013 at 08:50 PM

  
Jonathan  
Ludtke

“ RiP Laila, we are the class of 1998

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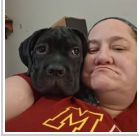
**Jonathan Ludtke** - July 23, 2013 at 09:54 AM

DL

“ Merel and Debbie,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that you are in our prayers. I will always remember that little girl that came to the house. May God give you peace and carry you through this time of great sorrow. God Bless  
Paul and Darla Lucas and Family.

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**Darla Lucas** - July 19, 2013 at 04:09 PM



“ I want to say how sorry i am to hear the passing of Laila. I remember coming over to the house in lawton and playing all the time. Fresh in my mind is the memory of all the fun i had with her back then. Last time i saw her our mothers and the two of us were having lunch. She had her oldest and i was pregnant with my first. Wish now that i had keep better in touch with her. Merrell,Debbie, and Eric; and children my thoughts are prayers go out to you all in this time of need. Although i am unable to be their in person please know i am there in spirit. God bless you all.



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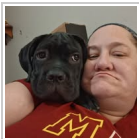
**Stephanie Dines-Whettam** - July 19, 2013 at 02:13 PM

SU

“ Your family is my prayers

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**Susan** - July 19, 2013 at 10:54 AM



“ Our families grew up a street apart. I can remember going over the fences to each others house to play. My heart goes out to your family. I always loved playing at your house.

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**Stephanie Dines-Whettam** - July 18, 2013 at 10:18 PM

CN

“ Connie Nickoles lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



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**Connie Nickoles** - July 18, 2013 at 04:54 PM

MI

“ in prayers




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**Michelle** - July 18, 2013 at 01:16 PM

BB

“ Brian And Tammie Black lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter




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**Brian and Tammie Black** - July 18, 2013 at 12:37 PM

Cristy King

“ Cristy King sent a virtual gift in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



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**Cristy King** - July 18, 2013 at 10:16 AM

Cristy King

“ Cristy King lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



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**Cristy King** - July 18, 2013 at 10:14 AM

AS

“ *Ann Stearns lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



Ann Stearns - July 18, 2013 at 09:53 AM

Nicole Yonge Grimes

“ *Nicole Yonge Grimes lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



Nicole Yonge Grimes - July 18, 2013 at 09:30 AM

Nicole Yonge

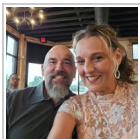
*you will be dearly missed*

Nicole Yonge Grimes - July 18, 2013 at 09:31 AM

LH

“ *So sad for a lost future. I remember Laila with a smile and I send my deepest condolences and prayers to her children and family.*

Luge Hardman - July 18, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ *Gwen Miles lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



Gwen Miles - July 18, 2013 at 07:48 AM

BA

“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean  
(Johnson) Carpenter



Barbara - July 18, 2013 at 07:04 AM

CO

“ Colleen lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean  
(Johnson) Carpenter



colleen - July 18, 2013 at 06:59 AM

JK

“ Jill Kelly lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean  
(Johnson) Carpenter



Jill Kelly - July 18, 2013 at 03:17 AM



Melissa  
Rowlett-  
Stallings

“ Melissa Rowlett-Stallings sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



Melissa Rowlett-Stallings - July 18, 2013 at 01:56 AM

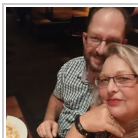
MS

“ *Melissa Stallings lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Melissa Stallings** - July 18, 2013 at 01:46 AM



“ *Ruth Keen lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Ruth Keen** - July 18, 2013 at 12:10 AM

SS

“ *Susie Snelling lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Susie Snelling** - July 17, 2013 at 10:42 PM

SS

*Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, I am so sadden to hear of Laila's passing. Please know that you and the children are in my thoughts and prayers. May god give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Susie Snelling** - July 17, 2013 at 10:46 PM

Jl

“ *Jill lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



Jill - July 17, 2013 at 09:16 PM

SJ

“ *Shannon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



shannon johnson - July 17, 2013 at 09:15 PM



“ *Missy Sellars-Gray lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



Missy Sellars-Gray - July 17, 2013 at 07:25 PM

ST

“ *Stephanie quick lights a candle in memory of her best friend and sister... I love you sis..*

stephanie - July 17, 2013 at 06:20 PM

MN

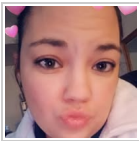
“ Laila I've known you since i was a junior in high school you've always been a great friend you looked out for me whenever i needed it and i want to thank you for that again. You will definitely be missed we love you rest in paradise

mario novy - July 17, 2013 at 06:17 PM

MN

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mario novy - July 17, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ I love the way laila danced :)

Kelly Long - July 17, 2013 at 05:31 PM



“ My Dear Laila, May You Rest In Peace.

Kristy Vieira - July 17, 2013 at 03:59 PM

TG

“ Lit a candle in memory of laila.

tiffany Gunter - July 17, 2013 at 03:49 PM

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tiffany Gunter - July 17, 2013 at 03:49 PM



“ *Kimberly Wood (Wendel) lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Kimberly Wood (Wendel)** - July 17, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ *Christina lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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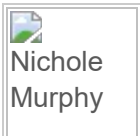
**Christina** - July 17, 2013 at 03:26 PM



“ *Laila you were an amazing friend and a great mother. You will be missed greatly. To your wonderful children my heart goes out to you and I will continue to pray for your family.*

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**Danielle Norris** - July 17, 2013 at 03:09 PM



“ *Nichole Murphy lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Nichole Murphy** - July 17, 2013 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ JENNIFER HAMMOCK lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



JENNIFER HAMMOCK - July 17, 2013 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ Jossate Hillis lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



Jossate Hillis - July 17, 2013 at 02:32 PM

JH

Your love will live on in your babys that you had to leave behind. we miss you ...R.I.P.

Jossate Hillis - July 17, 2013 at 02:33 PM

BS

“ Bob Simcox lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter



Bob Simcox - July 17, 2013 at 01:48 PM

TA

“ Tamara lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean  
(Johnson) Carpenter



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Tamara - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 PM

TA

*Rest in peace.*

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Tamara - July 17, 2013 at 12:03 PM

DE

“ Dennis lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean  
(Johnson) Carpenter



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Dennis - July 17, 2013 at 11:26 AM

TL

“ *Rest in peace, Laila.*



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Tammy Loney - July 17, 2013 at 10:56 AM

CJ

“ *Chanel James lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Chanel James** - July 17, 2013 at 10:42 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**MARLIN STEVENS** - July 17, 2013 at 09:52 AM

GR

“ *Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Laila Dean (Johnson) Carpenter*



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**Grant** - July 17, 2013 at 09:37 AM

CA

*Dear Lalia Dean (Johnson) lot of memories with you never forget your smile and how you always took the time to meet and greet people. Peace and prayers goes to your family.*

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**Carleen Amos** - August 05, 2013 at 04:13 AM