



Leslie Elizabeth Metz

March 5, 1967 - December 3, 2009

Leslie Elizabeth Metz, 42, of LaFayette, New York, died Thursday, December 3, 2009 at home. She was a graduate of LaFayette High School and Onondaga Community College. She was employed at C. Grant Grimshaw Elementary School in LaFayette. Leslie was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She loved kids, dogs and attending all LaFayette community events. She was predeceased by her father, Otis P. Metz. Leslie is survived by her mother, Marva J. Wellington Metz; brother, Andrew (Dauryne) Metz; sister, Marlene (Melvin) O'Donnell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Service: Monday, December 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York. Burial: LaFayette Rural Cemetery, Route 11, LaFayette, New York. Calling Hours: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York. Contributions: LaFayette Fire Department, Route 11, LaFayette, New York 13084.

Tribute Wall



“ Leslie had a way of making her friends smile. She used to linger quietly in the corner at the BASiC meetings at OCC, then suddenly chime in with an out-of-the-blue, but great, idea. Her singing was soft and sweet, much like her sense of humor. Leslie's letters were always a treat and a true token of her faithfulness as a friend.

December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Leslie from church. She always had something nice to say. I saw her a few weeks ago while shopping. We chatted a bit. She will be missed. I know I'll see her again someday. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sincerely, Marilyn Rees

December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so deeply saddened to hear about Leslie's passing recently. She was truly an angel that touched us all in many different ways. She was genuine, kind, and her thoughtfulness has left an imprint on us all. My heart goes out to the Metz family and please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ my prayers are with you all

December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was putting up the Xmas tree with my family when I was told by Leslie's passing. My sympathy goes out to the Metz's family. Leslie will be missed by the entire LaFayette community.

December 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Love and Prayers for comfort and peace during this time of sadness and Grief. God must have needed a very special Angel this Year

December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I hope that the Metz family can take some small comfort in the many postings of sympathy, to which I'll add my own. Leslie touched all who knew her, and she will be missed.

December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I can't tell you how deeply saddened I am by Leslie's passing. Truly, life can be unfair. I just wanted to say what a genuinely kind person Leslie was. In all of the memories I have of her, stretching some thirty-six years, Leslie was always smiling... always finding the good in everything. And fairly recently, at our class reunion, she gave me her email address. We conversed by email many times since, and it allowed me to see a different side of her. She wasn't bound by social rules, and was able to freely write about whatever. It was always nice to hear from her. She will be greatly missed.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was such a special person, and was truly a gift to Grimshaw Elementary. She always had a smile and a hello to everyone she passed--greeting each by name. She was very serious about her job at Grimshaw, and truly cared about the kids she watched over. Leslie will be missed. I will never forget her, and I'd very much like to extend my sincere sympathy to Leslie's family.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Marlene and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You. Melissa Vahey

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences and prayers all go to the Metz family.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Sunday school with Lesley especially this time of year when we would wear those white angel costumes for the pageant. The youth program was big back then. She was always full of love and big bright smiles. I am confident that today Lesley is a beautiful angel in heaven just as she was many years ago at Trinity! God Bless.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Metz family. Leslie was one of the kindest, gentlest, most forgiving people I have ever met. I will go forward in life trying to be a little more like her. God bless you Leslie.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Leslie. It didn't matter where I saw her or how long it had been since the last time I saw her, she ALWAYS made sure that she spoke vey kind words to me regarding myself, my children and my family. She had a heart of gold and will truely be missed!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless! ~Michelle Thomas-Shute

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Leslie as a gentle, soft-spoken young girl. She often smiled and said 'hello' as we passed each other in the hallway. She took pride in knowing all her schoolmate's birthdays. She was a kind girl who, no doubt, grew to be a kind woman. I am sorry to hear of her passing. My sincerest condolences.

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Few were as loving and focused on the positives of life as Leslie. And she was smart too! I remember 1st grade math flash cards. I would be in the zone, moving up and down the aisles - and bang, Leslie would beat me to an answer... she was my math nemesis. We will all miss her.

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leslie was a sweet and unique woman who will be missed by all who knew and worked with her. My thoughts and prayers are with the Metz family.*

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marva, my prayers are with you, Marlene and Andrew.*

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Metz family! Leslie was a blessing and will be missed by her family and friends. I feel extremely lucky to have known Leslie and to have graduated along side her back in 1986!!*

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We appreciate everyones prayers and light. It has also been comforting to hear about how much Leslie's presence in the Lafayette community meant to so many people. She really did love to be apart of the events and the town. As we say good bye to her today, we will be able to hold in our hearts the impact she made on others.*

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was a gift to us all and my heart is truly heavy at the sad news of her loss. I always marvelled at her inner strength, her determination, her childlike innocence, and the pure joy she expressed at the littlest things. She was a gift not only to her family she so loved (for whom I have the deepest sympathy) but also to anyone who was fortunate enough to know her. A light has gone out in LaFayette.

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Metz, Andy, Marlene, and extended family. It is so rare to encounter someone so true to themselves as Leslie! Leslie, you are a great example to me, and I will miss you. I cherish our time on the soccer team in high school. May your memory be eternal.

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts are broken for you dear Marva, Marlene, and Andy, that you have been so suddenly separated from your lovely and sweet daughter and sister. We all will miss her very much. But we know that she is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus, and we take comfort in the sure knowledge that her faith was strong, as is yours. May you have peace. Love, Lorrie & Paul, Ron, Joe, Jeanne, & Tom.

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HER FAMILY

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“ I have known Leslie since kindergarten, and last saw her at our 20th high school reunion in 2006, and we emailed for a while after that. During our school years we rode the bus together every day, played soccer together, and sang in the chorus together. Leslie always welcomed positive connections and worked hard to be a good friend. She didn't have much interest in lengthy conversations just stayed long enough to light a candle inside you, then move on to light more in others. She had a core of love.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathies. . . Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you . .

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie always greeted me with a firm voice and respect. She never failed in her "Hi, Pastor." I don't think she ever just said Hi. Her helpfulness with the emergency food pantry and Wednesday night dinner will not be forgotten. And there are 3 dogs at my house who will miss Leslie's dog treats in their stockings once this year's purchase is gone. Thanks be to God for Leslie Elizabeth Metz.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I love her dog Espresso because she was so nice and beautiful.

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“ You will be missed.

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“ Leslie was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. She was always smiling and kind to everyone. She had an amazing memory, from elementary through high school I would randomly say a classmate's name and she would tell me his or her birthday. We chatted on-line and had a nice time talking at our 20th reunion. She will be greatly missed.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Metz family. Leslie's gentle manner and kindness are a lesson for us all. From the musicals to the soccer field to always remember to give birthday wishes, her joy and unselfish manner are just a few things that made her special. With love, Michelle

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was truly a part of the LaFayette community and loved everyone in it. She will be missed by all of those she has touched. We send our prayers and condolences to the Metz family. Chris Volan and family

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was such a polite, respectful and pleasant person. I will remember her for her warm smile, and compassion for others. My condolences to her family.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie started with me in first grade on my school bus. She took my heart, and she will all ways be with me. She had a smile for everyone no matter who they were. Miss you!!!

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was such a special person to me. We rode the bus together and she was so very kind in every single thing she did. I am deeply saddened for the family and want them to know that Leslie was loved by many people. There are many praying for the Metz family today and as for Leslie she is with God in peace. My sincere condolences go out to your family...stay strong.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ A gentle soul who will be missed. My condolences to the Metz family and the whole community. Lafayette lost one of the good ones this week.

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“ Leslie was always full of smiles. She would go out of her way to say hello. It was clear Leslie loved working with the students at Grimshaw. Leslie will be missed. My thought and prayers are with Leslie and her family.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Leslie for all the wonderful memories. Your kindness always put a smile on my face. Be at peace in the warmth of the Lords love.

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie was a couple of years older than me but she had a younger, purer soul than any of her peers! She will be missed and my thoughts are with her family! I light a candle for Leslie today...

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“ My sincere condolence to Leslie's family for their loss. May the Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow.

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“ I will miss Leslie's unique ability to remember a persons name and what they do after meeting them only once. She took pleasure in life's simple things. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

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“ Leslie, so thoughtful and with such a kind heart, will be truly missed. My condolences to the Metz Family and to everyone Leslie touched with her kindness.

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“ MY sympathy and prayer goes out to the Metz family during this difficult time.

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. She was always a sweet and kind girl. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ I remember, when I was in 2nd grade, Leslie would come and visit my class. I remember her peeking into the classroom window and waving to the kids in the class. She was always so sweet and kind. This memory of her will always be with me.

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“ Peace be with her and her family.

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“ My sympathies go out to the Metz family. Leslie was a very special person in so many ways. She always had a smile on her face that would light up the whole room. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow. Darcy White-Starsia

December 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Metz, Marlene and Andy- I am so sorry for your loss and can not imagine your sorrow. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my most sincere condolences at this most difficult time. I graduated with Marlene and know of the wonderful family she belongs to.

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“ To the Metz family, my thoughts and praryers are with you. Leslie was a kind and caring person who loved working with the kids in school. She will be missed greatly.

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“ I remember the look on Aunt Leslie,s face when we brought home the puppy that we got her for her birthday.

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“ Dear Marlene and Family,May beutiful memories sustain you during this time of sorrow. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ Leslie will be greatly missed. She was great to work with and loved the kids.

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“ With my deepest sympathy to all of you at this time.

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