



Chelsey Koffler

July 12, 1983 - November 9, 2007

Chelsey Ann Koffler, resident of Overland Park, KS and former Searcy resident, died Friday afternoon in an automobile accident. She was 24 years of age.

Chelsey was born July 12, 1983 in Searcy, a daughter to Lyle and Cathy Dinkins Koffler. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church and attended the Church of the Nativity Catholic Church in Overland Park. Chelsey was an honor graduate of Searcy High School. She attended the University of Arkansas where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi and received her bachelor's degree in accounting. Chelsey worked as an insurance premium auditor for St. Paul's Travelers Insurance Company.

She is survived by her mother, Cathy Koffler of Searcy; a sister, Dr. Molly Gathright and husband, Dr. Ken Gathright of Little Rock; her grandmother, Dorothy Koffler of Searcy.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lyle Koffler; her grandfather, Adam Koffler and her grandparents, Polly and Chesley Dinkins.

Chelsey touched many lives and hearts. Her radiant smile and loving heart made others laugh and believe. She was a forever daughter, sister, and friend. In our hearts her memory will always be kept, forever with no end.

Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Cathy...

It is almost time to change the page of the calendar to October...a month dedicated to The Rosary. Chesley instantly popped into my head! I know the Rosary meant so much to her, and know she will be praying right along with us during October! I picture her as part of Heavens' Welcoming Committee...cheerfully greeting everyone that arrives!

I know the sudden loss of Chelsey was a shock you will never be able to erase. I pray you can close your eyes, and picture her at the precious feet of Our Lord...delighting Him with her beautiful voice!

The months coming up will be difficult, but made more tolerable by the awesome promises Jesus left us. May these very promises bring you comfort, strength, and joy in knowing your baby girl has reached the top, and is praying for us! Many smiles and blessings for your days! Take care, because I care!

September 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Chelsey will forever be embedded in my memory as the sweet, little, cheerful swimmer I met during after school swim practice. I see by the video tribute, she grew into a stunning and amazing young woman. I just heard about your loss, and I am so terribly sorry. Words will not heal your pain or grief, but know that you, Cathy and Molly, are in my thoughts. Sincerest condolences, Alicia

January 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy, Molly, Dorothy, and family*

Just received a clipping from Denise (Washburn) Grantier from the Dunn County paper about the loss of Chelsey. I did some searching on the internet to find out more than the article told me and found this web site. No words can express ones feelings at a time like this. I did not know Chelsey but from watching the video I can see she was an awesome person, just like her mom and dad. I look at the pictures and think of the days we were in ASA, Cathy, and what a great "Big Sis" you were to me. May you find comfort in your faith in the coming days, weeks, months, and years. I will include you in my prayers and ask God to comfort you.

Friends forever

Betty Miller DeMaine

December 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy, Molly and family,*

Our hearts are breaking for you in your great loss of Chelsey. She was a beautiful young lady and we so enjoyed the time you spent visiting at our home. Just know that their are other families that have walked this path. We lost our second daughter at 2 years and 10 months in 1977. Time does heal but the memories remain forever. We are so glad that brother Pat and your sister are with you. It means so much to have family at your side. Our love and prayers are with you all. Dave and Judy Gano

November 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy and Family,*

I just wanted you to know what a lasting impression your daughter had on me and how saddened I was to hear of the accident. I know at this time the only true comfort can come from our Lord, as I know Chelsea is with him now and I firmly believe you will see her again. I was with her the hour before the accident, as she was auditing our company records. What a beautiful and professional young lady. I am not sure I have ever seen someone type that quickly on a laptop keyboard. She was excellent at her job and you can tell by being around her that she was also a very special and caring person. One of those infectious personalities, that made you instantly like her, and brighten your day. Normally I dread going through and audit, but Chelsea was so nice and so good it was o.k. We talked briefly about our personal lives as I was wearing my son's football picture for the game that night. She was also a "Cub". I am very close to my son and daughter, and from our conversation... I know you are very close also. It is obvious how much she loves her mom, sister, family, and her many friends. I am so sorry for your loss and please accept my heartfelt condolences.

November 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy,*

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. There is nothing I can say to make sense of your loss, but I can tell that your daughter was loved by many people. I will pray that you will know God's comfort. Love, Lois Dvirnak Crandall

November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *The first time I met Chelsey she was in the Annie skit at the Pi Phi house at rush with that red hair. We also had many great times at Greer's Ferry lake. Chelsey loved life and was so much fun. She often said she was "obsessed with pi phi" and loved to be involved. She had an infectious smile and a huge heart. I just loved that girl and will miss her very much. -Jennifer Jones*

November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Oh Chelsey! Where do you even begin? That laugh! That smile! That voice! I cannot think of a time that Chelsey wasn't beaming with joy! The kind of joy that you rarely see tattooed all over someone every time you see them. Every time you saw her, she made you feel like she had been counting the days until she would see you again, and was FILLED with excitement. Chelsey was such a great friend to so many. Truly one of those people who never met a stranger. I am thankful for the friendship I developed with Chelsey over the years and the example of how to live a life filled with purpose, excitement and no regret. God smiled on Chelsey while she was here with us and now He is smiling at her by His side. What a wonderful thought in the middle of such tragedy. We love you Chels, and can't WAIT to see your sweet face again!*

November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter, Chelsey. She sounds like she was a very special young lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. May God grant you his precious comfort and peace at this time. He holds you in the palm of his hand and will comfort you. Let the tears flow, the memories come and remember "Joy comes in the morning."*
Kaylene

November 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Chelsey was one of the most joyful people I have ever met. Her smile and laughter were infectious to all around her. She had such a fun-loving, servant spirit. Chelsey really made me feel apart of the pi phi family. I will truely miss her. Know that I am praying for your family during this time.

November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM