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Vivian Abigail Shaw, daughter of Jodi Evonne (Schumaker) and Douglas Edward Shaw was born August 2, 2002 and taken to her eternal life to be greeted by the loving arms of Jesus at 9:52 pm Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in Hilton Head Island, SC. Abbi was surrounded by her family and immense love when she left this earth. She battled many times to live during her sixteen years and endured so much more than any child should. Abbi was a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for her entire life. Her courage and strength cannot be described as she faced cancer at 5 months old and again at 15 years old, a heart transplant, and multiple complications from the numerous treatments. As Abbi's family, we wanted to write an obituary that described how extraordinary and amazing this beautiful young lady was; that is not possible. You had to truly know her to take it all in. If you did not get the opportunity to know Abbi, then I'm so sorry for what you missed. Her soul was kind. Every part of her being was gentle. She had a love for life, music, and adventure. Abbi spent many hours cuddled with her mom during her long treatments watching Ellen, Gordon Ramsey, and videos of precious puppies. She was inspired by their kindness and ability to create smiles during the toughest of times. Abbi began planning their further trips to see the world and get her very own French Bulldog. She wanted to do good things in order to help others and tell her unique story once we figured it all out, but sadly science had not yet arrived at the solutions she needed. Abbi continues to give back to this broken world through her last gesture of love for others, the ultimate gift of donating her body to science for research in hopes of finding ways to defeat this vicious cancer that she fought so fiercely. No medical research was available to help Abbi due to the rareness of this disease so she had to be the experiment. We pray that the scientist at St. Jude will be able to get answers before it strikes again and another family is forced to face this monster. Abbi leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving parents, brother Madison "Sonny"



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Reagan Shaw (Olney IL), sisters Julia Eden Shaw and Eva Grace Shaw (Nashville TN), half sisters Madelynn Frazier (Memphis TN), Meagan Waltz (Osman) (Fort Myers FL) maternal grandparents Carolyn Schumaker (Foster) and Doc Drake (Olney IL), paternal grandfather Harry Russel Shaw (Southaven MS), maternal great grandmother Vivian Lorraine Foster (Hammond)(Dundas IL), maternal aunts Stormy Schumaker (Andrea) (Indianapolis IN), Jeanne Johnston (Cuba MO), maternal uncles Adam Schumaker (Diann)(Hohenwald TN), Isaac Capps (Sayeh) (Satellite Beach FL), paternal uncles Butch Shaw (Southaven MS), Howard Shaw (Southaven MS), Bob (Cheryl) Shaw (Southaven MS), and her large crew of loving cousins, great aunts, uncles, and her devoted dog, Chip. Abbi was greeted in Heaven by her paternal grandmother Hulda Lee Shaw (Hawkins), maternal grandfather Clifford Jean Capps aka Frank Edward Schumaker, maternal great grandfather Hartley Leander Foster, paternal aunt Mitzi Lee Mitchell (Shaw), maternal aunt Debra Demetroff as well as cousins, St. Jude friends, Danny Thomas, and possibly her own heart donor. Family and friends are invited to join the Celebration of Life Services to honor the gift of Vivian Abigail. They will be held on Tuesday November 20th, 6:00pm at Southaven First United Methodist Church, Nesbit MS and Saturday November 24th, 11am at Richland County High School auditorium , Olney IL. Abbi will be missed each and every day for the rest of our lives. We hope her difficult journey will encourage you to love your children and one another more deeply, and not take your life, health, and time here for granted. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Patient 19529) as they continue to search for answers and cures for Abbi's friends, and for those about to be thrown into the world of pediatric cancer from which no family is exempt. On behalf of our entire family, we want to thank the numerous people who cared for our darling daughter for so many years at St. Jude and LeBonheur Children's Hospitals. We are forever grateful for the prayers and support from all of our families, friends, communities, and church families. Our beautiful warrior is free of pain and able to smile and dance again and for that we are thankful. Proverbs 3:5.



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JH

John Helm posted:

I am sorry for your loss; I simply want you to know that I graduated ERHS in Olney with the class of 1958, and have donated to St. Jude's regularly for years. It was wonderful to know that she donated her body to science; that donation may be the one which will stop cancers like her for good.

November 17 at 4:54 PM

BD

Bev Drake posted:

I just wanted to say I am so sorry for your loss. I know losing a child is the hardest thing ever. Hold on to every memory with love. Thinking and praying for you all.

November 16 at 5:55 PM

TA

Tausha posted:

This is the sweetest obituary I have ever read, so personable, & informative. My child was patient #18864 and my heart goes out to you. We were at St. Jude when your daughter first became a patient back in 2002. It is so hard. Although, we do not know you we will remember her and her gift to research. Stay strong, it's a choice you make.

November 16 at 4:12 PM

BY

Brenda Yoder posted:

Prayers to your family. As the grandmother of a St Jude patient my heart and soul will forever be grateful for your daughters gift to St Jude to help others defeat this horrible monster. God Bless you and your family! And blessings to the researchers, doctors, nurses and staff of St Jude!

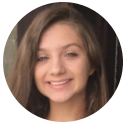
November 16 at 4:09 PM

CP

Carla & Craig Patterson posted:

Our hearts go out to you. We are so sorry for your loss. May God continue to comfort and bless you now and going forward.

November 15 at 10:11 AM



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LJ

Laverne D Jones posted:

My heart goes out to your family. I am so sorry for your loss. God has promised that you will have the chance to see your precious daughter again. John 5:28,29

November 15 at 8:06 AM

PR

Pauline Reed posted:

Rest in sweet blessed peace sweet Vivian Abigail You sure made quite an impression on our Abby Rose ?? before she had her heart transplant and my son Robert and daughter in law Ginny Your family is forever tied to ours Doug and Jodi thank you for sharing your beautiful daughter with us all With love and tears for your sorrow I know the pain u feel With love,peace,and light Abby Buckner's granma

November 14 at 4:09 PM

AJ

April, Billy, Tyler, Peyton, And Easton Jones posted:

I have no words that can truly express our condolences. There's no greater loss on Earth, and our prayers are with all of you.

November 14 at 3:22 PM

TL

Tommy And Herbette Logan posted:

This angel of our family will be missed and we know for sure she will bring more smiles in heaven with her awaiting family

November 14 at 9:48 AM

MJ

Matt Johnson posted:

I miss you, kid. I will always remember your contagious smile and your love for life. I'm glad you are no longer hurting and I look forward to that day when I can see you again. I loved being your youth pastor. Doug, Jodi, Julia, Sonny, Eva and the rest of the family, I am praying for you.

November 14 at 9:27 AM



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CW

Cathy White posted:

Our thoughts and continued prayers for your family. May our Savior Jesus Christ let you feel Him close to you.

November 14 at 9:18 AM

JO

Jessica, Zoë, Olivia posted:

We walked past Abby's painting many times in the halls at St Judes and stopped to read it more times than we can count. Your sweet girl touched the lives of so many she never met. Our condolences for your loss. May God continue to comfort you and may Abby rejoice with choirs of angels when they look down and see her legacy and the impact she had on so many

November 14 at 8:59 AM

RH

Renee Howell posted:

The obituary was beautiful I pray that you find comfort and peace in the days, months and years ahead. I did not know her personally but I have been following her story. She is beautiful and I will continue to pray for you and your family.

November 14 at 8:38 AM

SE

Selena posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of your Abbi. From the picture of her, when I looked at her smile I couldn't help but want to share the hope that God has given us at Revelation 21:4 where it says God will "Wipe out every tear from there eyes and death will be no more". Sickness and death is something God never wanted for us. And that's why in the near future Isaiah 33:24 tells us "No resident will say I am sick". Please go to jw.org and there u will find answers to questions such as Why we suffer? Why we die? What is God gonna do about these things?

November 14 at 6:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vivian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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