



Leigh Ellen da Ponte

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Leigh Ellen da Ponte, 48, of Memphis, passed away suddenly January 2, 2011. She was a Realtor affiliated with Crye-Leike Realtors in Memphis and a communicant of Grace-St Luke's Episcopal Church. Ms. da Ponte was preceded in death by her father, Harry Graham da Ponte, III and a brother, Graham Hugh Durant da Ponte. She is survived by her 11 year old daughter, Taylor Julia da Ponte (her father Michael Grasso) of Memphis; her parents, William L. and Beverly Cook Browder of Winnsboro, SC; her sisters, Lyndall Joy da Ponte Baack of Germantown, Ann Julia Browder (Susan Parker) of Asheville, NC, Lisa Gilbreath of Memphis, Katharine Browder (Peter Federman) of New York and Laura Shelton (Greg Klingler) of Hermitage, TN and her brother David da Ponte (Frank Cooper) of Memphis. She was a wonderful and loving aunt to her nieces Christine Baack, Alex da Ponte Baack and Shelby Gilbreath of Memphis and Amanda Rocha of Boston, MA and her nephews Randall Boyer and Ian da Ponte Cooper of Memphis. Leigh Ellen was a devoted mother to her daughter, Taylor, who completed her life and was her greatest joy. She had hopes and aspirations for Taylor that her family will continue to foster, Taylor will always be surrounded by her mother's warmth. Among her many interests, she was an accomplished pianist and spent many hours at her piano singing and composing music. She also took great pride in her cooking abilities and was a very creative cook. It is through her love of music and cooking that she will be remembered most. The family will receive friends Friday January 7th from 5pm until 8 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A Choral Eucharist will be held at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral at 11am on Saturday, January 8 with burial following at Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown. The family requests that memorials be sent to The Taylor da Ponte Trust, PO Box 38287, Germantown, TN 38138



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LK

Lillie Hixson And Hannah Kiihnl posted:

Taylor we just want you to know that when you get back to school you will have everybodys support. Even though Hannah and I were not that great of friends with you we have always thought you were sweet and this should have never happened to you.

January 8 at 2:16 PM

GF

Greg Fetzer posted:

David, Frank and Family,My heart goes out to you for your loss. I hope that you will find comfort in knowing that Leigh Ellen was an angel on earth.God Bless,Greg Fetzer

January 8 at 11:09 AM

EP

Ellen Pie posted:

Taylor I want you to know that I love you and I will be there for you. Your like a sister to me. I know your mom will be watching over you.

January 8 at 10:29 AM

LB

Lena And Martina Benson posted:

Taylor, our heart goes out to you and your family. We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Know that you are loved and cared for and your mom misses you just as much as you miss her.

January 7 at 5:03 PM

LB

Lena And Martina Benson posted:

Taylor, our heart goes out to you and your family. We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Know that you are loved and cared for and your mom misses you just as much as yo miss her.

January 7 at 5:01 PM

TF

The Zelinka Family posted:

Taylor, You have a beautiful heart. God has chosen you (for a reason we cannot know until we are reunited with your Mother in heaven), to be tested on a level the rest of us can never imagine. Still, our hearts can go out to you, and they do. I belie

January 7 at 4:20 PM



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LB

Lisa Bryan posted:

Leigh was a beautiful person inside and out. Her soft spoken and warm personality will be missed by everyone that had the wonderful opportunity to know her. We will see you again one day. Spread your wings sweet angel and watch over us till then.

January 7 at 10:53 AM

MP

Mick Perry posted:

To the da Ponte family my sympathies and prayers are with you all. I knew Leigh well and spent time with her at her piano singing and playing. I will always remember how much she enjoyed Elton John's music. Leigh was amazing in the kitchen. Her creativity

January 7 at 10:46 AM

JS

Janice Sherrod posted:

Taylor, please keep the faith and remember that Gods strength will make you strong..Your Mom loves you and will be watching over you every step that you take. With Much Love, Janice Sherrod

January 7 at 9:06 AM

CY

Chris Yancy posted:

My prayers are with Taylor and her father during this time.

January 7 at 9:06 AM

TF

The Owens Family posted:

Our prayers and (love), are with you Taylor.

January 7 at 8:50 AM

JW

Jack Wood posted:

This world is a cruel place, Leigh, and you were a beautiful person. You are now with the Lord while the rest of us struggle here.I will truly miss you and never forget you.....promise!

January 7 at 8:19 AM



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SC

Shameeka Wms./ Kiara Carlock posted:

I am sorry for your sudden loss. I didn't know Ms. Leigh Ponte, but my daughter goes to WSMS she is also in the 6th grade. We will keep Taylor and her family in our prayers.

January 7 at 8:17 AM

BK

Brenda Kyle posted:

ANOTHER STAR IS SHINNING NOW.

January 7 at 4:53 AM

AL

Allison posted:

Taylor – Thinking of you. Hope to see you at school soon. Allison

January 6 at 3:56 PM

JS

Jonathan Shames posted:

daPonte Family, I will be in Chicago this weekend and will not be able to attend. Although I did not know Leigh Ellen, I send heartfelt empathy on her passing. My daughter, Alison, is an 8th grade student at WSMS, and I teach middle school math at Th

January 6 at 3:41 PM

AM

Amy posted:

My children and I are very sorry for your loss. My two older sons go to WSMS and I'm not sure if they knew Taylor, but your whole family is in our prayers.

January 6 at 1:15 PM

JM

Janie Miller posted:

David, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

January 6 at 11:42 AM



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JH

Jessica Haltom posted:

Prayers for friends and family of Leigh. Such a sad thing to happen to such a sweet person.

January 6 at 9:58 AM

JH

Joel Hobson posted:

David, We are all so sorry for this tragic loss and are thinking and praying for you and your family.
Joel

January 6 at 8:37 AM

AL

Alisa posted:

David and Family, Remembering Leigh Ellen.. A beautiful person with a beautiful spirit. Holding you all close to my heart and in my prayers. Peace, comfort and hugs..

January 6 at 5:24 AM

LV

Lafran Vaughn posted:

My prayers for the family for their loss.

January 5 at 4:20 PM

BN

Beth Nanney posted:

Such a very sad tragedy....Leigh was a sweet soul and she will be missed by a lot of people. Rest in peace sweet Leigh.

January 5 at 3:57 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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