



Jessica Altizer

September 25, 1988 - October 5, 2003

Jessica Nicole Altizer, age 15 of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2003, at the Bristol Memorial Hospital, in Bristol, Tennessee. Born September 25, 1988, she was the daughter of Samuel N, and Diane Honaker Altizer Jr, of the Baptist Valley area of Cedar Bluff, Virginia. She was preceded in death by one brother, Samuel Ein Altizer. In addition to her parents she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Billy C. and Hattie Waddell Honaker of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, paternal grandparents Rev. Samuel N. and Deanis Johnson Altizer of Cedar Bluff, Virginia. Paternal Great Grandparents, Joe and Evadell Johnson of Cedar Bluff, Virginia and maternal great grandmother Thelma Honaker, North Tazewell, Virginia. Also, a host of family and friends survive as well as her beloved cat "Simon". Jessica was a student at Richlands High School , Richlands, Virginia. Jessica was an avid ball player, she was a member of the Richlands High School Girls Softball and Volleyball teams and she also played with other area softball leagues. She was loved by her many friends, team members, teachers and coaches. Services for Jessica Nicole Altizer will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at 2:00 pm, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Ralph Bostic officiating. Interment will follow at the Bandy Cemetery in Baptist Valley, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Gary Powers, David Mills, Dusty Ballard, Billy Sargent, James Grindstaff, and Kenneth Hogston, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Tyler Altizer, James David Mills Matthew Mills and Kevin Delp. Friends may call from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Tuesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral

Home in Richlands, Virginia. A Memorial Fund has been set up in honor of Jessica at Miners & Merchants Bank in Richlands , Virginia. Make checks payable to: Jessica Altizer Fund
Merchants Bank P.O. Box 1082 Mail to: Miners & Merchants Bank Richlands, VA 24641

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“ Jessica Altizer

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“ Jessica Altizer

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“ You will be in my prayers.....im so sorry

Gregg Reynolds - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane and Sam,
You are in our prayers. We love you very very much. Just let one of us know if you need anything. Jess is in a very safe place and one day we will all see her again. Love you guys alot!!

Jess.

Hey gur!!! I just wanted you to know that I love you so much and this year won't be the same without you in softball. We had alot of fun times together and just remember that I want you to save me a seat in heaven. I miss you so much!! You were the bestest friend/ softball player anyone could ever ask for. Love you bunches Carime, Susan, and family

Carime and Susan Dotson - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I hope every day you fly down and kiss us on the cheek, to let us know you are with us. I will miss you Jessica, I will always remember the good times we had playing Softball. I will see you again One Day.

Love you No. 13 from the Cubs

Rachel Jean Lester - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

“ SAM JR. AND DIANE,

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE SORROW AND THE PAIN I AM FEELING FOR YOUR LOSE. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THINGS HAPPEN THE WAY THEY DO. I KNOW THAT AS A PARENT I WOULD NOT WANT TO HEAR THIS FROM ANYONE AT THIS TIME OF GRIEF, BUT IT WILL COME TO LIGHT WHY GOD NEEDED JESSICA TO COME HOME SUNDAY. GOD LENDS OUR CHILDREN TO US FOR A WHILE, WE DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG. IT'S NOT FAIR, FOR US TO LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND RAISE THEM JUST FOR THEM TO BE TAKEN FROM US, BUT I KNOW IT'S NOT GOD'S INTENTION TO BE UNFAIR. JESSICA IS GETTING TO DO SOMETHING THAT YOU AND DIANE UNFORTUNATELY NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO DO HERE ON EARTH, SHE'S PLAYING WITH HER BROTHER SAMUEL. SAM JR. AND DIANE, YOU ALSO WILL GET THAT CHANCE ONE DAY. JUST KEEP YOUR FAITH AND DRAW UPON EACH OTHER AND GOD FOR STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE. EVERYTHING IS CONFUSING RIGHT NOW AND HURTING TO THE POINT YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT. CELEBRATE JESSICA AND LOOK AT HOW MUCH SHE IS LOVED BY ALL. GOD ALLOWED HER TO TOUCH MANY HEARTS AND BRING SMILES AND LAUGHTER TO ALL THAT KNEW HER, SHE WAS BY UNCLE SAM'S SIDE AND I'M SURE SHE WAS ALWAYS THEIR FOR BOTH OF YOU. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING AT ALL WE CAN DO FOR THE BOTH OF YOU. THIS IS YOUR COUSIN PATRICIA AND OUR JESSICA IS TAKING THIS VERY HARD. SHE HAS ALLOT OF ANGER IN HER HEART FOR THE LADY THAT DID THIS, BUT SHE NEEDS OUR PRAYERS ALSO BECAUSE SHE WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHAT HAPPENED. WE WILL BE THERE FOR YOU AND DIANE WED. PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP, FROM I'VE BEEN TOLD JESSICA HAD ALLOT OF SPUNK AND WAS A VERY UP BEAT, LOVING AND A SUPPORTIVE DAUGHTER

AND GRANDDAUGHTER.

*REMEMBER JESSICA AS YOU KNEW HER
NOT THAT SHE'S GONE FOR JUST A LITTLE
WHILE, BECAUSE YOU ALL WILL BE REUNITED
THAT'S GOD'S PROMISE AND HE'S NOT LIED TO ME
SO FAR.*

ALL OF MY LOVE IS YOURS AND PRAYERS.

PATRICIA ANN JOHNSON BLYTHE

Patricia Johnson Blythe - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *SAM JR. AND DIANE,
WENDY AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. OUR HEARTS
ARE BREAKING. DON'T GIVE UP AND REMEMBER THE TIME
YOU HAD WITH HER AND KNOW THAT YOU WILL SEE HER
AGAIN. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING PLEASE LET US KNOW.*

*ALL OF OUR DEEPIEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE.
JACK AND WENDY JOHNSON*

JACK AND WENDY JOHNSON - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Sam and Diane
Our deepest sympathy and prayers are
with you in this most difficult time. We
pray that God will comfort you and
strengthen you and help you.
In Christian Love.*

Jerry and Pat Warner

Jerry and Pat Warner - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Diane and Sam: Can't begin to know what to say in your time of
sorrow. We had the pleasure of spending some time with Jessica
this summer when she spent some time in Ohio. She was a super
kid and I will always remember her smile . . . Krysta will remember
getting lost in the woods with her when she spent some time in
Virginia recently . . . our thoughts and prayers and with you and
your family!!*

Lisa and Will Faidley - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *As a former resident of Tazewell - not far from Baptist Valley - it kills
me to hear of Jessica's death - no, I've never met her nor her
parents or family - but I grieve her still - I send my sympathy to all
that knew her - God bless!*

Ashley D. Wallace - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *my deepest sympathy to the family*

Richard Taylor - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your entire family. I grew up in Sam and Deanis' church so I know what a wonderful and caring family you have. Words cannot express the pain that you're feeling now, just please know that many prayers are going out for you, and God will be with you through your time of suffering.

Martha Sparks Strouth - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ You dont think about this happening to anyone you care about, and this was the biggest wake up call to me...I couldnt beleive the news when I heard it...it was so shocking to me. I found out Sunday night! and I really dont think things will ever be the same...I am sorry for everything and I wish the best for everyone who did know her...and from all your friends at RHS and THS we love you jessica and you will always be in our hearts...

Sarah Lynn Looney - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Diane and Sam,
We are so sorry. Although words cannot begin to ease the sorrow of your loss, please know that you are in our prayers. "Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort." Psalm 119:76 KJV

Patty and Bob Weaver and family - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Sam & Diane,
We just want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We feel so bad for you and your family. Words can't express how we feel.
We had the honor of meeting Jessica one day at V&V when she was with Diane. She had such a sweet personality. We will always remember her sweet smile.
We will be praying for you.

Gary & Rhonda

Gary & Rhonda Nease - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our deepest symphathy for your loss. Our daughter, Paige Shifflett, played with Jessica a few years back in Rec League softball. May God hold you in his very own hands during the coming days and our prayers are with you.

Gary & Myra Shifflett - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sam, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. If there is anything I can do, feel free to give me a call.

God Bless,
Dave

Dave Arnold - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Diane,
My heart breaks for you. Just wanted you to know we are praying for you. Sounds like your beautiful daughter was just like you-athletic and enjoyed life. I look forward to meeting her in Heaven some day.
Love & Prayers,
Charlotte Gorsuch Dillon

Charlotte Gorsuch Dillon - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I WILL HAVE THE FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS EVERYDAY THAT GOES BY ! I APPERICATE ALL OF JESSICA'S HELP WITH SOFTBALL SO MUCH IT WAS NICE OF HER . I REMEMBER THAT EVERYTIME YOU WOULD SEE HER SHE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE A SMILE ON HER FACE AND BE SO JOLLY SHE WAS NICE TO EVERYBODY AND WAS SO SPEICAL WE MISS YOU JESSICA

kayla rife - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Sam and Diane,
Our prayers and thoughts are with you. If there is anything we can do, let us know.

Ronnie and Sherry Marshall - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jerry and Cathy Sturgill - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ On behalf of Dad (Gary Sr.) , Terry and myself, I deeply regret hearing of your and Sam's loss. It seems only like yesterday we were at the office working, and enjoying being with great people like you all. I grew to know Jessica by your stories, and the love you showed for her. Terry told us Monday morning at work about your loss, and the day just wasn't the same. It hurts us to know the emotions everyone is going through. If you guys need anything at all, please let us know.

You will be in our hearts and prayers.

Gary and Tonya Maxfield, JR - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Diane, Sam, Hattie,
I am so sorry to read about the death. I just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you.

Mary Alice

Mary Alice York Stacey - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I just want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I as a parent of a 17 year old and a 12 year old can not even begin to image the pain you are going through. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and watch over you. My deepest sympathies.

Andrea Lester - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Sam & Diane,
jess was one very special young lady, and we are proud to have had a moment in time with her. when i close my eyes i can picture her in heaven playing tricks on the angles and giving them as much laughter and happiness as she gave to everyone she was around. i can see her teaching the angles how to play softball and hopefully she won't knock anyone out.
she will always be remembered by so many people with love and laughter.
you will be in our thoughts and our prayers.
she will always be in our hearts!

Lisa & Tom Cordle - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Jessica was a verry sweet person. She was one of the few that could make me smile when i was sad/mad. I will miss her very much. If her parents need anything at all they can contact me at home.

Brandon Keith Jackson - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Jess,
What do I say. You were the best person anyone could ever know! You made everyday brighter with one smile. You will never leave me you will always have a special place in my heart!~! Hey! Mabie God needed a first basemen" (you are the best one for the job) I love you babe!~!
Love
Renia #3
Go # 12 I love you!~!

Renia Proffitt - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am deeply sorry for the lose of your family. Jessica was a very loving person and she would talk to you no matter who you was or even where you see her at. Jessica is up in heaven showing all the Angels how to play softball. God Bless and your family will be in my prayers. I Love Yo Jessica and will always miss your smiling face.

Joshua Dales - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I love you both and I will be praying for you. Keep up the faith and I will always be there for you. Love Angel

Angel Lamie - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ JESS WAS A GREAT GIRL I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER.
AND YOU BOTH WERE GREAT PARENTS TO MAKE HER THAT
WAY.
LOVE YOU,
CHELSIE

Kristie Vance Harless - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Jessica was a great teammate,payer, helper,friend,person.Jessica will be sadly misses by everyone.

Meredith Lindsie Collins - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Altizer...My prayers are with you. Jess was a great person and will be missed by everyone! She always got everyone to laugh no matter what, it never failed. She was always there for everyone too and the great times w/ her will never be forgotten! I love you and will always be here for you, if ever needed!!*

Tizer (#12) ~ Hey buddy!! You are the greatest friend ever! Thanks for everything! I will never forget our memories. I am so glad I got the pleasure to meet you and get to know you when I did. I miss you so much!! You will always be a part of me! I love ya babe!

Katherine Hawkins - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Just wanted to say I am very sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my prayers. I was acquainted with Sam Altizer Sr from when he used to work with Mike at Va. Metals.
May God Bless you and comfort you .
Sincerely , Dianna Pruitt and family.*

Dianna Branham Pruitt - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *dear sam and diane you are in my prays!!! i will never forget the time i spent down there from her brave heart pickin up teh "craw daddies" and getting stuck on the wrong side of the fence!!!*

krysta faidley - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Jessica was a great person and great friend. Your Family will be in my prayers always.*

Matthew Hon - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Pastor Sam and Deanis:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this tragic time - please know that we love you and your family and that our hearts are broken for you all. May the peace and grace of our loving Father comfort you.*

Mary Chapiewski - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Tizer #12, im gonna miss you more than words can explain, i know that one day ill will get to see you again, and have just as much but more fun than what we did, and more memories, but thank you so much for all that you have brought into my life..like your family, thank you for all the great memories i will never forget them. Thank you for makin me laugh even when it was impossible, you really were an angel here on Earth sent by God! Tizer will always be in my heart, and i not a day goes by that i dont think about you. i will love you always and forever.*

Sam & Diane....im will always be there for you if you need something or just to talk....if you ever want someone to go places with you guys or even just hangout with welp im ya girl...i love you both!

Courtney Bailey - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *WE LOVE YA! AND WE WILL MISS YA!*

JENNY & WHITNEY - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Aunt Diane and Uncle Sam.....

There is really nothing i can say that could help to ease your pain or anything like that. alls i can say is thank you so very much for bringing Jessica Nicole Altizer into this world and in to my life!!!

Jessica was a great person to be around .. always a smile on her face always having fun or making some one who needed to laugh, laugh i know i've had a few of those times and she helped me get through it and im sure she's been there for many many other people!!

thank you for always being there for me.

i'll try to always be there for you when you nedd to talk you know our # just call no matter when.

Jessica....

you have made a difference in so many peoples lives. im sooooo proud of you !! im also very proud that i can say you're my cousin and my BEST FRIEND! not was but still is! god has picked a fantastic girl to be an ANGEL. so full of life, joy, and happiness!! See you sometime. don't you dare ever change!!!

*love you all always,
Sarah Bracken*

Sarah Bracken - October 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM