



Charlene Litscher

August 31, 1987 - July 21, 2005

Charlene Deanna Litscher, 17, Topeka, died Thursday, July 21, 2005, in Iowa as a result of an automobile accident.

Charlene was born August 31, 1987, in Portsmouth, Virginia, the daughter of Kevin and Betsey Rummel Litscher. She lived in Topeka for the past 10 years. She was a member of Covenant Baptist Church and employed by Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Dept.

Charlene graduated from Highland Park High School. She was HPHS drum major, captain of the first winning HPHS girl's soccer team, a member of the concert band, National Honor Society, three time member of Who's Who Among High School Students and had earned scholarships to the University of New Mexico.

Charlene is survived by her parents, Kevin and Betsey, her sister, Beckey, and brother, Joshua, all of the home; and her grandparents, Bill and Barbara Rummel. She was preceded in death by a sister, Allison Paige.

The Litscher family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road. Funeral service and a celebration of Charlene's life will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Highland Park High School Auditorium, 2424 SE California. Burial will follow at Memorial

Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Covenant Baptist Church, 5440 SW 37th St., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlene Litscher*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pics of Charlene*



Kevin Litscher - August 03, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *To the Litscher/Rummel family: We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Todd Wallingford & family

Todd Wallingford - July 27, 2005 at 01:01 PM



“ *Kevin, Betsy and family: We, in Norfolk, were all saddened by the news of Charlene's death. Please know that your friends here are on bended knees praying for your family during this difficult time. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help. We will continue to pray for you all.*
Evelyn, Terry, Bryce, Chandler, Mason, Chase, Chelsea and Skylar Berry-Hurst

Evelyn Berry-Hurst - July 26, 2005 at 11:58 AM

RM

“ Dear Litscher Family,

You do not know me, but I heard of your daughter's accident and death on the Channel 13 News. My heart goes out to your family as I know first hand what you are going through and how you are feeling at this time. My son, Jarod Merrill, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on June 4, 2005 North of Abilene, Ks. We live in Hope, Kansas. He, too, just graduated from high school.(May 15, 2005) He was 18 and had his whole life in front of him. We were getting him ready to go to college this fall. He just got himself a summer job and a new truck two weeks prior to his accident. Please know my heart goes out to you. It has been almost two months since my son's death and I think of him day and night. Each day I wake up, I wonder how I will get through the day. Somehow each day goes by and I get through it, as hard as it may be. Each day does, somehow get a little better, but the loss of a child will never go away. Lean on your family and friends during this time, because it does help.

Rhonda Mudd

Rhonda Mudd - July 26, 2005 at 11:11 AM

LB

“ *Im so very sorry for what happened to Charlene. She was a very nice and sweet person. We played soccer together and i will always hold those memories close to my heart. No words can express how sorry i am. Charlene was an angel on earth and know she has gone home to be with the lord to rest in peace. My prayers and thoughts are with you in this troubling time. God Bless the Litscher Family.*

LaKecia Braden - July 26, 2005 at 10:02 AM

TB

“ To the Litscher family you are in my prayers at this time.we never know when god may come and get one if his children and take them home.but we know Charlene is in good hands.i didnt realy know Charlene but have heard some of her music at highland park high and eisenhower where her brother and my son went to last year.just know your in my heart and prayers...

Tonya Boyd - July 26, 2005 at 09:33 AM

LA

“ To the Litscher Family,

Please know that there are many prayers being said for your family now and that we extend our deepest sympathy to you.

Lori, Clayton and Cameron Allen

Lori Allen - July 25, 2005 at 09:19 PM

CA

“ Kevin, Betsy and family: I know your faith is strong and will see you thru this time. Scott, Philip and I send our heartfelt condolences to you all at this time. The few times I met her I knew she was an amzing young lady. We will continue to pray for all of you and ask Our Saviour to help guide you thru this time. God bless you all.

Cathy Anderson - July 25, 2005 at 07:52 PM

TF

“ Miss Betesy and family: I wanted to let you know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Rocky, Jenessa, Aubrey, Chase & Orrin (Aubrey & Chase were students of Miss Bestey's)

The Busenitz Family - July 25, 2005 at 07:33 PM

RM

“ Kevin and Betsy, Becky and Josh, there are not words adequate to express my great sorrow at your unbelievable loss. Charlene was so smart and sassy, and I loved our interaction over the years. As a father of a very special daughter, I can only imagine what you must be feeling. But your great faith will see you through this, and your Lord will give you the strength, and show you the way to go on.

Ray McKamy - July 25, 2005 at 05:35 PM

GA

“ Dear Kevin & Betsey,
I am so sorry about the loss of Charlene. From what was said in the paper about her you must have been very proud of her. You can continue to be proud of her because the Lord wanted her in heaven to serve Him there like she was serving Him on earth. Remember Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded that neither death, no life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".
May God comfort you,
Greg Armbruster

Greg Armbruster - July 25, 2005 at 02:43 PM

AW

“ Kevin, Betsey, Beckey, Josh:

I want you to know that I am thinking of and praying for you all. I've been thinking about what a wondrous blessing it has been to know Charlene....I keep seeing her smiling face in my dreams, and keep thinking of the people she has touched over the years, and I am one of those. I know that she continues to touch lives, even now, and is celebrating with Allison, and preparing for the time when you can all be together again. And I know that she would want us to look to those whose lives we can touch; to reach out for Jesus, every day. God bless you all, dear friends.

Anna Walker - July 25, 2005 at 01:54 PM

DH

“ Dear Kevin, Betsey, Beckey, and Josh we are so sorry and there are no words we could use to express our grief. Charlene was such a joy to be around. Her kind spirit was so evident in the way she would always have a hug for us when we would happen to run into her. I thank God for her friendship to Brandy. I know that Brandy has many fond memories. Everyone that knew her will remember her love for Christ and her bubbling joy she couldn't wait to share. We'll continue to pray for His peace and comfort. Mike, Dawn, Brandy, and Michael Houghton

Dawn Houghton - July 25, 2005 at 11:09 AM

LB

“ To The Litscher Family: My prayers are with you. Charlene and I were real good friends. We've got closer over the past couple of years. I'm going to miss her alot. She was such a sweetheart to me. And I know she's with the Lord now and that makes it easier to deal with.

LaShonda Brown - July 25, 2005 at 10:36 AM



“ *Charlene Litscher*

July 25, 2005 at 10:17 AM



“ *Kevin and Betsey:*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janet and Danny

Baumgartner family - July 25, 2005 at 10:10 AM



“ *Kevin, Betsey and family,
I haven't seen you all for a while now,
I am so sorry for your loss of Charlene. You are all in my thoughts
and prayers. Much love and sympathy,*

Julie Estanol

Julie Estanol - July 25, 2005 at 09:51 AM



“ *Kevin, Betsy, Becky and Joshua*

*I know your strength in the Lord will get you through all of this.
Charlene would of been so excited to see all the lives she touch
while she was here with us. I am sure right now in heaven she is
setting things straight. Her spirit will continue on in the lives she
touched. We will miss her tremously. We will keep your family in our
prayers Monica, Nicci and Deidre*

Augusto - July 25, 2005 at 09:48 AM

BK

“ Miss Betsey and Mr. Kevin, I know you all most likely don't remember me but my name is Brittany and I used to come over to you guys' house all the time to play with Becky and Charlie when we were little. The 3 of us weren't as close anymore when I transfered schools but when we got into middle school we began seeing each other again. I just want to let you all know that even though Charlie appears to be gone she is actually still here. This past week has been hard for most of us HP students. We lost two friends in one week plus those of us who knew Heather had 3 loses. Trust me when i say I feel for you. I'll pray that you all will get through this with time... Just stay with the Lord and He'll see you through... Love Always...
Becky... I'm always just around the corner when you need me... If you need to talk I'm here...

Brittany King - July 25, 2005 at 09:06 AM

TF

“ Kevin, Betsey and family. Our love and thoughts go out to you. All those memorable years of sitting behind your family in church, the hugs from Charlene and Becky, reflected the love your family blessed us with immensely. And now, Charlene is there with her Father giving Him a big hug. You are in our prayers.

The James and Sherry O'Neill Family - July 25, 2005 at 08:11 AM

SF

“ The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Psalm 28:7 There's One who hears you when you pray, So put yourself in His hands today, Trust in His goodness, lean on His love, And know that His blessings will come from above. Hope You're Feeling Better Soon.

Shinskia Family - July 24, 2005 at 11:44 PM

CG

“ I'm so sorry for this worlds loss. Charlene made an impact on everyone she met. I know the Lord has called her home, but that doesn't make all the pain go away. I'll always remember her beatiful smile, and warm heart. God Bless you all. Corey & fam.

Corey & Dana Grame - July 24, 2005 at 10:10 PM

RB

“ Words can not decribe how very sorry we were to hear about Charlene. Our prayers are with your family.(Caleb was a student of Miss Betsey's)
Rita, Dakota, & Caleb Cott (HPC Family Also)

Rita(Cott) Burch - July 24, 2005 at 07:54 PM

MB

“ Kevin and Becky we are sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter. Our prayers are with you and your family. Let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

MIKE and CATHY BRYANT - July 24, 2005 at 06:22 PM

JC

“ Kevin, Betsey, & Family

We had only met Charlene on a few occasions when she had came to the house with Heather but from those short meetings we were blessed to have met her. She always had a smile and was very easy to talk to. I know the night before they left for Iowa they were over looking for Ryan but took the time out to talk to us parents. The two girls were excited about their trip and Charlene shared her excitement for going off to college. We are truly sorry for your loss and we hold you in our prayers so God will carry your hearts through this difficult time.

Jim, Becky, & Ryan Conley - July 24, 2005 at 05:26 PM

SP

“ Dear Litscher Family -

I had the pleasure of getting to know Ms. Charlene, while teaching last spring at HPHS. She and I and Nicki A. had become fast friends. She made me feel right at home, and helped me find my way around school. I also came to know her as an excellent athlete; a real leader on the field, and off.

I personally, will NEVER forget her infectious smile and laugh. My family and I will continue to keep your family in our prayers. She always had a beautiful Christian spirit, that I know will forever live in me, and in all of the people, whom she touched.

shellie parton - July 24, 2005 at 01:44 PM

SW

“ Kevin, Betsey & family:

*My heart aches for you! I am profoundly saddened by the death of Charlene and I pray that the relationship you have with the Lord will carry you through this very difficult time. I hope the knowledge that so many people you & Charlene have touched are now reaching out to you in deed and prayer. You are in the thoughts and prayers of myself and my family. Also, please know that I smile at the memory of how lovingly Charlene cared for Gabe 3 summers ago and I will never forget the beautiful flowers they watered together. :-)
Love you all!*

Stephanie Workman - July 24, 2005 at 08:58 AM

AK

“ *Betsy and Kevin,
Barb and Bill*

So sorry to read of the death of Charlene. You are a beautiful family that has touched my heart through your kindness and love of children. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Lyn and Anne Kufahl

Anne Kufahl - July 24, 2005 at 08:37 AM

AB

“ *I was so surprized to here that this happened to your daughter. I can't say the words to express how sorry we are. All our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.*

April, John and Noah Bilby (Noah is a student of Ms. Betsy's)

April Bilby - July 23, 2005 at 10:08 PM

SC

“ *Betsy, Kevin and family: You are all in our thoughts and our prayers. Right now there are no words that can say how sorry we are to learn of Charlene. Please know that we are here for you and your family 24-7.*

With much love, sympathy and in our prayers, Shelly, Chet, Chadd and Cassandra Clubine (Cassandra was a student of Ms. Betsy's)

Shelly Clubine - July 23, 2005 at 01:35 PM

SF

“ *MISS BETSY*

i am so sorry for the loss of your daughter.

BARBARA

i never had the pleasure of meeting this young lady but knowing her mother and grandmother i am sure she was vey special. anything i can do please call me

sharon

sharon fenton - July 23, 2005 at 09:50 AM