



Jodie C. Hatzenbihler

December 24, 1979 - April 9, 2005

Jodie Christa Hatzenbihler, 25, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2005 at KU Medical Center.

She was born December 24, 1979 in Springfield, OR to Dean and Crystal Hickle Hatzenbihler.

Jodie graduated from Linfield School of Nursing in Portland Oregon with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing.

She worked as a registered nurse for KU Medical Center.

Survivors include her parents, Dean and Crystal Hatzenbihler, Salem, OR, brother; Joel Hatzenbihler, Salem, OR, sister; Janel Hatzenbihler, Salem OR, grandparents; Doris Hickle, North Dakota, M.J. and Cecelia Hatzenbihler, North Dakota. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and a special friend Jon Ross, Topeka.

A Memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Another Memorial service will be held in Salem, Oregon at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2005.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Salem, Oregon or to the Jodie Hatzenbihler Memorial Fund both in

c/o Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka, KS
66614.

Directions to the funeral home are as followed:

If coming from Kansas City area, take I-70 West to the South Topeka Exit, once pass the toll booth follow to Fairlawn Road Exit, take the Fairlawn Exit to your right and then take a left at the light which is 29th street, take 29th Street West to Urish Road. We are at the corner of 29th and Urish on the hill to your right.

Tribute Wall



“ Jodie C. Hatzenbihler

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Jodie was not only my cousin, but a friend. I remember all the sleep overs we had and the vacation trips we went on together. She was an inspiration to anyone who could get close to her. Her radiance shown brighter than the morning light. She lived life ahead of her time and passed on her wisdom to those who knew her. I loved being around a girl who was contagious with her smile and laughter. I will miss her greatly and always remember the extra drive she gave me to press on no matter how hard life gets. Uncle Dean, Auntie Cris, Joel and Janel--"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Prov. 3:5-6. Just know that God has a beautiful plan for everything that happens in life, even tragedies, if you lean on Him, all things will work out for the good (Ro. 8:28). I love you and am here if you need anything. I send extra hugs to all of you!

Dawnel Causey - April 22, 2005 at 01:29 PM



“ You meet her once and your hooked. Her radiant smile and contagious laughter are unforgettable and clearly treasured by so many. Jodie provided a chemistry that people admired and wanted to be part of. My thoughts, my tears, my heart, go out to Hatzenbihler family. I adore you all so very much. I miss my friend.

Becky Selkregg - April 20, 2005 at 07:48 PM

SN

“ To all who have shared their stories about Jodie, thanks! I knew Jodie from little league through high school. It's great to hear from people who had more contact with her than I did after graduation. It's a blessing to know that her memory will live on in all of our lives, because she had such an impact on each and every one of us. Jodie is finally home, and it makes want to work hard at living my life in such a way that allows me to meet up with her again.

Scott, Triawn, and Spyre Nelson - April 19, 2005 at 03:01 PM

V(

“ My thoughts are with Jodie's family. I had a few classes with her at North Salem High. When I heard the news all I thought of was her smile. She was great at all she did. Her family is in my prayers....

Valerie Raybon (Strickland) - April 19, 2005 at 12:59 AM

TB

“ I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to your family during this very difficult and trying time. Jodie was such a wonderful person with a fantastic outlook and an always upbeat attitude. She has impacted so many people's lives in very different ways; from the softball field and friendships to the way she cared for others during her career in nursing. What an awesome person for so many of us have been fortunate enough to spend time with. An angel like her will never be forgotten and will always be another reason why heaven is such a wonderful place.

Tia Brungardt - April 18, 2005 at 09:28 PM

BO

“ Dean and family, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. I always looked up to her ever since she babysat my sister and I. I got to know her through playing for you and with Janel. She was a great person, always loving and kind. Ya'll are in my prayers through this difficult time. Stay strong and celebrate her life.
Breezy

Breezy Oleman - April 16, 2005 at 08:11 PM

WM

“ I did not know Jodie but I met Jodie the morning of her death. I was one of her trauma nurses that took care of her. The moment I heard who she was as we were working on her, It hit very close to home to see a fellow KU nurse hurt. Our sympathies goes out to the family and I hope you know that we worked so hard at trying to keep her alive and we were all touched deeply at the outcome.

Wendy Machado - April 15, 2005 at 08:38 PM

BE

“ We both had the pleasure of knowing Jodie at North Salem. She was a smart,friendly,and beautiful girl. She will definitely be missed greatly! Although we will not be able to attend her memorial service,Jodie and the entire Hatzenbihler family will be in our thought's and prayers. God Bless.

Brett & Elisa (Trevino) Evert - April 15, 2005 at 03:12 PM

SE

“ I had the pleasure of playing sports against Jodie since I was in grade school and was fortunate enough to play with her during the summer of my freshman year in college. I have special memories of a road trip Jodie, Dacia and I took in the minivan to go play softball.....listening to music and talking about our futures. Definitely an unforgettable girl, she was a pleasure to play against and a delight to play with. Dean, my heart goes out to you as I know you two had a special bond as me and my dad do and it was always a pleasure talking with you two at the softball fields. Jodie is unforgettable and will truly be missed.

Sarah Everhart - April 15, 2005 at 11:47 AM

BR

“ Jodie has always been an angel. No matter what, she was always positive and had a drive that you rarely see in people. I adored her as a close friend and looked up to her in many ways. Words could never explain how I felt when I heard the news. Life is so precious and fragile.. I miss Jodie with all my heart and will never forget how beautiful of a friend she was and can only wish that she will visit in my dreams.

Beatrice Redding - April 14, 2005 at 10:52 PM

K(

“ It is obvious how many people have been touched by Jodie. We have all had our special moments with her. I think we can all picture her giddy laugh and beaming smile when we think about her. She was absolutely gorgeous. I remember working out with the soccer team one summer. I didnt want to play, but Jodie talked me into it. She told me how much fun we would have and I couldnt help but want to be her friend. And like she promised, she was a lot of fun. Another thing I think of is when Kara Hollis and I used to go to Jodie's house in high school to watch Party of Five. It was such a small thing back then, but it is one of the many fond memories I have of being with her. I agree with all those who have commended Dean and Crystal for their parenting. She really loved you guys. It's hard to think that God needs her more than us, but we have to have faith that He does. I wish I could be there for the memorial. My heart goes out to the family, both near and far, as well to all the people mourning for such a beautiful life lost.

Kelly Munns (Putman) - April 14, 2005 at 06:24 PM

N(

“ I met Jodie my senior year at North Salem High School. I didn't know her so well, but all I remember about her was a radiant human being, whom always had a smile. May God strengthen you in this time of loss, and comfort you with the comfort only he can give. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Nancy Ann (Timmons)Helgesen - April 14, 2005 at 05:46 PM

VF

“ Jodie had the greatest smile ever. She was a very nice girl with the most beautiful eyes. We will always remember her... We want to send our love to Jodi's family and friends. Like someone else mentioned, God was needing an angel up there!

Love,
Mark and Victoria

Victoria and Mark Frehe - April 14, 2005 at 03:13 PM

DP

“ I was sorry to learn of Jodie's death. She was a go getter and very intense young lady. When many young ladies are 'silly' acting, Jodie had a no nonsense attitude and knew what she wanted to do and pursued her goal to the best of her abilities. I believe that I would have heard of many good things that she would have done if she had lived long enough to have the opportunity to do the act.

Donald D. Pitt - April 14, 2005 at 02:29 PM

DP

“ Dean and Crystal,

Donald D. Pitt - April 14, 2005 at 02:21 PM

DP

“ Dean & Crystal,

Donald D. Pitt - April 14, 2005 at 02:20 PM

SW

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jodie in high school and seeing her occasionally in the years that followed. She was always friendly, engaging and fun to be around. Jodie had a charisma that is unforgettable. Janel, you and your family are in my thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sheena Wiley - April 14, 2005 at 01:49 PM

MN

“ I had the pleasure of playing basketball and having classes in high school with Jodie. She was always upbeat, hard working, congenial and naturally good at EVERYTHING she pursued. I know this is an extremely hard time for Jodie's family, friends and everyone who knew her. I pray the Lord will carry and comfort you in this painful period. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of loss. God Bless.

Malia Nueva - April 14, 2005 at 12:47 PM

KH

“ I am in the float pool at KUMC, and worked from time to time with Jodie. I remember the glow she always had. What a beautiful girl. My oldest will be starting college in the Fall and one night we talked about the small little school she went to in Oregon. I always enjoyed working with her. She took such good care of her patients. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Howland

Kathy Howland - April 14, 2005 at 10:38 AM

JM

“ I worked with Jodie very often at KU. I was very drawn to her because of her mature composure for such a young women. I was fascinated by her grace. I have two daughters (6 yrs and 18 mos). I remember having several long conversations with her trying to figure out what her parents did that made her so wonderful. I know from our conversations that she was a good student, independent, hard working and very thoughtful. I see so few people with these well rounded qualities. One morning, after a long talk about her life, I said to her "my god, your parents must be so proud of you, you are so perfect. If my daughters turn out half as great as you Jodie, I would be so proud of them". I meant every word and I would like Jodie's parents to know what a fine and thoughtful job they did in raising such a beautiful person inside and out. I am still hoping that my own daughters may have some of her qualities some day. May God be with you every moment.

Jenny Mancina - April 13, 2005 at 08:26 PM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a tragedy for all who know Jodie. Jodie will be greatly missed by us as well as our fellow 1998 Viking alumni. However, we are confident the Lord has better plans for her with him. We share in your sorrow and grief...Casey & Sarah Horn!

Sarah (Oar) & Casey Horn - April 13, 2005 at 06:46 PM

AF

“ Janel, it's difficult to find the words to say at a time like this. Although I wasn't able to get to know Jodie personally, her friendly, caring, nature stood out even to those who only "knew of her". I always admired the relationship she had with you and her friends at school. Although God's purpose is not fully known, He has reminded our family the importance of living like Jodie did. Selfless, giving, and full of love and life. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and that God's new angel has shown us what is truly important.

Alyssa Bakke, Roger Mucken & Family - April 13, 2005 at 03:27 PM

CJ

“ I had the pleasure of taking Jodie's senior photographs, as well as her sister Janel's.

Jodie made my job so easy with her effervescent smile and wonderful attitude. We had a great time during the photo session and got lots of great portraits.

I can only imagine what the family is going through right now to recover from a loss this huge. Please know how sorry I am and my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Chris (Denoyo) Jordan - April 13, 2005 at 03:25 PM

MS

“ Dean & Cris,

*I am keeping you both and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
My heart hurts for you.*

I am so sorry for your loss of Jodie. Jodie had to be a special individual if she was working in the nursing profession. I know how proud Grandma Hickle was as she was telling Mary and I about Jodie when we cleaned her house last fall. Dean and Crystal, we may be separated by miles but miles don't end the friendships made long ago. Always know you are not alone in your grief.

Your beautiful and special Jodie is now one of God's angels. Trust in God to get you through this trying & painful journey.

I'll end my note with this message:

Remember Me

*Remember me when flowers bloom
Early in the Spring.*

*Remember me on sunny days
In the fun that summer brings.*

*Remember me in the fall
As you walk through leaves of gold.*

*And in the wintertime, remember me
In the stories that are told.*

*But most of all remember
Each day – right from the start.
I will always be forever near
For I live within your heart.*

Love Always,

Marty Staigle

Marty Staigle - April 13, 2005 at 01:21 PM

JD

“ *I am so very sorry for everyone's loss of Jodie. She was a student of mine at North Salem High School and one of the kind that is never forgotten because of her wonderful qualities. My daughter also graduated from North and from Linfield School of Nursing. I know how much pain I would feel in the same situation facing such a loss and want to send my heartfelt condolences. Jodie will be on my prayer list.*

Judy Daugherty - April 13, 2005 at 11:13 AM

KT

“ *Uncle Dean, Aunt Cris, Joel and Janel, My heart broke when I found out about Jodie. She was always smiling and laughing when ever I would see her. And even though we lived so far apart I would always look forward to seeing all of you when you would come back. It hurts just to think that she is no longer with us. But I have to think that she is in a better place and that God had a definat plan for her. Just reading what people have written about her shows me that she was a wonderful person just like her parents. I love you all and you are all in my prayers. I wish that I could be there with you and help you through this tough time. Please just remember that you are always in my thoughts and prayers as is Jodie and I am always here for you. All of us in North Dakota love you and are praying for you.*

Kim Ternes - April 13, 2005 at 11:05 AM

DJ

“ I met Jodie when we were pre-school aged and went to school with her for 12 years. She was bright, positive, friendly, and dedicated in everything that she did. I have so many fond memories of Jodie and her big bright smile, and I pray that those same memories comfort her family and friends during this time.

Let God's words give you peace, Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." All the Hatzenbihler's are in my prayers.

Devon (Cline) Johnson - April 13, 2005 at 09:37 AM

KT

“ I worked with Jodie at KU on the night shift. I am a float nurse so I didn't always work Jodie's floor, but when I did work with her, she was always so nice and friendly. She treated me as one of her regular colleagues, always with a smile. She was an excellent nurse, such a loving and caring person. We will all miss her so much- my heart goes out to her family. Please know we all respected and loved her.

kathy tanner - April 12, 2005 at 09:08 PM

CC

“ I had a pleasure of having jodie being my nurse when i was in the hospital. She was my nurse before my thyroid surgery.I stayed on the heart floor . She was very sweet and nice to have as a nurse. My prayers go out to the family. God Bless you all.

christine castle - April 12, 2005 at 07:34 PM

DC

“ I worked w/ Jodie few times and every moment I worked w/ her she always have the sweet smile even she's very busy. She will be dearly missed and her memories will not be forgotten. May God be with you especially this very difficult time. Doreen

Doreen Collado - April 12, 2005 at 03:45 PM

ML

“ I have the opportunity to work with Jodie, and every time I enjoyed working with her, always with that sweet smile and made everything so smooth, every time when I came to work I was looking for her because we she used to tell me all the time, Hi maria, then I will repeat Hi Jodie even 4/5 times in less than 1 hour, and the way that she said I would never forget her sweet voice. She will be greatly missed, she will always be in our hearts, She was unique, I really admired Jodie, the last report that I got from her was Friday 4/8/05 around 0715am, she asked me something then when I answered her question she just said. "That is why we have you here" that made me feel so good, every time that I saw Jodie when she came for class or a meeting I used to tell her, Oh I am going home and she just laugh because she works nights and that mean that I was going home. I always said yesss when Jodie will be the nurse to give report to, because I knew that my patients will have a great nurse, but you did make change Jodie, God bless your family and I know that you will be a nurse any where that you go, because was in your heart.

Maria Lene - April 12, 2005 at 03:40 PM



“ Jodie C. Hatzenbihler

April 12, 2005 at 03:14 PM

DH

“ I didn't get to work with Jodi very often, because we worked different shifts, but I remember how friendly, and positive she was. I never heard her complain, or say a negative thing about anything, or anyone. I'm glad I had the chance to get to know her. She will really be missed. I'll be praying for her family

Debbie Howard - April 12, 2005 at 01:52 PM

AE

“ I didn't have the opportunity to work with Jodi very often, because she worked nights and I worked days. I did get to work with her last summer when she first started here. I will always remember, how friendly and positive she was. She had a beautiful smile and she will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to her family.

Alba Encarnacion - April 12, 2005 at 01:48 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Being able to work with Jodie for three years at Francis Marion I had the opportunity to work with a very bright, enthusiastic and beautiful young women. She taught myself as well as her teammates about being an individual, expressing our thoughts and always giving 100% effort in anything we do. There will always be a place in my heart for Jodie and your family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill, Jennifer, and Owen Gray

Bill Gray - April 12, 2005 at 09:28 AM

JH

“ I really enjoyed working with Jodie at KUMC. Jodie always had a smile on her face and she was a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed. Jodie had a beautiful smile. She was always a person who lifted people up. She will always be in our hearts. Your family will always be in my prayers. I really admired Jodie for the kind of person that she was. She was tender hearted and had a lot of compassion. She is going to be missed greatly. I know that this is a horrible time for your family. God bless your family and everyone who knew Jodie.
Love, Jamie Hansen

Jamie Hansen - April 11, 2005 at 11:48 PM

SM

“ When I think about Jodie the one thing that comes to mind is her perpetual smile. She always had a wonderful outlook about everything even when nights at work were crazy. I will always remember her for the light she shined while here with us.

Sheila McCall - April 11, 2005 at 07:55 PM

AB

“ I was undeniably lucky to have played softball with Jodie at Francis Marion. She was one of the first people I met when I was on my recruiting trip my senior year of high school and one of the reasons I ended up choosing FMU. She was a huge inspiration to me whether she was helping me with my biology homework or with my pitches. She was a beautiful person inside and out and I will never forget her smile! She was so deeply loved by all of us and she will be deeply missed. "Only time moves on to the next scene. Memory remains part of the heart forever." She will remain in my heart forever and I send my love and sympathy and you will all be in my prayers.

Amy Birch-Hamm - April 11, 2005 at 06:03 PM

AP

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Jodie on a few night shifts at KU Medical Centre, she truly will be remembered as a great nurse with a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh. She will be sadly missed by all.

Ann-Marie Patel - April 11, 2005 at 04:55 PM

MW

“ I have had the pleasure to work with Jodie here at KU. I will always remember her smile and up beat personality. She was always so complimentary to me every time I saw her. I worked with her while she was a nurse aide and then once she became a nurse. I am so sorry for your family's great loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength to make it through such a tragic loss. God Bless You All!!

Marcia Waters - April 11, 2005 at 03:47 PM

VD

“ I did not have the opportunity to meet Jodie. I would like to express my sympathy for your loss.
My thoughts and prayers are with both Jodie and your family.
I work with the Cardiology office at KU.

Vicki Denning - April 11, 2005 at 03:46 PM

MH

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Jodie this last year. I sat up on the floor talking to her Thursday night giving report of a patient I was bringing her from the ER. I remember sitting there laughing and trying to get her to write me out a check since she had her checkbook out. I will miss her laugh and her smile.

I also was part of the trauma team that took care of her in the ER. I know we did our best though sometimes God just needs another Angel and there is nothing that we can do.

My thoughts and prayers are with everyone as we mourn the passing of a great person. At least we know that God has a GREAT nurse on his team now. God bless you all.

Mike Hastings - April 11, 2005 at 02:00 PM

LL

“ I've worked with Jodie since she started working at KU. She was a bright, compassionate and caring nurse. Her sense of humor could brighten the darkest nights. She was a good friend and will be missed. My thoughts any prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Lori Lietzke - April 11, 2005 at 01:07 PM

FB

“ I had the extreme pleasure of working with Jodie for almost a year. Her brilliant smile and love of life were so inspirational. Jodie will always be remembered as a beautiful and vibrant young woman. My family and I will be praying for your family. May God bless you during this most difficult time.

Fran Blackledge - April 10, 2005 at 10:41 PM

LM

“ I worked with Jodie at KUMC and although I didn't know her for long she made a very positive impact on my life. I am so sorry for your lose and you all will be in my prayers.

Lisa

Lisa McCall - April 10, 2005 at 09:44 PM