



## Morgan Kottman

April 22, 1999 - November 21, 2014

Morgan Michelle Kottman, 15, Topeka, passed away at home Friday, November 21, 2014, surrounded by her family and friends, following a 21-month battle with a DIPG brain tumor. Morgan was born April 22, 1999, in Topeka, the daughter of Jerry and Christine Hurla Kottman. Morgan was a sophomore at Seaman High School where she played basketball and was team manager. Morgan loved singer Austin Mahone and her best day ever was meeting him. Her second best day was finding that he followed her on Twitter. Morgan was wise beyond her years. Following her diagnosis she lived her life according to the following quote: "When something bad happens you have three choices: you can either let it define you, let it destroy you or you can let it strengthen you." Morgan was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. She was excited to go to heaven to meet Jesus. She told her family "You'll have the prettiest guardian angel ever watching over you!" Morgan was a loving sister and aunt. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Morgan's survivors include her parents, Jerry and Christine; brother, Jacob Kottman; sister, Kelsey Kottman; nephew, Caden Morris; grandparents, Michael and Judy Hurla; great-uncle and aunt, Steve and Julie Kottman; aunts and uncles, Michelle Shea (Brian), Brian Hurla (Jennifer), Brad Hurla, Evelyn Blackwell (Tim); cousins, Alex, Amanda, Zach, Lucas and Ty Hurla, Samantha and Sara Shea, Stacy Dunn, Becky Consiglio and Corey Kottman; her BFF, Reagan Calhoon; beloved dog, Hope; and numerous extended family members and friends. Morgan was preceded in death by her paternal

grandparents, Larry Kottman and Kathleen Beuke. A parish rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618, where her family will greet friends following the rosary until 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Morgan's favorite color was pink. In her honor, please wear pink. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Morgan Kottman Donation Fund at Envista Credit Union, to be disbursed by her family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morgan Kottman*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JE

“ *He Will Call*

*(Job 14:13-15)*

*Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,*

*Then disappears tomorrow.*

*All that we are can quickly fade away,*

*Replaced with tears and sorrow.*

*If a man should die, can he live again?*

*Hear the promise God has made:*

*He will call; The dead will answer.*

*They shall live at his command.*

*For he will have a longing*

*For the work of his own hand.*

*So have faith, and do not wonder,*

*For our God can make us stand.*

*And we shall live forever,*

*As the work of his own hand.*

*Friends of our God, though they may pass away,*

*Will never be forsaken.*

*All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay,*

*From death he will awaken.*

*Then we'll come to see all that life can be:*

*Paradise eternally.*

*(Daniel 12:13) "But as for you, go on to the end. You will rest, but you will stand up for your lot at the end of the days."*

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JEANNIE - December 10, 2014 at 07:42 PM

GC

“ *Christine and Family -  
My heart is with you.  
Blessings and Prayers - gretchen*

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**Gretchen Cox-Sanders** - November 25, 2014 at 07:38 PM

DL

“ *Jerry, while I did not know Morgan I just know that she was as beautiful within her heart as well as the beauty captured in her picture. I know from the many conversations that you and I have shared from the workplace that nothing was more loved and important to you than your family and the "faith" you shared. I pray now that this same faith will heal your family's broken hearts. You most certainly do have a very beautiful guardian angel watching over you and that comfort will be with you always. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

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**Dick Lyon** - November 24, 2014 at 10:07 PM

CA

“ *Dear Family, I offer my deepest condolences for your most precious loss. I'm sure that words could never ease the pain and heartache that you are suffering. May you be comforted by God's loving promise to be reunited together again in the future Paradise. God knows your pain and the many tears that you cry. Please be consoled by his loving promise at Acts 24:15. You're in my prayers. (Revelation 21:4, 5)*

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**Candis** - November 24, 2014 at 05:07 PM

BF

“ I never knew Morgan but she seemed like a sweet beautiful young girl. I too am 15 and I could never imagine dying now. Morgan had an amazing battle. She fought as hard as she could. I believe Morgan is up there rejoicing with Jesus. Morgan is in an amazing place and we all will eventually see her again. Lots of love to the family of Morgan!

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**Brianna Facklam** - November 24, 2014 at 01:39 PM

SL

“ Christine and family,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you. Have strength in the fact that she is smiling down at you with that beautiful smile of hers and keeping watch over you. God Bless!*

*Stephanie Lanning*

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**Stephanie Lanning** - November 24, 2014 at 12:51 PM

JS

“ Mike & Judy and the entire family - we never met Morgan, but we know her from the strength of the stories we hear. You have our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All!

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**John & Lori Spain** - November 24, 2014 at 11:38 AM

SD

“ Although I never got the pleasure of meeting Morgan I know that she was a wonderful young woman with an amazing family and support system. I have prayed every day for her family and will continue to do so in this time of sadness. I know it's difficult but take comfort in the fact that there is no more pain, no more doctors, no more treatments. It is her turn to walk with God. Bless Morgan and her family.

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**Shannon Davis** - November 24, 2014 at 09:02 AM

JW

“ Kottman Family, Mike & Judy:Our deepest sympathy extended to all. Morgan was a beautiful girl inside and out. A true inspiration to all. Morgan and your whole family has shown so much grace and dignity--proof that God has been with you through this very difficult time. Our prayers and Blessings to you all!

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**Jerry & LaVonne Wilson** - November 24, 2014 at 08:08 AM

TW

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family. So sorry for your loss.

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**Tricia Watts** - November 24, 2014 at 12:04 AM

HH

“ Morgan's journey has touch me greatly. What a beautiful young lady and child of God. Your entire family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless each you.

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**Heidi Haney** - November 23, 2014 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ We are so sorry and know that we hold you up in prayer at this very sad time.

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**Joe and Gina martinezZ14Pi** - November 23, 2014 at 09:13 PM

BB

“ Thoughts and prayers with your family. May God comfort you through this part of your journey and in coming years.

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**Beth Blumreich** - November 23, 2014 at 08:46 PM

JT

“ Sorry for your loss, words cannot express my heartbreak to you at this time. Revelation 21:4 tells us, there will be no more death, or crying, or pain, for those things have passed away. Praying you find comfort in these promises from our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**John thacker** - November 23, 2014 at 07:14 PM

LS

“ Dear Kottman family- although I don't know your family personally, I "met" you through posts on FB from my friend and classmate since middle school, Sarah West. I have kept your sweet Morgan in my thoughts and prayers since first seeing posts about her. I may not have ever met her, but I learned a little about her through posts and seeing her bright, beautiful smile in pictures. She touched more people outside of your family and friends than you could possibly know. Praying that God comforts you during this difficult time and that he holds you a bit closer in the days/weeks/months ahead.

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**LeAnn (Willis) Schueneman** - November 23, 2014 at 05:45 PM

DB

“ Dear Kottman Family,  
May God give you all the strength needed to get through these difficult days. May you feel the prayers, support & love from many of us out there following Morgans Story through Social Media. May each of you know you are in many hearts and PLEASE know Morgans memory grows strong, she was so wise at such a young age many of us will follow her motto "When something bad happens, you have 3 choices let it destroy you, let it define you, or let it strengthen you". Sending all my love from Kansas City, Kansas  
Dawn Barth & Family

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**Dawn Barth** - November 23, 2014 at 03:57 PM

BD

“ Sending love, prayers and strength at this sad sad time.

*"Those we love and lose are no longer where they were before ..... they are now wherever we are."  
St John Chrysostom*

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**Barbara Damp** - November 23, 2014 at 02:28 PM

SU

“ May the grace of God bring you comfort at this time. I do not know Morgan or family, but have prayed for her numerous times through prayer requests on social media.

*Morgan was an example for many, wise beyond her years, much loved. May she rest in eternal peace with her Lord and Savior.*

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**Susan** - November 23, 2014 at 09:48 AM

LK

“ I do not know you personally, but I feel as though I do. Thank you for letting us all into Morgans world so we could pray for her and watch all of her happy moments and triumphs. I have no doubt she is in heaven watching over all of you. God Bless your wonderful family!

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**Linsey Kueser** - November 23, 2014 at 08:51 AM

AT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have been following Kelsey's journey on FB. She was/is a very strong girl and you have a wonderful angel now.  
May God give strength. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Alberta Tate** - November 23, 2014 at 08:28 AM

VB

“ My prayers are with your family. I used to be Jerry's dad's friend when Jerry was a young boy. Family of the Estradas in KCK. May the Lord comfort your family at your time of sorrow. She fought a long battle. I know Jesup now has a beautiful angel. God Bless

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**Victoria Baer** - November 23, 2014 at 08:28 AM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.

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**Laura Lewis** - November 23, 2014 at 12:11 AM

JF

“ Praying for comfort and God's loving arms to wrap around your family during this difficult time and the days ahead. So sorry for your loss.

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**Joe, Sarah & KyLea Fazio** - November 22, 2014 at 08:44 PM

J(

“ Christine & family:

*Thoughts and prayers are being sent your way. Have comfort knowing that she will be watching over you as a guardian angel.*

*Julie (Germonprez) Hall*

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**Julie (Germonprez)hall** - November 22, 2014 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ Bless your broken hearts.

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**Dorothy Stratton** - November 22, 2014 at 07:18 PM