



## Heather Lynn Engel

July 31, 1976 - February 27, 2016

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, Heather passed away in Columbus, OH. Heather was born on July 31, 1976. Heather is survived by her parents, John and Ginny Engel; Aunt Donna (Chuck) Barry of Missouri; Aunt Sue Engel of Toledo; Uncle James (Gina) Engel and their children Sean, Austin, and Eyob of Massachusetts; cousin Kim (Tony) Hurtig and their children Heidi and Andy of Kansas; cousin Dan (Kathy) Held and their children Hannah and Mason of Arkansas. In addition, her passing has left many wonderful friends who gave her love, support, and prayers. She left her most loved dog, Sophie.

Heather graduated in 1994 from Sylvania Southview High School where she was involved in speech and debate, choir, cross country, and various school plays. She also volunteered to work in a school office. Heather graduated in 1998 from Bowling Green State University where she majored in Broadcast Journalism and minored in Environmental Science and in Meteorology. She also was a member of a service sorority.

Heather had three great loves weather, children, and dogs, and not necessarily in that order. She felt fortunate to have an opportunity to fill in and work with Blizzard Bill Spencer on TV either doing the weather report alone or helping out in the field when there was severe weather. The family wishes to thank him for the opportunities that he gave her. She loved doing weather.

She recently was invited to be a presenter at a symposium for weather spotters at The Ohio State University. Heather loved children, and they gravitated to her. She always gave them unconditional love and

encouragement. Her love of all our family dogs and her dog was evident for all her knew her.

Heather is preceded in death by her brother, Tim; her grandparents, John and Caroline Wall and Arvine and Rose Engel, along with all of their siblings.

Life presented Heather with many health challenges. However, we are sure that she is now in the care of God and that she is surrounded by children and at peace. Many hearts are hurting.

John and I wish to thank her many friends who helped her and helped us. A special thank you is given to long-time friends, James, Roshne, and Sarah. You were always there for her and for us. Bless you.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at St. Joan of Arc, 5856 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio. Our wish is that friends and family will meet starting at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc for a time of sharing thoughts and love for Heather. A Mass will follow at 10:00 a.m. at this church. Internment of Heather's ashes will be a private family affair at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or to a no-kill animal shelter.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joan of Arc  
Toledo, OH 43614  
<http://joanofarc.org>

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ John and Ginny--

*Many years ago, a friend's daughter died at the age of 12 during a track meet. She had an undiagnosed heart ailment. I found a beautiful sympathy card that I haven't seen since. It had a dark background with a single white rosebud on a stem. Beneath the bud was a tear. Inside, the message said "My heart aches for you." That is what we feel for you today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Mary Ann and Bill Gray*

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**Mary Ann and Bill Gray** - March 12, 2016 at 06:10 AM

DO

“ John and Gin, I can never explain how proud I was and am to be "Aunt Donna" . Heather was a beautiful, loving young lady, who I will remember as always smiling. You two were great parents. Rest assured Heather is in God's arms and is at peace. All our love,  
*Donna and Chuck*

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**Donna** - March 11, 2016 at 04:58 PM

FW

“ *John and Ginny,  
Dr. Timothy Q Kime told me about Tim. I hadn't heard about his death until then. Now, Janet Robinson told me about Heather! My heart goes out to you and my prayers are with you. I fondly remember your children from my days at St. Joan of Arc. Tim was always smiling and seemed happy. Heather had the same disposition. I can't be there on Saturday but I wanted to contact you at least through this vehicle.  
God bless you both!  
Father Dick Wurzel*

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**Fr. Richard Wurzel** - March 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

BW

“ *Ginny and John,  
My heart goes out to you - may warm memories of Heather bring you some comfort.*

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**Beth Wise** - March 10, 2016 at 12:36 PM

MG

“ *Ginny and John,  
It is with great sorrow that we express our sympathy for your loss of a beautiful young lady in Heather. I remember when our daughters were preparing to receive the Eucharist way back in the second grade when you and I taught the preparation classes.  
May the good Lord comfort you in your sorrow.....and please know that you and John are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Joe and Marcia Grossmann*

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**Marcia Grossmann** - March 10, 2016 at 12:08 PM

GM

“ *Terribly sad to see that you have lost your daughter. May she be in the embrace of Jesus.* ”

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**Gail (Vaillant) Mishka** - March 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM