

Ashley went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 31, 2008

The following was her obituary -

"This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it Shine"

My name is Ashley White. I am 19 years old and I have a special wish I hope you can help me with. I was born with a lung disease called cystic fibrosis which caused me in September, 2005 to have a double lung transplant. I did great for a while but then began having some difficulties which included cancer and now rejection. It has not been very easy. In fact, I have been close to heaven a few times already. I have always wanted to be a missionary and tell others about my Savior because He has brought me through so much and has saved my soul and has given me such peace. The doctors are telling me that I don't have very much time left unless I get new lungs or a miracle happens. So I have a wish and that is to keep my light shining. Will you please help me with my dream? I want you to know the same Lord that I do. You may be going through something difficult in your life too that you think you cannot handle. I want you to know that God loves you and He is there for you to help you get through anything. He sent His only son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross so that we can have eternal life. Jesus was perfect and sinless - unlike me. He paid for all my sins and yours that day that He died on the cross. He arose again the third day and is now alive in heaven. I can say I serve a risen Savior. My Jesus is alive and I am looking forward to seeing Him and hearing Him say to me, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant." I don't know why He loves me so much but I want you to know He loves you, too. In the Bible, it says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". (Rom. 10:13) That means no matter what you have done or where you are, you can be saved from hell and have forgiveness, too. I called on Jesus to save me on July 27, 2001. I realized that without Him I was headed for hell for the wrong things I had done. I was only 14, but I knew I was a sinner and I needed forgiveness. Since then, life hasn't been easy, but I have Him to help me and guide me and I have peace about where I am going when I die. I have joy that can't be stolen and hope that is everlasting. Unless God heals me (and I hope he does) I won't be able to be a missionary. If you come to know Christ, then you can share the light with others and be a missionary for me. Just call on Jesus right now to save you and forgive you of all your sin. He will. He promised. You can tell me about it, too, on my website. I would love to hear from you at Ashleyswish.com.

Our little Ashley made her abundant entrance into glory on January 31, 2008 at 1:55 pm. She "graduated" in her home, surrounded by friends, family, and pastors who loved her so. She is survived by her parents Richard and Lisa White of 505 W. Hayne St. in Woodruff, her birth mom Candy Mace, her siblings- Daniel, Dustin, Savanna, Breanna, Lauryn, and Samantha, her grandparents Rev. Jerry and Vicki Purtell of Baton Rouge, La and Wanda White of Columbus Ohio as well as many many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We invite all of you who knew of Ashley to come join us in remembering the wonderful person she was. Her "graduation" ceremony will be held at Gateway Baptist Church at 1600 Old Furnace Road in Boiling Springs, SC on February 3, 2008 at 6:30pm. Receiving of friends will be on the same day and location at 4pm.

In honor of Ashley we ask that donations be made to Prayer Baptist Missions who supports her missionary work and those around the world **1600 Old Furnace Road Spartanburg, SC 29316** and/or to **SMITE Missionary Training Camp** where Ashley was training for missions and loved to go every year she was able.

SMITE, P.O. Box 15828, Baton Rouge, LA 70895. Many thanks to all who have supported Ashley thru her long journey. She can now breathe! Arrangements are being handled by Lanford Funeral Home in Woodruff, SC.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

HAPPY VALENTINE DAY TO EVERYONE!!!!

We are back from our "get away". We went to the mountains and stayed in a cabin for a few days. It was just what we needed. I am not avoiding phone calls anymore. :) I can now talk without crying most of the time.....

Ashley's funeral was just what she would have wanted. More on that later. Her service is on her site or will be soon on Ashleyswish.com. Many have left her goodbye wishes on her site. I am planning on leaving her site up and letting people leave comments as well maybe put some other resources on there like churches, addiction help programs, Christian growth helps, ect. Her tract is really getting widely distributed. Some missionaries to Mexico said they were going to translate it and pass it out. A high school friend is using it in his ministry. He drove from Louisiana to talk to her and get her permission. We have heard of some turning to the Lord as a result of her testimony as well as at least 3 people surrendering to be a missionary in Ashley's place. When I hear these things it helps ease the pain bc I know that Ashley has helped others and is helping others even in her death. Living for Christ and living for others is where real happiness and peace can be found. I wish I always lived by that principle.

I plan on getting Ashley's story into the hands of everyone in Woodruff, which is what we had planned to do while she was living but Ash was never well enough and I was never motivated enough. If anyone else would like to claim your community or neighborhood for Christ and try to get Ashley's story into their hands please email me privately. Somehow we will get you the tracts you need. I plan on making another order soon.

I am trying to learn to play the piano....big task. I play by ear, I can't read music. My poor family is suffering. I hope to write a song one day. I have ALWAYS wanted to do that bc I love to sing. My girls can sing too but they are shy in that area.....not in other areas however!!! It would be sooooooo fun for us all to sing together. Maybe one day.... I have a lot on my wish list don't I? There is so much I want to say, not sure a song will cover it all. I know I need to write that book but I am afraid it would be too thick. ha God bless you all and remember "There is coming a day when no heartache shall come, no more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye. All is peace forever more on that happy golden shore. What a day glorious day that will be. There will be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear, no more sickness or pain, no more parting over there. And forever I will with the one who died for me..... What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see..." lisa (mom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2008

Hello All, just wanted to let everyone know that I am ok. Each day it gets a little easier however it feels as though I will never be happy again or find joy in anything. I know I will but that is just how it feels for now. I will update more later. Just didn't want anyone thinking I had jumped off the deep end. I am avoiding phone calls and people I know, for the most part for now. Don't take it personal. It just stirs me up again when people talk about it or ask me how I am doing. Thank you so much for your prayers and support and for coming to Ashley's "graduation". It is so appreciated. I think for awhile I will still write on caringbridge bc its therapeutic and there are so many things about Ash I still want you to know. God bless you all.....lisa