



Jessica Elaine Simpson

April 7, 2013

Jessica Elaine Simpson, 33, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, April 7, 2013. She was a graduate of Churchland High School and went on further to her education in the IT field. Jessica lived courageously with Epidermolysis Bullosa. She was a board member for USeb United Survivors with Epidermolysis Bullosa and encouraged others suffering with this condition.

Jessica is survived by her mother, Elaine Evans Simpson of Virginia Beach; father, Richard L. Simpson and his wife, Debbie of Portsmouth; brother, Gabriel Simpson and his wife, Heather and their children, Oshean, Haven, Meadow and Willow all of Florida; step-sisters, Emily Howell and Amy Shaughnessy; step-brother, Jason Doan; niece, Hannah; nephews, Michael and Gabriel. Surviving family in Illinois consists of her aunts, Barbara Simpson Goodwin, Jenny Simpson Rusher, Georgia Evans Atteberry and husband, Nolan; uncles Barry Evans, Roger Evans, Brad Simpson and wife Susan.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Joshua Joel Simpson; grandparents, Norma and Walter Evans, Norma and Lewis Simpson; great grandmother, Metta Flynn; two aunts, Pat Simpson Pethtel and Elma Shinn. She had many surviving cousins, friends and many special "EB"-related friends. Also her devoted dog Ellie and cat Bella.

There will be a gathering of friends to commemorate her life Sunday, April 14, from 2-3:30 at the Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth, Virginia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to www.ebsurvivors.org, United Survivors with EB, 512 Hillside Circle, Alpine Utah 84004.

Tribute Wall



“ My heart goes out to Jess's family and friends as they go through this tough time.

I had the honor of meeting Jessica back in 2001 at a Camp for kids with skin disorders in MN and we became fast friends after I would call and say hi and check in with her after camp. She was 6 years older than me so I looked up to her and turned to her for everything. It was really rare for me, at the time that we met, to meet others with EB. So I really cherished it because it was one of my first close friendships with someone with EB. She was an excellent companion to have. We enjoyed traveling together. We loved helping each other and supporting each other whenever possible despite the distance of Jess being in VA and me here in Canada. We tried to make sure we checked in every day even if it was brief. Jess is an amazing woman and I am so thankful for all the years we had together.

Love you Bestie.

Miss you greatly.##imported-begin##Novelette Munroe##imported-end##

April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be greatly missed. I hope you are free of pain. May The Lord wrap his arms around you and comfort you.##imported-begin##Travis Beabout##imported-end##

April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Love & Miss you Jess. Rest in Peace. Fly with the Angels. Painfree & at Peace. I know you're looking down & smiling now. Until we meet again.##imported-begin##Jenny Simpson##imported-end##

April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Elaine,
I am sooooo sorry for your loss. I know you must be heartbroken. Please know you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers! Love,
Dana##imported-begin##Dana Walker##imported-end##

April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We want you to know that we all share your sorrow. So happy that we all got to see her at the reunion. Are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Brian, Jane, Matt, Michelle, and Haley.##imported-begin##Brian Evans##imported-end##

April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Jessica. We will keep you in our prayers, we loved her very much. The Armistead Family##imported-begin##Debbie Armistead##imported-end##

April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Elaine and family. Our hearts are with you during this time of celebration and reflection of Jessica's life. You have so many memories of your beautiful young daughter. So sorry we can't be there.

I was so glad you and Jessica were able to come to the reunion a few years ago. Carol and family and Uncle Roger, Tyler and Barb.##imported-begin##Carol Reinoehl##imported-end##

April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Jessica and I attended Stonebridge together in the 4th and 5th grade. She was my saving grace, she was always my faithful friend. Other kids made fun of us or treated us badly but she didn't care. She was a real spitfire. She stood up for herself. I ended up moving away and lost touch with her. Her bravery and courage really helped me. She is already missed by me.##imported-begin##Katrina Stevens-Steele##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jessica's passing. As her high school English teacher, I remember her as a diligent, conscientious student who persevered in despite of the obstacles placed before her. May the good memories her family and friends have of her sustain them in the difficult days and weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Marvin Fanny##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss her. She and Colleen Roche-Rupert was just like sisters and She would have plenty of fond memories of them together. Our prays are with the family and other friends.##imported-begin##Laura Roche##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM