



Caroline Elizabeth Pakiz

February 26, 2011 - July 10, 2016

Caroline Elizabeth Pakiz traded her fairy wings in for beautiful new angel wings on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver.

Her Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2000 South Lemay Ave., Fort Collins. Visitation will begin at 1:00 at the church with a private burial following the service.

Caroline was born February 26, 2011 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. At 4 lbs, 10 oz., she came out fighting right from the start. She was first given the name "CaroLION" by her big brother Gavin. This nickname stuck and defined her spirit for the rest of her life. Although Caroline faced numerous medical challenges, she was best known as a champ; a true warrior; and overcame the toughest of obstacles with a sweet smile on her face. She was never afraid to let people know who was in charge; and that she was her own self-proclaimed boss. She loved wearing fairy wings on her back and dressing her dollies. Most of all, she enjoyed her "Caroline's Castle" swing set; a gift from Make a Wish Foundation.

Caroline loved her big brother Gavin and the two were inseparable whenever they could be together. Though they disagreed like normal brothers and sisters, the bond they shared was enduring.

She is survived by her loving parents, Andy and Anna Pakiz of Ft. Collins; brother, Gavin, age 7; her grandparents, Dave and Betty Pakiz of Crystal Lake, IL, Marv and Marilyn Thelen of Windsor, CO; great-grandpa, Frank Pakiz; great-grandma, Jean Gardner; great-grandpa, Andrew Wambach; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. Caroline was preceded in death by great-grandparents Rose Pakiz, Harold Gardner, Beryl Wambach, Chris and Kathryn Thelen and Orville Gish; great-uncles, Dennis Pakiz and Ray Gardner; and great aunt, Colleen Elizabeth Gish.

Caroline will remain deep in our hearts each and every day. A memorial fund is being set

up in her name, so please make any donations to Caroline Pakiz Memorial Fund in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Cemetery

Roselawn Cemetery

2718 East Mulberry Street

Fort Collins, CO, 80524

Comments



“ betty pakiz is following this tribute.

betty pakiz - July 28, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ Courageous, strong, vulnerable, spunky, and forgiving - those are only a few words that describe this incredible child. She taught me so much and is forever imprinted on my heart - the brokenness filled with memories and life lessons. To me she was "boss lady" and would let me know when I was done and could leave the room or stay and help her with her dolls or read her a book. So many wonderful memories to share but I think the one that will always leave me smiling was the day me and Anna gave her a bath and I had the job of holding her over the tub so Anna could wash her hair. Caroline wrapped her legs around mine as I held her and she loudly let us know she was now happy with the plan. But, as in Caroline fashion, the minute we were done, she was smiling and forgiving. Love you forever and a day Caroline!!

Dawn Gavaldon Infante - July 19, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ Pirapar Patamasucon lit a candle in memory of Caroline Elizabeth Pakiz



Pirapar Patamasucon - July 19, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ Thinking of all of Caroline's family today as you hold on to one another through this difficult time.



Jean Wambach Walech - July 19, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to Caroline's Family.
Pat Collison

pat Collison - July 17, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ I have been trying so so hard to decide what memory of C I would like to share with everyone. This has been so hard for me since I have so many of this spicy girl! I just keep coming back to the only thing that has made me smile through my tears this week. Simply put, that laugh. That absolutely contagious irreplaceable laugh. Almost every single time I walked into her room she would start laughing because she was so excited to see me. That's what I'm going to miss the most about our girl. God bless every single one of you who loved this girl and her family, your lives are so much better because of it. I love you guys!

Sarah Carstens (Miss Saywa) - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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Sarah Carstens (Miss Saywa) - July 14, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ I have known Caroline since she was about 2 years old, and I have lots of good memories of this sweet girl. She is most definitely one of the toughest little girls I've ever known. No matter how bad the situation she always came through it with that beautiful smile of hers. One of my favorite and most recent memories was when I was caring for her at her house one night. I had given her her medications and changed her diaper in the middle of the night. Something that she would normally half sleep through and go right back to sleep. So, when I was finished I left her room and went to go sit in the living room. Shortly after this I heard her crying. I walked into her room and asked her what was wrong, expecting her to say that she was hurting from her most recent surgery. But, instead she told me "you can sit in here now". I said "you want me to sit with you" and she said "yes" then closed her eyes, but peeked over every so often to be sure that I was still there. This sweet and sassy spirit of hers is what made people fall in love with her. I pray every day for her family and friends to have comfort, peace and strength that surpasses all understanding.

Jessica Warner - July 14, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ Every picture posted of this beautiful child had an even more beautiful smile. She was little and she was fierce. A ray of light and I know she's shining down on her family. Soar high with your new wings beautiful. Your smile is emblazoned in my mind and heart forever. Hugs to Anna and family.



Kim OConnor - July 14, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Caroline Elizabeth Pakiz



Chrissy - July 14, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ Caroline's spirit lives on . . . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You gave this little girl as much love as a family could give through some of the toughest times, and she showed us all how to smile through adversity. All our love - Michelle, Peter, Jared, Jason and the whole Stillman/DeBella Troop.

Michelle DeBella - July 13, 2016 at 11:34 PM



“ Anna, Andy, Gavin, you all are in my prayers. I am sending you all the love I have. I am so thankful that you shared Carolion's beauty, strength, and life with us. She was and will always be a beautiful angel. May God supply you all with his peace and understanding. I know Carolion is charming all of the angels in heaven. Roar on sweet girl.



Erica Meeks - July 13, 2016 at 11:26 PM



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Erica Meeks - July 13, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Pakiz family at this sad time. Deb (Petkovsek) Adler

Deb Adler - July 13, 2016 at 08:40 PM



“ Thinking of all of you, and praying you find comfort in the little things. Small memories of moments shared, and hugs given and received. Those are the big things. Know that even though we didn't meet her personally her life was part of ours in many ways. We loved the little 'Lion', and we thank you for sharing her with us. God Bless each of you. Our deepest sympathy to you all.
Love,
Cheryl & Mark Hagy.



cheryl hagy - July 13, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ In every photo, Caroline had a smile that lit up a room. she was a ray of light and I know she's shining down and watching over her family. Soar high with your wings beautiful. Soar high.

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kim - July 13, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ May Caroline's strength throughout her life give you strength to carry on without her presence now. She has given so many so much of herself in that little body that held life so precious. God bless your families.

Gina Blake - July 13, 2016 at 05:29 PM