



Rebecca Theresa Melvin

October 25, 2002 - October 30, 2015

Rebecca T. Melvin, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Friday, October 30, 2015 at the Nemours A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE. Born in Paoli, PA on October 25, 2002, she was the beloved 13- year- old daughter of John T. Jr. and Dianne M. (Kracz) Melvin.

More importantly, and what I'd rather you know about Rebecca, is that she lived. She lived quietly. She lived gracefully, and she lived bravely. She lived as much as her body would allow, and she did it while loving and inspiring others. And for this gift she gave to those around her, she asked for nothing in return.

Rebecca loved music. She loved to be read to. She loved swimming and going for walks. But what she loved best was simply being with her people-her mom and dad, her brothers, her large family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, and her nurses. She loved being in the middle of the activity, quietly observing and listening. She loved petting her dog Biscuit, who would sleep at her feet on the couch, and just as often try to steal her spot there. Rebecca went to school at the Child and Career Development Center in Coatesville. Not surprisingly, she was loved by her wonderful teachers, therapists and staff. She was known to be a hard worker, and was very diligently learning to use her iPad to communicate her wants and needs. She had recently gotten a wonderful device called a Wilmington Robotic Exoskeleton, which helped her freely use her arms. She was very happy and

excited about this, and was working on learning how to use it. She was quite an artist and often helped her nurses create beautiful works of art, both at school and at home.

Rebecca loved traveling with her family, and spent many vacations in Ocean City, New Jersey. She also loved her vacations to Niagara Falls and Dollywood, and got to experience most every activity, sight and sound those places had to offer. In February of 2013 she went to Disney with Make-a-Wish. She went on many rides at Magic Kingdom, her favorite being Ariel Under the Sea, where she looked wide-eyed at the vibrant colors and movement. She rode horses, had a spa day, met princesses and got a present from Santa at Give Kids The World Village. It was a very happy time for her.

Rebecca was skilled at many things. The thing she was best at, however, was making those around her happy and making them better people than they knew they could be. She effortlessly made the world a better place. Not by curing diseases, solving world hunger, or ending wars. She made the world a better place just by being in it. From her quiet place on the couch, the world was made better. Rebecca would want you to know that if she could do all of that without uttering a word, then we are all capable of accomplishing that and more, and we should. That was her legacy and her gift to us.

Rebecca was one-of-a-kind and perfect in every way that mattered, and words can never adequately express how much she'll be missed by her family.

In addition to her parents, Rebecca is survived by two brothers, Jake and Christopher Melvin, both of Phoenixville; maternal grandparents Geraldine Kracz and Edward Kracz, both of Phoenixville; paternal grandparents, John T. and Dorothy Melvin of Phoenixville; Aunts, Debbie, wife of Brian Smith of Phoenixville, PA, Jackie Shumway of Reston, VA, and Cindy, wife of Roger Murphy of West Chester, PA; Uncles, Ed, husband of Linda Kracz of Perkasio, PA and Tom, husband of Kathy Melvin of Westfield, NJ; Cousins, Brittany, Haley, and Julia Smith, Matthew and Caitlyn Shumway, Joe, Casey, and Samantha Kracz, Camille and Roger Murphy, Thomas and Ceceilia Melvin, and her loving Bichon Biscuit. She is also survived by her nurses Helene

Brown, Laurie Conbeer, Jackie Garay, Maria Hare, Maria Picard, and Diane Attenborough, as well as many others over the years who provided wonderful, loving care and are part of the family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral mass at St. Basil the Great R.C. Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton, PA on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. Gary T. Pacitti. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Friends will be received from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville and at the Church on Thursday morning from 10:00 am - 10:45 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com <<http://www.phoenixvillefuneralhome.com/>>. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.
610 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
(610) 933-3572
<https://CampbellEnnisKlotzbachFuneralHome.com/>

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great R.C. Church
2300 Kimberton Road PO Box 637
Kimberton, PA 19442

Mass

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil the Great R.C. Church
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Kimberton, PA 19442

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *God bless you and your family.*

Rhonda, Doug, Dane, and Kurt Leopold



Rhonda Leopold - November 10, 2015 at 07:57 AM

WY

“ *From Bil and Carol the old bus driver who shared so many great days taking her to school. God bless all of you for letting me share her with you.*

william yoder - November 06, 2015 at 03:43 PM

CR

“ *Rebecca was one amazing girl who belonged to an equally amazing family! Thanks for the honor of being able to be a part of your family as I helped you care for and love sweet Becca. The visitation last night and service today were beautiful testaments of the legacy Rebecca left for all who have the privilege and honor of knowing her. I am praying for all of you as you grieve the void she has left yet celebrate the life that she had.*

Christine Russell - November 05, 2015 at 07:30 PM

SB

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Melvin and family,

May the Lord give you peace knowing that Rebecca allowed her light to shine so brightly. She was a gift to us all. It was my honor to be her teacher this past summer.

Blessings, Sandy Bahel

Sandy Bahel - November 04, 2015 at 08:01 PM

RJ

“ Roxanne Jones lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin



Roxanne Jones - November 04, 2015 at 03:22 PM

RT

“ JT,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please find comfort that Rebecca is in a better place. My deepest sympathy.
Ron Tobin

Ron Tobin - November 04, 2015 at 12:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .



November 04, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DL

“ *OMG John and Beth I am so sorry to hear about our beautiful Rebecca. I have not seen her in a long while but she is always one that I checked up on through people at the Child Development Center. When she was in my class at the Arc she brought smiles to all with her own little smirk of a smile and her quiet way. She will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family. Everyone at the Arc sends their thoughts and prayers as well.*
~Debbie Landers and everyone from the Arc

Debbie Landers - November 04, 2015 at 07:45 AM

JD

“ *John, Beth, Jared, Alex, and Ethan Desjardins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



John, Beth, Jared, Alex, and Ethan Desjardins - November 03, 2015 at 07:26 PM

LO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of Rebecca. I will miss our time together in the pool at CCDC. She was so precious. It was a privilege to have known her.*

Sincerely, Linda Jo O'Keefe

Linda Jo O'Keefe - November 03, 2015 at 05:59 PM

LG

“ *Luann Gain lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Luann Gain - November 03, 2015 at 02:37 PM

PT

“ *Phoenixville Area School District Administrative Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



Phoenixville Area School District Administrative Team -
November 03, 2015 at 02:08 PM

LK

“ *Love, John and Marie Kayati purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



Love, John and Marie Kayati - November 03, 2015 at 01:59 PM

MK

“ *Marie Kayati lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Marie Kayati - November 03, 2015 at 12:42 PM

KV

“ I am so sorry for Rebecca's passing. She was a very special girl in our class. Swimming was her favorite subject with me. She was free and so relaxed....She will be missed by all she touched.

Love,
Karen Vickroy

Karen Vickroy - November 03, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .



November 03, 2015 at 05:41 AM

HW

“ H. Whitehawk lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin



H. Whitehawk - November 02, 2015 at 10:47 PM

DP

“ We are so very sorry to about Rebecca's passing. Our son, Jake, had been a classmate of Rebecca's several times over the years. We will remember her as the kind, sweet girl who would reach over and hold Jake's hand during circle time. Your family is in our prayers.
Sincerely,
Keith and Deb Powers



Deborah Powers - November 02, 2015 at 09:12 PM

PS

“ Pat Slawecki lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin



Pat Slawecki - November 02, 2015 at 08:54 PM

KS

“ Rebecca was in my classroom at The Arc the year I started working in the building. She and her sidekick/nurse Julie always came to school with a smile on their beautiful faces. I enjoyed working Rebecca and watching her grow. She helped me grow as well by teaching me that great things come in small packages, to take life slowly, enjoy every moment and that beauty is everywhere. XOXOXO



Kerri Schwartz - November 02, 2015 at 07:22 PM

LR

“ Love, The staff & students in Miss Kara's Room purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .



Love, The staff & students in Miss Kara's Room - November 02, 2015 at 06:50 PM

TT

“ I will always remember Rebecca when she was in my classroom at The Arc of Chester County. I have thought of Rebecca and the family often.. I am sorry to hear of her passing.. My thoughts and prayers to the family.. Tina Tauss



Tina Tauss - November 02, 2015 at 04:34 PM

RD

“ Rosemarie & John Dettra lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin



Rosemarie & John Dettra - November 02, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .



November 02, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Christine Costantini lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Christine Costantini - November 02, 2015 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ *I met Rebecca and dad at the very beginning of the Phuture Phantoms season. My son Braydn plays on the 4th grade team. Dad approached me bc my daughter Teagan is special needs and was in a wheelchair. We had a brief conversation about our children and their schools that they go to. I've thought about Rebecca many time since then, some people & their families leave a lasting impressions. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending lots of love- Tara Strzelecki & family*

Strzelecki Family - November 02, 2015 at 01:01 PM

SF

“ *Strzelecki Family lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Strzelecki Family - November 02, 2015 at 12:53 PM

KS

“ *Kim Souder lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Kim Souder - November 02, 2015 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



November 02, 2015 at 11:23 AM

MC

“ *M.F. Irvine Companies purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



M.F. Irvine Companies - November 02, 2015 at 10:38 AM

JK

“ *Jeri Kracz lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Jeri Kracz - November 02, 2015 at 10:16 AM

PP

“ *Phuture Phantoms purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



Phuture Phantoms - November 02, 2015 at 10:15 AM

LF

“ *Lori Folk lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



Lori Folk - November 02, 2015 at 09:37 AM

SM

“ *Sue Mcvay lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Theresa Melvin*



sue mcvay - November 02, 2015 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ *My condolences to your family..Rebecca will be deeply missed at Penn Care for Kids . May God give you comfort and strength to get through this difficult time. Tina Miller*



Tina Miller - November 01, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



November 01, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca Theresa Melvin .*



November 01, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ *We became friends at Dupont Hospital. Becca was a special little girl who was always happy. I like to think that if both our little girls knew each other like their moms did, they would have been best friends. Hannah and I will miss them very much.*

Joan Jones - November 01, 2015 at 01:19 PM



Our condolences to a wonderful family of a lovely young woman....from The Mattsons...another dupont family

Melinda Mattson - November 01, 2015 at 02:26 PM

JP

Dianne, JT, Jake, and Christopher - We send our sincerest condolences from Arizona. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Your precious Angel is watching over you. Much Love Always,

Sean and Jennifer Parker

jennifer parker - November 01, 2015 at 02:44 PM

TG

Deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to you JT, Dianne, Jake and Chris. May you find peace in the love you shared with Rebecca and comfort in the joyful memories of your little Angel. Hugs and love to all of you.

Terri, Steve, Vince and Valerie

Terri Gervasi - November 01, 2015 at 04:20 PM

EH

*My sincerest sympathy. You all are in my thoughts and prayers
Elaine Sattolo Hossler*

Elaine Sattolo Hossler - November 01, 2015 at 05:09 PM

JT

Diane - My heart goes out to you and your family as you pay tribute to your sweet sweet girl. You are all in my thoughts and prayers today.

Janice Sattolo Thomas

Janice Sattolo Thomas - November 01, 2015 at 05:11 PM

KE

Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Tyler and Kelly Gubanich

Kelly - November 01, 2015 at 05:28 PM

SM

We are deeply saddened by the passing of your precious daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sue and Bill McVay.

Susanne McVay - November 01, 2015 at 09:34 PM

CA

I remember Rebecca a infant with a great big brother and wonderful family. Celebrate your family and hug each other Clare Algeo

Clare Algeo - November 03, 2015 at 06:28 AM