



## Erin Frances Evans

June 25, 1979 - January 17, 2014

A home going celebration service for Erin Frances Evans, 34, of Tyler, will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. David Dykes, Rev. Bryan Grant and Rev. Kevin Burdette officiating. There will be a reception following the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Evans passed away Friday, January 17, 2014 at The Hospice of East Texas.

She was born June 25, 1979 in Lubbock to Richard and Leigh Weathersbee Evans.

Erin was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church.

She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and Dallas Baptist University.

Ms. Evans taught at Lindale ISD, International Baptist Church in Dusseldorf, Germany and GABC Early Education Center. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy, personal Bible study, attending Westwood High School Band events and going to Texas Rangers games with her family. She was active in her Sunday school class and was currently employed at the GABC Bookstore and Library.

Erin was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Horace and Edith Evans and Ernest Taylor; uncles, Ross Davis and Ralph Evans and maternal grandparents, Frances and Claude Weathersbee.

She is survived by her loving family including her parents, Richard and Leigh Evans of Tyler and brother, Lane Evans of Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Green Acres Baptist Church Bookstore or Green Acres Baptist Church Early Education Center, 1607 Troup Hwy., Tyler 75701

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church  
1607 Troup Hwy.  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall



“ *OMGosh! She was in the suite next door to me at Spence hall! We used to have a lot of chats! Sending blessings to her family!*

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**Shun Shell** - March 27, 2014 at 01:28 PM

KF

“ *We are praying that the Lord will comfort and encourage the Evans family. We met Erin when she was a teacher in Dusseldorf. She taught not only the kindergarten but taught Sunday School. She was a blessing to our children. She encouraged me in so many ways; she was a model of grace under pressure. No matter how tough things were she always had a smile and would be so calm. She taught us a lot about faith and trusting the Lord. May the peace of God surround your hearts. Kimani family.*

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**Kimani Family** - January 19, 2014 at 09:18 PM

JE

“ *I met Erin at IBCD in Düsseldorf, Germany! Erin's faith and walk with the Lord were amazing! She spent 3 years with us in Germany and has been a true blessing for our church family! We miss you Erin! Thanks for letting her be a part of IBCD! May the Lord comfort you and surround you with loved ones! May he grant you peace knowing that she is in heaven with our Savior!*

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**Jenny** - January 19, 2014 at 04:21 PM

AG

“ I didn't know Erin very closely, but I did see her at Church (IBCD) and had a few brief moments of conversation with her and watched her read a bible story once or twice to my little one. I could see her dedication to teaching, to spreading God's word, her passion for the scriptures, her love for children. She was so full of goodness, so very happy and kind. I am blessed to have met her, to have witnessed her work. I am so sad to hear the news of her parting, but I trust in God's will. With love from Amanda Geismann in Düsseldorf

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**Amanda Geismann** - January 19, 2014 at 04:02 PM

KH

“ I knew Erin when she was living in Germany. The beauty of the Lord was always seen in her. She was always so gracious to look after my little girl before church while we practiced for worship. Erin had a way of making everyone feel precious and loved. The grace and humility in which she lived her life is what I will remember. I'm very thankful to have known her. Thank you for sharing her with us.

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**Katrina Hebron-Goerke** - January 19, 2014 at 02:33 PM

LA

“ We lived in Germany when Erin was there teaching. We often hung in the apartment and had her over weekly for a home cooked meal. She never complained even if she wasn't feeling well and always had a smile to offer. Her work at IBCD was impactful to both children and parents alike. We look forward to catching up with her in heaven. The Essick Family.

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**Laura** - January 19, 2014 at 08:35 AM

WW

“ Miss Erin was a true gift from God, a teacher and mentor to everyone she met. Natalie loved her and when I shared the news with Natalie she said she is too young mommy but I know she is in heaven because she loved God and God loved her. Our family is praying for your family. It is so hard on those of us left behind. The Woodford Family

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**Whitney Woodford** - January 18, 2014 at 09:49 PM

RH

“ I met Erin at DBU. We often ate meals together. I remember her as a kind, generous, witty person. The world is diminished by her no longer being in it.

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**Russell Hemati** - January 18, 2014 at 08:42 PM

PR

“ Richard, Leigh, and Lane,  
I remember Erin as the wonderful little girl playing with Jennifer. They would look for dinosaur bones in the back yard, play with their many Cabbage Patch dolls, have sleepovers, discover makeup, and too soon grew into young ladies. As I read the words of comfort from others, I noticed something. Even though Erin's time with her family and friends was short, her loving impact on others was great. Her love for our Lord, her family and friends was evident in her actions. Richard and Leigh, as parents, you can know you did well. Erin was blessed in spite of the obstacles. In turn Erin became a blessing to all who knew her. I pray the Lord will wrap His arms around each of you and give your hearts the peace and comfort only He can give.  
Pat Richard

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**Pat Richard** - January 18, 2014 at 05:46 PM

KP

“ Richard and Leigh, we are so heartbroken for you guys, but know that the God of comfort will bring peace in the days ahead. We remember sweet little Erin those many years ago when you first came to Tyler and GABC. I know your church family and friends will hold you close in prayer and visits. Just want you to know that we are praying for you and thinking of you at this difficult time. God's Love, Kenny and Brenda Pope

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**Kenny and Brenda Pope** - January 18, 2014 at 02:47 PM

AL

“ My heart is heavy for you. Even when we know Erin is in heaven and with Jesus, we hurt for our loss. Mary Ann loved her, and I admired her very much. She was just a very special young lady. My prayers are with you.

*Annette Lackland*

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**Annette Lackland** - January 18, 2014 at 01:42 PM

JD

“ Although I've known you, Dickie, for all our lives, I never had the honor to know Erin. The tributes here honor a sweet young lady who evidently loved life and God to the fullest. Having lost a child as well, I understand some of the grief you bear (our children were different ages when they made their Heavenly journeys). Please know that God will not leave you comfortless, and you will honor and remember her the remainder of your lives. Grieve as you must, lean on your family and friends for encouragement, love each other during the process, respect each other's "space" during this time, and always remember how much you loved Erin and still do. Our prayers and sympathies are with you as are our spirits during this time. God bless each of you! Janie (Healer) and Delbert Davis, Sweetwater, TX



Janie Healer Davis - January 18, 2014 at 01:37 PM

TB

“ Precious is the life lost early. The joy is now hers. The weeping is left to us all.

Terry & Celia Brannon - January 18, 2014 at 11:30 AM

LW

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LaDreena Williams - January 18, 2014 at 11:28 AM

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AB

“ We have known Richard and Leigh for 30 plus years. They have always led the kind of life that would be the kind of life their child would be proud of. Even in their failures, and we ALL HAVE SOME, ( we all do!!) they maintained the strength that can only come from The Lord. They some how managed to instill this life into Erin. She was always all that would make her parents and her God proud. I'm so thankful that she is at home now where Her Lord is. She is without pain and without tears. Richard, Leigh, our prayers are with you both. You are both loved dearly.

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**Annell Barron** - January 18, 2014 at 11:22 AM

BB

“ Bob and Debbie Billups purchased the Rose Reembrance for the family of Erin Frances Evans.



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**Bob and Debbie Billups** - January 18, 2014 at 11:14 AM

AW

“ Evans Family,

*I'll never forget our trip to New Mexico when Erin began getting her headaches. It was one of my first experiences of how unfair this world can be. I was so sad to hear the recent news. I can't begin to understand what you are going through, but I would like you to know that I am praying for you. Praying for you like I am sure you have prayed for me throughout my life. From church to teeball, from band to fishing... Your family has always been there for me. Thank you so much for your influence on my life. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

*Love you,*

*Austin Wright*

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**Austin Wright** - January 18, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ *I am saddened and so sorry to hear of Erin's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. ~Vinni Lee~*

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**Vinni Lee** - January 18, 2014 at 08:49 AM

CB

“ *Erin was our son's (Isaiah) teacher at Noah's Ark for the entire time she was here in Germany. He/We absolutely adored her and we are very sad to hear about her passing. She was an amazing person and truly spread the love and light of our Saviour around her. We pray for her family, that they may rest assured in the fact, that she is now with the LORD in His Glory!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Peter, Christiane, Jonathan, Anastasia, Isaiah, Theresa and Evangelina Boehlhoff-Martin*

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**Christiane Boehlhoff-Martin** - January 18, 2014 at 08:37 AM

CD

“ *What a privilege to have met and worked with Erin for a short time. She had such a loving nature. Two words come to mind ~ "willing servant". She will be missed. Carol Driver*

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**Carol Driver** - January 18, 2014 at 08:26 AM

VQ

“ *Mr. Evans,  
We are sorry for your loss. We pray that you find comfort in beautiful memories.  
Vickey Quarles- Westwood  
Jill Quarles*

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**Vickey Quarles** - January 18, 2014 at 07:47 AM

AP

“ *Erin and I were neighbors and became close in 5th grade in Ms. Harris's class at Clarkston elementary school . I remember jumping on her trampoline looking at the stars , sleeping in her super cool water bed, making cassette tape recordings and becoming a Red Cross certified babysitter. I haven't seen Erin in years but I will never forget her kind, gentle spirit and her inner strength. Much love to her family - so glad she is no longer in pain.*

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**ashley atwood paulsen** - January 17, 2014 at 11:59 PM

MM

“ I had the privilege of going on a mission trip with Erin once. It was more of a family camp for our church. She and another friend and I taught 5 year olds while their parents had a date night. I was completely lost on what to do and had no control of the class. Erin took the reigns. She didn't ask. She just boldly and confidently took over. Got the kids on track and had them doing super fun activities she came up with spur of the moment. The kids LOVED IT. I loved it too. The night went smoothly and the kids had a great memory that likely stuck with them.

*Erin impacted people in a positive way. She was intelligent. She was wise. She wanted more than anything to serve God. She showed His love with every step she took in life.*

*I am a better person because I had the honor of knowing her. Her smile lit up the room and cheered and heavy heart.*

*Those qualities result in jewels in heaven. She had so much to lay at the feet of Jesus when she was blessed to join Him in glory.*

*He without a doubt said to her "well done my good and faithful servant"*

*Why are we left broken hearted? Why did she have to die so Young? Why was there suffering involved?*

*Erin would say. Because it was part of Gods good and perfect plan. And for us to admit to God we are hurting. And to trust God that His ways are higher than our ways. And to rejoice she is with her Creator. And that because we know Him as our Savior. We will see her again. Healthy. Happy. And still lighting up the room with her genuine and beautiful smile.*

*Leigh my Herat hurts with you and I will pray for peace and healing of a mothers broken heart. I love you.*

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**Marcy Myers** - January 17, 2014 at 10:44 PM

Christy Pack

“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you, Leigh & Richard. I remember teaching the 3 yr old choir with Erin my first year at GABC. What a sweet person she was. Always smiling. So very sorry for your loss.*

*Christy Pack*

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**Christy Pack** - January 17, 2014 at 10:19 PM

TF

“ *My son Preston had the priveledge of having Erin as a teacher this past summer at the EEC. He adored her so much! We have prayed for her often. However, he surprised me on Monday, earlier this week, when he told me that he asked his first grade class to say a special prayer for Miss Erin and her parents. He was very happy that they stopped what they were doing and prayed for her as a class. She truly was a light in this world! May God grant you comfort beyond measure. Much love, The Watson Family*

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**The Watson Family** - January 17, 2014 at 10:04 PM

KP

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Erin as a fellow co-worker at the EEC and she was my dear friend. Last summer, she was my co teacher and we had an absolute blast together. I remember the day she told me about her brain tumor and that she was going to have surgery. We laughed and cried together. She always had a positive attitude and smiled. She always knew how to bring smile to my face. Then she was placed as my mom's co-teacher for the Fall. Erin was a delightful and wonderful person to just be around. Leigh and Erin will always hold a special place in my heart. Until we see you again my dear friend.*

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**Kimberly Peel** - January 17, 2014 at 09:59 PM

VB

“ *When I asked Erin if it was ok with her if I spent the night in her hospital room she politely responded, "I would rather have you than not". I think that was a yes! Vicki Burnell*

Vicki Burnell - January 17, 2014 at 09:13 PM

RE

“ *Words can not express how sorry we are to hear of Erin's passing. We know she is with Jesus and she will be a welcomed angel in His kingdom. Well done good and faithful servant, well done. ~Rex and Debbie Ellebracht Lawrence, Kansas*

Rex and Debbie Ellebracht - January 17, 2014 at 09:08 PM

LW

*Leigh and Richard: Our Family will always cherish fond memories from years past. Being around Erin was always like a breath of fresh air and a ray of sunshine. Such a joy to have known her. God Bless you as you walk through these difficult days. Know that we love you and are praying for you.*

Lee and Jo Wilson - January 18, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Erin Frances Evans.*



January 17, 2014 at 02:53 PM