



Leah Zucca

September 3, 1985 - May 10, 2006

Services for Leah N. Zucca, 20, Flint, are scheduled for 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel with Bro. Bill Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery in Lindale under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Leah passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2006 in Tyler. Born on September 3, 1985 in Tyler, she grew up in Lindale living there for fifteen years. She graduated from Lindale High School in 2004 and has lived in Flint for the last year. She attended Tyler Junior College. Leah loved to dance and was a member of Keri's Dance Factory for seven years. She was preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Donald H. Zucca in 1990. Leah is survived by her loving family including her parents, Jim and Cheri Zucca of Flint; paternal grandmother, Kathy Hibbs and husband Daniel of Whitehouse; maternal grandparents, Gary C. Johnston and wife Mary of Houghton Lake, Michigan, and Jane J. Johnston of Tyler; aunts and uncles, Donald and Wanda Zucca of Garden Valley, Kevin and Vannessa Zucca of Whitehouse, Steven and Elaine Zucca of New Boston, Shelly Zucca of Lindale, Lucretia Hall of Desoto, Sonny and Cassie Odom of Brighton, Michigan, Gary Jr. and Dede Johnston of Houghton Lake, Michigan, and Richy Johnston of Houghton Lake, Michigan; and Brian and Jenna Epperson of Flint; fifteen cousins; and great-uncle, Richard D. Ginn. Pallbearers will be Britt Clower, Keith Nichols, Russ Clower, Scott Epperson, Dempsey Hannah, and Matt Zucca. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Keri's Dance Factory in Lindale. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm Friday at

Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler
75703.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. Leah was such a joy at Lindale High School and was one of my favorite students. She will be missed.*

Jeff Hicks - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Cheri and Dad,
I want you to know how much I loved Leah and how I will never forget our special times together in France and Spain. She will live in my heart forever.
May God give you strength and the faith to accept His will.
My prayers remain with you,
Nancy*

Nancy Bernard - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *"Of all the music that reached farthest into heaven, it is the beating of a loving heart."*

You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve, Missy, Jennifer, Anna and Seth

Steve Holder - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ To the parents of Leah Zucca:
I dont konw if you guys remeber me but i went to school with Leah...
I heard the news and it was a total shock! I have not seen her in
about 5 years but I will NEVER forget her beautiful smile. I am so
sorry about what happen and my prayers are with you.
Ashley Venable

Ashley Venable - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Cheri, my heart goes out to you and your family during this time of
bereavement, you all are in my prayers.

Tim Mason - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ With sincere sympathy on the loss of your daughter.

Patrick Lane - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I love you guys and I want to throw my arms around your whole
family. The hospital family is with you all the way, whatever you
need. Soo much I want to say -- I`ll keep it for later.

Lee P - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I pray and that God will give you the strength to do his will. My heart
goes out to you and may God Bless your family in a way that will
uplift all spiritual blessings. If there is anything that I can say or do
please call me.(judy yarbrough)

judith o.Yarbrough - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Cheri, Gods blessing and comfort for you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Betty Phea - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Words do not begin to express my deepest heartfelt sympathy. I pray God grant you abundant comfort, strength and reminding presence that Christ has replaced the dark door of death with the shining gate of life. I am here for you when you need anything.*
Love,
Kathie

Kathie Harris - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Jlm and Cheri,*
Words seem meaningless at this terrible time in your lives. However, I just wanted you to know that you have been my thoughts and prayers since Wed. My heart breaks for your terrific loss. I pray for God to sustain you.

Nancy Massing - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Cheri, I pray that God will give you & Jim superhuman strength & comfort during this very difficult time. My heart aches for you. I can't imagine your pain. I know how you adored your daughter. Her death is Earth's loss but what a gain for Heaven! May God give you that peace that passes all understanding. I didn't know Leah but to know you is knowing how sweet & precious she must have been. My son worked with her at Red Lobster & said she was so sweet & nice. 2nd Thes. 3:16: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times & in everyway." I know God is with you. I'll continue to pray for you, Jim & the rest of the family. I'm so sorry for this tragedy in your lives. God Bless.

Gail Morris - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Cheri, I have no words that can express the sadness that I feel. You are a precious friend, and I grieve with you. It is hard for us to understand God's plans. I pray for you, Jim, and all that have been touched by this tragedy.

*"Those we love are with the Lord,
and the Lord has promised to be with us.
If they are with Him, and He is with us,
they cannot be faraway."
Peter Marshall*

*With love,
Carolyn*

Carolyn Seay - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Although we have never met we have been through the worse pain known to a family. I am so very very sorry for your lose. My son (Chris) was also 20 yrs. old. He died as the result of a hit-and-run. But no matter what caused our lose it just hurts so much. You never get over it but you will get use to it. May 1st. was 15 years for us. If you ever need anything you have my info.

A friend

Shirley Williams

Shirley Williams - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mom and Dad Zucca....I love ya'll so much. I know that Leah is still here with all of us. Every time I close my eyes I see her bright, beautiful smile and it brings tears. She has such an amazing spirit and a big loving heart. She will be in my heart forever. You are in my prayers.

Jessica (Hinds, Lindsey) Cutright - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Leah was such a joy to be around. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I saw her several times at Red Lobster and she was always smiling. I will miss her.

Gwynda Stribble(Counselor's secretary at LHS and Leah was an aide in our office her senior year.)

Gwynda Stribble - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Please call us if there is anything we can do, even if it's just to talk.

Rick and Lasi McArthur - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. Leah's beautiful smile will always be a memory to me. We wish you peace during this tragedy, and we pray that God's grace will comfort you and give you strength. Please know that we are ALWAYS here for you with open hearts, ears, and arms. Please let us know if we can do anything to help. We love you and you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and give you strength!
Lots of Love and Hugs!

Brian, Heather, and Blake - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ You will always be missed...

Nicole Rodriguez - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had Leah in 7th grade for Texas History. I remember her as a very sweet girl with such a sweet smile. I can't imagine the pain and loss that you are feeling now, but I know that God has a plan for all of our lives. He is the great comforter and I pray that you will allow Him to comfort you today and in the coming days.

Teri Stripling

Teri Stripling - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Leah was my student for four years. During her senior year she worked as a student aide in the counseling office which enabled me to get to know her better. She was a very sweet, responsible, and mature young lady. I will never forget her smile and her eagerness to help us any way she could. I am so very sorry for your loss. I will miss her, also. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Patsy Fisher - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Cheri, we have not seen each other for a long time, but I remember you well. You and your family are in our prayers daily. My husband is a Pastor and the Lord Jesus Christ has made miraculous changes in my life, seek Him and He will bring you the Peace during this tragedy. If you need anything, do not hesitate.

Vicki Ewings Bare - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I am going to miss you so much. You were the most compassionate and wonderful and loving person I know. I would never trade the 12 years we had together and I will cherish the memories forever. I will see you in Heaven LEAH PEAH.

Courtney Crowell Wilson - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Leah and I were better friends when we were younger and in dance together, but that didn't mean she was ever forgotten, nor will she ever be. She always had a smile on her face and just remember that, I'm sure that'll be enough to get you (the family) through the day. God Bless.

Stella Malone - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Zucca family.*

Jerry King - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *There are certainly no words I can say to help the tremendous pain you have from the loss of your beautiful daughter Leah. My heart is broken for you Cheri, your husband and family during this great loss! We cannot understand why these tragedies happen...we can only lean on Jesus to carry us thru until we are reunited with our dear loved ones that have gone on before us. I know you will have many long, sad days ahead and I will keep you all in my prayers.*

Suzanne Jones - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Samuel Francis Jr. - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *I am so sorry for your lose. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Evelyn Jensen - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Leah was a beautiful young lady. I remember her coming into the cafeteria at LHS and and she was always smiling. She was such a sweetheart. May God bless your family. Heaven has a beautiful new angel.*

Michelle Alexander - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Words can not express how sorry I am for the loss of your beloved daughter. She is a beautiful person and I have heard many wonderful things about her. She gave so much to so many people. I have been keeping you and your family in thier prayers.

Laura Owen - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Cheri,

My heart breaks for your loss. Leah was such a beautiful girl and I know the two of you were so close. I pray that God gives you and your husband the strength to get through this...I wish I had some way or some words to make this easier for you. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask.

Jeanna - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ The best memories I had when I work in Lindale is that I had the privilege of working with Leah. She was one of the best dancers we had on the drill team. She was a great leader and always led by example. She was also a wonderful person with a great sense of humor. She could always put a smile on everyone?s face. "Zucco-Baby? was her nickname. She was one of my girls. I hope my daughter Ava would grow up and be like Leah. I will miss her.

Love,

Javi Nino

Javier Nino - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *leah i love you. missing you mucha
katie*

katie smith - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Jim & Cheri,
I have no words. There is nothing I can say to even begin to take
away the pain. I can't even say "I know how you feel" because I
don't have the first inkling of an idea of what you two have been
through. All I can say is that I care very much for both of you and I
promise if there is ANYTHING you need, you have only to ask. I am
sorry that I didn't know all this was happening or I would have been
there for you. Please forgive me. Call me if you need anything-day
or night.
Love ya,
LeAnn*

LeAnn Edwards - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Cheri and Jim,
There are know words that can express my feelings. My prayer is
that you both will have comfort in Jesus during such a loss.
Leah was special and unique. She was always such joy to have at
Little Eagles. She was kind, loving, warm, honest, caring, and
trustworthy. Her personality showed through her beautiful smile. I
watched her grow into a beautiful young lady. If you ever need
anything call. She will always dance in my heart. She was one of my
Special Little Eagles!!!.
In christ
(Sorry I did not know of her death until May 29th.)*

Vivian Corriveau - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I knew Leah from school my sister was on the twirling team and we were Shelly's nieces.

Patricia Barber - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ It has almost been a year since Leah's death and i still grieve for all of you. Leah was my best friend and i thought of her as a sister and it is really hard to loose someone who was that close to you. I can not imagen what her parents are still going through because i know the loss of her has still not gotten any better for me either. Leah had such a stunning smile and a strong personality. She was very outspoken and strong in her beliefs and i know she loved both of her parents very much along with her cat. She would talk about everything with me and was always giving me advice on things that i should do. The last time i saw leah was 10 days before her death and we were just laying down at the lake together talking about what the future was going to bring us and awaiting the visit of her boyfriend as she stuck incense in the ground she told me she felt just really peaceful and she was just so INCREDIBLY HAPPY with everything in her life. I often sit back and just really treasure that memory with her and i miss her personality and thoughts more everyday. She was truly an amazing person and my heart still breaks for all of you also. I just wanted to let you guys know that even though these days continue to pass without leah being here, we all still share something of hers and will for the rest of our lifes....her memories. May God continue to still watch over you guys and help you through these times ahead.

Melissa Kolbo - May 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM