Maggie Dowtin

Maggie Dowtin, age 8 months, of Van Alstyne, Texas, passed away January 29, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. Margaret Kathleen was born May 6, 2007, in Houston, Texas to William Watson “Billy” Dowtin, III and Jill Kathleen Schurr. She is survived by her parents, Billy and Jill; sister, Brooke; brother, Will; grandparents, Gail and Clay Hansard of Wylie, Texas, Bill and Valerie Dowtin of Great Falls, Montana, Judy Schurr of McKinney, Texas and Paul Schurr of Richardson, Texas; aunts and uncles, Paul and Allison Schurr and family of Frisco, Texas; Clay and Allison Hansard and family of Plano, Texas, Aaron Dowtin of Great Falls, Montana, and Thomas Dowtin, also of Great Falls, Montana; great-aunts, Karen Patton of Urbana, Illinois and Barbara Piegari of Olympia Fields, Illinois; god-parents, Amy Bosley of McKinney, Texas and Tim Badour of Richardson, Texas; numerous other family and friends. She was preceded in death by many including most recently her great-grandmother, Margaret Schurr of Olympia Fields, Illinois. A special thanks to all who helped care for Maggie in Houston and Dallas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in McKinney, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Austin College, Office of Institutional Advancement, Maggie Dowtin Memorial Scholarship Fund, 900 North Grand Ave., Sherman, Texas, 75090.

Memorials

I'm sorry to say I've never met you before as i was on the internet i came across your sweet child. My heart ached for you so i was compelled to give my condolences. So sorry for your loss. Armand

ARMAND BOUCHER, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
Billy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

HEATHER JANCO, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Jill and Billy, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. She is absolutely beautiful and cherish each and every minute you shared with Maggie. With Deepest Sympathy, Nancy Kramer

NANCY KRAMER, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

Jill and Billy, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your precious Maggie. I know that any words I write come pitifully short of relieving such wounds to your hearts. Know that my thoughts are of you and with you. I will continue to pray for you. Tom Henderson

TOM HENDERSON, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

While the last week has been incredibly difficult the outpouring of support from all of you has helped to lighten our burden. I truly did not know how I was going to get through the funeral service, but as person after person waited in line to see our sweet girl and show their love and support I was so very touched. I knew from the first moment I saw Maggie that she was meant for something special. As she grew and showed her beautiful smile and spunky personality that belief only grew stronger. She had a way of pulling people in. I would be in her hospital room and someone who had never had Maggie would come into the room and tell me how they had been walking by and saw Maggie's smile or heard her shaking her toys and just had to come in to see her. When the doctors first told us that there was nothing more they could do I was so angry, it just wasn't fair, I just knew this strong little girl with the beautiful smile and fierce spirit was meant for something more. It just wasn't supposed to end this way. Since then I have come to believe that she accomplished that something more. When I read all of these posts of support and when I stood up to speak at her funeral and looked out at a standing room only crowd, my heart swelled with joy and pride. In her short time here she touched the lives of so many people. I believe that Maggie had lessons to teach us. First that even when life is hard, when it hurts, when it is not fair, it is still worth fighting for.
coming days, when her loss seems too much to bear I will carry her fighting spirit with me and try to live up to the standard of strength that she set. Her second lesson is that while family is not always easy, we have to cherish the moments we have together, even when those moments don't play out the way we planned, they are still precious. Maggie brought people together, family, friends, caregivers, and complete strangers. She brought our family closer together and brought so many wonderful people into our lives. For that, we are truly blessed. I also want to thank you for your prayers and to let you know they were not in vain. Your prayers allowed us to have 9 beautiful months with our sweet Maggie. She was ever supposed to come off ECMO, her lungs were just too small, but she did and every moment we had with her after that was a miracle we will treasure forever. Maggie was everything to us, all that was good about Billy and I. Her loss has been devastating, but if given the choice we would gladly do it all over again. The joy she brought us in the short time she was here is worth whatever pain her loss has brought. Her funeral services were beautiful. A perfect reflection of Maggie and I know she was smiling down as she got to be the center of attention one last time and we had a beautiful sunny day. Mark and Steve did a beautiful job of officiating and her Aunt Jesica wrote the perfect tribute that we will get posted soon. We want to thank everyone who came to pay their respects and all of you who we know were there with us in spirit. Maggie was buried with tigger, frog, and cow to keep her company, her pink pocket knife, and was surrounded by pictures of family and friends. I could talk about our sweet Mags all day, but am quickly running out of characters, so I will end this post here. I will continue to post for awhile to let everyone know how we are doing or just to say hi. Thank you again, your love and support help us to enjoy every moment with our sweet baby girl. Love, Jill, Billy, and Angel Maggie

JILL K SCHURR, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

We are so sorry for the loss of your precious angel. We will be thinking about you and praying for you.

JAMES AND EMILY ROBINSON, FEBRUARY 5, 2008
Jill, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your little girl looked very happy and beautiful in the picture that is shown. I am positive that she was a blessing in your life. I am sorry that she was taken from you but know in my heart that you two will meet again one day. Please let me know if there is anything you need. With my deepest sympathy....

LISA DANIEL, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

I and the Board of the Texas Association of School Psychologists express our sincerest condolences to you, Jill, and your family upon little Maggie's death. You have been in our thoughts and prayers all along, and will continue to be so. Peace be with you and your family.

KATHERINE BREHM, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

We are very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in all of our prayers.

DAN & BEV BOSLEY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Words cannot begin to express our sorrow for you loss. Maggie's courageous battle is now over and I am sure she has found peace in heaven! What a honor to be her godfather as she taught us all the meaning of courage, strength and love. May God's love be with both of you during this challenging time. God's Peace

TIM BADOUR, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

You guys will be in our prayers.

JASON THORNTON, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

I am terribly saddened to know of your tremendous loss. While I cannot even imagine how deep your grief is, I know you have so much support from your wonderful family and friends. You all have been in so many prayers of faithful prayer warriors. I teach with your wonderful mom. The Wells "family" is here for her and all of you. God bless each of you. Much love,

MARCEE KNIERY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

So sorry. My prayer are with you.

WILLIAM BRETT BOWLAND, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Billy we are so sorry to learn of your loss. You and Jill are in our thoughts and prayers. Gary and Gaye
Jill, I am sorry for your loss. A wise person once told me at a time like this, that your daughter will always be your guarding angel in God's graces. Then from time to time when you need her she will be there to guide you through the tough times. God bless and you will be in my prayers.

MARIA REINELT, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Beautiful baby girl!

LINDA CLEM, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Jill & Billie, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that the Lord will comfort you and take care of your sweet daughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leslie

LESLIE SCHROEDER, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

I never had the pleasure of meeting Maggie but feel that I know her well through Capt. Mazey. She's a special little angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

DEBE BROWN, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Billy and Jill, We learned today of your heartbreak through one of Jill’s students and our long-time friend, M. Glass. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of your family members, especially your wonderful mom, Judy, and brother Paulie. Your daughter was beautiful and was by all accounts a very brave little girl. May the Lord’s peace be upon each of you now and forever more and may He shelter you in the shadow of His wing as you grieve your loss.

MEL & DEBORAH HAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

I sought the Lord, and He answered me, And delivered me me from all my fears. We pray these words will comfort you as they have comforted us in times of distress. If you need anything don't hesitate to let us know.

WILLIAM & SHANNON BOSLEY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

All of us at Surgery Productions are terribly saddened to hear about your loss. Maggie was an adorable baby and we feel lucky to have met her. We know how hard it has been and we send our deepest condolences.
PETER KARP, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Billy and Jill, we are so saddened at the passing of your precious, beautiful baby girl. Our prayer for you is that God will hold you in His arms and comfort you with His everlasting love and heal the sorrow that you feel.

JAMES & BETTY CRIM, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

I am honored to have been able to care for Maggie. Her smile lit up that room!! She couldn't have asked for a better family to see her through her situation. You guys are wonderful. You were always there and involved in her care. Be comforted by the memories you have of Maggie. Although she is absent from her body, she is present with the Lord.

KRISTIE (CHILDREN’S) ABEL, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

I am a close friend of Megan Salrin’s and she has just shared your little Maggie’s story with me. I send my prayers and strength for your family. I lost my husband of 47 yrs. a few months ago, and know, at least in some measure, what an overwhelming time this is. May the Lord bless you and keep you as I know he is caring for Maggie right now. Peace and love.

JUDY BENTLEY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Please know the thoughts and prayers of my family continue to be with your family during your time of mourning.

ROBB MATTHEWS, JANUARY 31, 2008

Although I could only admire Maggie from afar I liken the light I have seen in her eyes countless times, while under such duress, to that seen in my own daughter’s eyes. What strength I witnessed and felt from just a few pictures. I will always think and recall Maggie’s light when I see that preciousely definable twinkle in Sara, and will know that Maggie’s light continues to shine on! Please accept my deepest and most heartfelt condolences during this unfathomable time, and know that our hearts are with you. I pray that the spirit will bring you comfort and sweet vision and rest with the although probably not yet attainable knowledge of the pain is over, and now there is a better place amongst the angels. God Bless Each of You.

STEVEN EARL JONES, JANUARY 31, 2008
All my thoughts and prayers are with you. I was not fortunate enough to get to meet Maggie, but heard what a blessing she was. All my love, Angela

ANGELA STEWART, JANUARY 31, 2008

Dear Maggie exhibited the greatest grace, fiercest bravery, the most uncompromising love, beauty, and dignity we could hope to experience. We will miss you each day, remember you each moment and receive your inspiration for the entirety of our lives. Be with Christ, Dear Maggie! As your Grandfather your every smile, your every breath, indeed your character honored me. With all my love, Bill Dowtin and family

GRANDPA BILL, VALERIE, AARON, THOMAS & IVY DOWTIN, JANUARY 31, 2008

I am saddened to hear of your loss. Jill, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

CHRIS IRWIN, JANUARY 31, 2008

Just wanted send condolences to your family. I lost my grandson also 8 months old to a rare form of cancer. My thoughts are with you. a poem that i think of often is: An angel in the book of life Wrote down our babies birth, And whispered as he closed the book, Too good enough for earth.. author unknown

D Martin

D MARTIN, JANUARY 31, 2008

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

MICHELLE EACKLES, JANUARY 31, 2008

I work with Judy and have kept up with Maggie the whole time. I know Maggie will always be the light in Judy's eye! My family also lost a sweet baby girl, My niece last December. My prayers and thoughts are with you all!! God Bless. Please know that Judy's Wells Family is here to support and love her through this difficult time!

TRACY FOX, JANUARY 31, 2008

I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Jill you and your family are in my prayers as well as in the hearts of your TASP family.

DANA GOINS, JANUARY 31, 2008

Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you at this most difficult time. Words
cannot express your lost. We hope that knowing that now Jesus is holding Maggie brings comfort. Our son, Chaz, is in Judy Schurr’s 2nd grade class at Wells. We have been lifting Maggie and her family up during special prayer times. Know that we are continuing to lift you up in prayer.

THE SULLIVAN FAMILY, JANUARY 31, 2008

What a brave little girl Maggie was. May God bless you with all the peace your family needs now. Remember that you were blessed to have her for those beautiful 8 months. I am very sorry. I lost my daughter the same way.

((((((HUGS)))))

IRIS ADAME, JANUARY 31, 2008

We were not able to meet Maggie physically but feel a deep emotional bond to her and her will. I work with Billy’s mother Gail at HPUMC and we shared stories almost daily of Maggies journey. My twin daughters were born on January 2nd of this year over 3 onths premature and we have had quite a battle this month. I only tell you this to let you know that it was Maggies survival and strength that gave me the strength to face the challenge Kelly and I have had too. We love Maggie and love your entire family. Please know that we have and will continue to pray for you.

RUSS AND KELLY PEEVY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Jill, I kept you, Billy, and Maggie in my prayers and will continue to do so. Thank you for sharing Maggie’s journey. May God Bless and Keep you and your family. Love, Kellie

KELLIE GRAY-SMITH, JANUARY 31, 2008

Billy and Jill, We are members of the Empty Nester’s class at Custer Road United Methodist Church and long time friends of Clay and Gail. We have grown to know Maggie and her struggles from Clay and Gail. She has had an enormous impact on the lives of many. You have been and are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult of times. Dave & Nancy Smith

DAVID & NANCY SMITH, JANUARY 31, 2008

I did not meet Maggie, but I feel the loss of such a small being. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jill and Billy. Debbie Jennings
DEBBIE JENNINGS, JANUARY 31, 2008

Dear Billy and Jill, We know Maggie through your mom. My son Connor is in her second grade class. We have kept up with Maggie the whole time. Maggie holds a special place in our hearts. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Love, David, Wendi, Connor, Carson and Chandler Hart

DAVID & WENDI HART, JANUARY 31, 2008

Billy, I'm a friend of your Dad and Val. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine the pain of losing a child, and I am so sorry you have to know that pain.

CARY HARRISON POWERS, JANUARY 31, 2008

I only got to meet sweet Maggie so briefly, but she made a huge impact of me. May God give you the strength and peace to make it through this most difficulty time. You all are in my thoughts and prayer. Deepest Sympathies,

Mishelle Schmidt

MISHELLE G SCHMIDT, JANUARY 30, 2008

Dear Billy and Jill, I only knew Maggie through her Carepage but her beauty radiated in every picture and word written about her. Her fight was valiant and will super human. I'm proud to know her story. My thoughts are with you now and always.

JENNIFER MILLER, JANUARY 30, 2008

Hugs From Heaven by Charlotte Anselmo When you feel a gentle breeze Caress you when you sigh It's a hug sent from Heaven From a loved one way up high. If a soft and tender raindrop Lands upon your nose They've added a small kiss As fragile as a rose. If a song you hear fills you With a feeling of sweet love It's a hug sent from Heaven From someone special up above. If you awaken in the morning To a bluebird's chirping song It's music sent from Heaven To cheer you all day long. If tiny little snowflakes Land upon your face It's a hug sent from Heaven Trimmed with Angel lace. So keep the joy in your heart If you're lonely my dear friend Hugs that are sent from Heaven A broken heart will mend MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN DURING TIME FELICIA (FELICIA1576@YAHOO.COM)
FELICIA (CONCIERGE AT CHILDRENS) A JOHNSON, JANUARY 30, 2008

I was not able to meet Maggie in person but I heard so many wonderful things about her from Amy. I kept up by conversations with Amy and with her care-page. What a beautiful little angel, I know that she is crawling and laughing and playing with Jesus and that he is holding and loving her. Much love to all the family and friends touched by her life.

ELISHEA ANN JONES, JANUARY 30, 2008