



## Rebecca Valerie Bettis

*January 25, 1990 - August 29, 2008*

Rebecca Valerie Bettis, 18 years of age, was born on January 25, 1990 and passed away unexpectedly on August 29, 2008. A graduate of Highland Park High School, Rebecca's tender spirit served her in a variety of ways; she was active in the Hi-Lites Service Club, the Junior Symphony Ball, both the Senior Girls and Prom Committees, the 65 Roses Awareness Campaign, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also generously donated her time volunteering at various community groups, including Habitat for Humanity, Operation Kindness Animal Shelter, and the Homeless Outreach. Rebecca had recently begun her freshman year at the University of Alabama, where she had elatedly pledged the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. The friends she met there, as well as the countless number who grew up by her side, affectionately recall their "Becca" as a lover of classic rock and accomplished Guitar Hero player, who adored playing tennis and ping-pong, fashion, and watching comedies with a contagious laugh always accompanied by a beautifully-dimpled smile. Rebecca made friends easily, valued their friendships, and loved them each dearly. The powerful impact of the numerous friends in her life shaped her to become an amazing and treasured young woman. Though her time here was brief, Rebecca will be forever and so fondly remembered for the warmth and sincerity of her heart, her profound love for all animals, and her care and compassion for anyone and everyone she knew. Like the members of her family, Rebecca believed fully and faithfully in the Lord's constant hand in her life. She is survived by her father Holt, her mother Chris, and her big sister Brinn, her grandparents Evelyn Bettis, Roy Bettis of Dallas and Suzie Woolwine of Nashville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by grandfather Emmons Woolwine. She is also survived by her aunts, uncles, and cousins: Skip and Trish Woolwine, Hicks and Hunter; Valerie and Kent Krause, Caroline, Brett, Katherine and Blake; Carolyn and Jim Berry, Christopher, David and Jack Conger, Jimmy and Ali Berry, as well as many other cherished family members in Texas and Tennessee. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 1:00pm at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ronald Scates and Rev. Marshall Zieman officiating. The Bettis family requests that only bright colors be worn at the service in celebration of Rebecca's life. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Rebecca Bettis Memorial Fund c/o Bank of America, 5500 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75205.

# Memorials

*Dear Bettis family, I was just thinking about Becca and wanted to tell you that your family is in my prayers. Although Becca and I grew apart since our days in Miss Ligon's first day class room, even our senior year sweet Becca would say hi always accompanied with her beautiful smile. Our memories together still bring me joy and I only wish we had more of them. I can't wait to see Becca again and it will be like she never left us. Your family is do dear and I hope to see you sometime soon! Love y'all! Melissa Chaney*

**MELISSA CHANEY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

*This is truly a great loss. To lose a child at such a young age. May it comfort to know what the Bible says at Psalms 56:8 "...Do put my tears in your skin bottle. Are they not in your book? Yes God knows the tears you have shed.*

**ADRIENNE RENAY COLE, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

*AS PEYTON BLACKWELLS GRANDMOTHER, I KNEW BECCA AS A WONDERFUL PERSON WHOSE FRIENDSHIP WAS CHERISHED BY SO MANY. MY HEART BREAKS FOR YOU, BUT WE DO KNOW WHERE SHE IS. GLORIOUSLY. YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS. BETH BRADSHAW*

**BETH BRADSHAW, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

*Dear Bettis family, I am a Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Pi alum in Birmingham, and I want to express my deepest sorrow for your loss. Becca must have been truly loved by all of her new sisters. Thank you for letting her attend the University of Alabama and sharing her with all the Kappas. She will be loved and remembered on campus and in the hearts of all of her Gamma Pi sisters, young and old. Mariellan Morris*

**MARIELLAN DEWINE MORRIS, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

*Chris & Family, I just heard of your loss & my prayers & thoughts are with you. My daughter Courtney is also 18 & is a freshman @ OU & I cannot imagine the pain that you must be feeling. Hopefully you can find solace in the fact that*

*you knew her for 18 wonderful years & you will see her again when you also get to see your wonderful father. Again, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.*

**PITTMAN HAYMORE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ! Unfortunately - we do know what you are going through - we lost our 16 year old daughter unexpectedly ! There is a group called " The Compassionate Friends " which is made up of parents that have lost children. It has been a great help for us. When you are ready, you might google for more information and a group near you. May God's grace and love sustain you and get you through each day - ONE DAY AT A TIME ! May God bless you and your family and give you peace.*

**CORRELL SEIDEL, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

*Chris, I just received the email concerning Becca, and my heart goes out to your entire family. I am so sorry for this tragic turn of events. Remember that even in these times, the Lord is faithful. He gives us wonderful memories to keep in our hearts. I never met Becca, but I am a Guitar Hero nut too!!! God bless,*

**LIZ THOMPSON WILLIAMS '77, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

*My sincere condolences to the Bettis family on the tragic loss of Becca. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Neal Small MD*

**NEAL SMALL, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

*Dear Bettis Family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Becca. My daughter is a Kappa Pledge at Univerity of AL and told me about the accident. Out thoughts and prayers are with your family. Donna Renfroe(Emily Renfroe's mom) McDonough, GA*

**DONNA RENFROE, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

*We mourn the loss of Becca. I remember her laughter and her love for her family here in Nashville. She was a delight to her grandmother Suzy Woolwine, uncle Skip Woolwine, aunt Trish Woolwine, and cousins Hunter and Hicks. In Monteagle, Becca was fun , good natured, and so naturally pretty! Love from your old friends, Donna, Jimmy, Virginia and Patricia Kelley*

**DONNA FREEMAN KELLEY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

*Our sympathy, our prayers. God Bless You.*

**TIM WALTER HAGAN FAMILY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*Chris- I heard about the tragic loss of your daughter Rebecca. I am very sorry- she is a beautiful girl. Know that the DeWitt family has you and your family in our prayers. Ward DeWitt, III Nashville*

**WARD DEWITT, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*Dear Bettis family: What a precious girl. My heart aches for you and all those who loved Becca. Our family's prayers are with you.*

**JULIE DEWBERRY WILSON, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**MIKE BRISTOL, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*Dear Holt and Chris, Since I am President of the Orange County, CA Kappa Alum Asso I was told about the loss of 2 Kappa sisters from Univ of Alabama. My heart was so sad. Tonight I found out from my sister that one was your daughter. You have been constantly on my mind. Your daughter is so beautiful and I know must have been a true gift to the Kappas. From just reading all the comments, she really made an impression on everyone she touched. She has touched me and I have never been fortunate to meet her. She accomplished so much in her short life on earth and you should be so proud. She is making God smile now and smiling down on you with the most beautiful angel wings which she earned with all her compassionate works on earth. All the Orange County Kappas are praying for you. God be with you and your family, Sharon Wallingford Hendrix*

**SHARON WALLINGFORD HENDRIX, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*Chris, Holt, and Brinn, There are simply no words to express the heartache that you must feel... Becca was a warm, generous, and beautiful girl and she will obviously be missed. I pray that all of you will be comforted beyond your expectations and that God will intentionally and carefully mend your hearts in time, allowing you the joy of remembering her with no regrets. Although this is certainly not what you would have chosen for your baby girl, you are so*

*blessed to have the opportunity to witness the impact Becca has had on those around her... it's a testament to you and your Lord, and it's so much bigger than what you can even see. The love that you invested in Becca, she invested in those around her, and those extensions go further than you can imagine. Thank you for your part in enabling Becca's life to touch so many others and bless the Lord at the same time.*

**KANDICE MATSLER, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

*Dear Chris, I am so sorry to hear about the tragic loss of your daughter. I saw the pictures of Becca in Christmas cards on my mother's refrigerator and watched her and Brinn change and grow through the years. I know this time is terrible for you. My thoughts and best wishes are with you and your family. Pat Davis*

**PAT DAVIS, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*Our daughter is a freshman at the University of Alabama, recently pledging KD. She was a new friend of Rebeccas and they had a Communications class together. Her roommate is from Dallas, and a Kappa Kappa Gamma pledge. Rebecca is a special child, having made the impression that she did on so many new friends. We continue to pray for all of her family, friends and loved ones. The Foxworth Family Charleston, SC*

**EUGENE DEWEY FOXWORTH III, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*My daughter Emily Beck was a Kappa pledge sister with Becca and lived next door to her in Tutwiler. I just wanted to to tell you that your family has been in our thoughts and prayers since friday night. My deepest sympathy goes to you and all your family.*

**SUZANNE PIERCE BECK, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*We were told about your loss by Emily and even though you don't know us, know your loss has touched our hearts. We are praying for you all to find comfort and healing. Know there are friends in God out there, many you'll never meet but will have been affected.*

**BETH RUBERTAS, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*I was so sorry to hear of the death of Rebecca. I cannot imagine what the*

*family is going through but I do know that I have two very important people in Heaven that will take care of her. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Love, Mark*

**MARK MCCLURE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*Holt and family: I am so very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful daughter. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you His comfort during this time.*

**LIZ THOMAS, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*I just wanted to offer my condolences and prayers for all of you during this difficult time. Although I did not personally know Becca, I often heard Kandice talk about Chris' daughters and how beautiful and gracious they were.....just like their mom. I often saw the pictures and heard the stories that Chris would share. Thank you for the positive influence you have on Kandice and others. Celebrating Becca's life is a testimony of your faith. I know the Lord will guide and comfort you, but know that friends are there to lend support if any way we can. Blessings*

**KAREN MATSLER, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*Caroline and I will be praying for your family in the days and weeks ahead. Our deepest sympathy, Allison and Caroline Hayden*

**ALLISON AUTRY HAYDEN, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*Although I hardly knew you, you were my sister in Kappa. You were greatly love and made a lasting impression on all of us. I will continue to pray for the strength of your family and friends as they go through these hard times and I want to thank them for sharing you with us. You will be truly missed by all.*

**ELIZABETH HOPE GREEN, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

*Hi Chris - I don't know if you remember me, but my maiden name was Lisa Harrison. I was a Kappa Delta Theta in high school with you. I married Mick Tune, and we've been in Dallas since college. I saw Becca's picture in the newspaper, and I realized that she is your daughter. I'm so sorry for your loss, and my heart breaks for you. It sounds like she was an incredible young woman, and I wish you well as you go through this rough time.*

*ltune@swbell.net*

LISA AND MICK TUNE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.  
JANE AND JOHN BARNES*

JOHN W. BARNES, JR, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*My thoughts and prayers to Holt and the entire Bettis Family. Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Becca, in reading about her, she was an extraordinary young lady.*

BILL HALE, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*Holt, Chris & Brinn, Since Rebecca was a baby, she was such a pure, giving, compassionate soul, that it broke our hearts to learn she was no longer with us. Heaven is so much beautiful with her there now. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you. With Love, Fanny, Victor, Neyfi & Claudia*

NEYFI RAFUL, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*dear, holt, chris, brinn. we are so saddened about your loss. children are the most special of our lives. our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

DEBBY, ELIZABETH, EMILY GROZIER-ELLENWOOD, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*We both wanted to express how powerful Becca's service was. Your family's faith and love for one another was a wonderful witness for each of us. It obviously says a lot about each of you individually, and as a family, to see the friends and loved ones that showed up to support you, while celebrating precious Becca's life. We hope to live up to the example you have set. Our best and prayers to each of you. With love, The Holmes family*

CHARLYN AND ROB HOLMES, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

*Dear Chris and Holt, Jeremy and I are so saddened by the loss of your beautiful daughter. What an exceptional young woman she must have been. Please know that our prayers are with you Love, nancy and jeremy halbreich*

NANCY STRAUSS HALBREICH, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

*Our prayers are with the Bettis Family*

JOHN A STEWART, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

*I am so sorry for your loss. Rebecca and her family are in my thoughts and will*

*stay in my prayers. Nancy Reagan, Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumna*

**NANCY REAGAN, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Holt, Chris and Brinn - reading this beautiful tribute to Rebecca reminds me of something important. We always ask teens, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" Their answers are mixed - some are clueless, others are emphatic about the direction their lives will take. But I don't think many of them understand what an impact their lives are making in the here and now. Reading about your daughter reminded me of this - her young life was tremendously impactful to everyone she knew, and even to those she didn't know (like me). What an amazing daughter and sister she was; the love, joy and special gifts you received from her will be lifelong memories for you to hold on to. What a loyal, devoted friend she was to so many! I know you will never view life in the same way again and your family is forever changed, but Rebecca's legacy lives on in each of you. My heart aches for you as you go through this tremendous pain. I am comforted knowing she is safely wrapped in God's loving arms. Nancy Beck*

**NANCY BECK, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*I didn't know her, but I saw Becca's picture in the paper and just had to express my sorrow. Such a sweet and lovely young woman ought not be found on that page. My heart goes out to her family in this terrible time. My prayers are with you.*

**CHARLES H NORMAN, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Becca always put a smile on my face every time that I entered her dorm room. As her sorority sister, Becca and I enjoyed numerous memories together and she made a huge impact on my life. I will always remember Becca and will cherish the times that I had to spend with her. RIP Becca I love you!*

**SARAH EVELYN SILVERSTEIN, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Dear Holt and the Bettis family, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Rebecca. I grew up on West Beverly and remember your family well. The Unsworth family is thinking of you all and praying for your family. I never knew Rebecca but she sounds like she was a very kind young woman with a loving*

*spirit. Know that she will be with you always.*

**STEPHANIE UNSWORTH ADAMS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Sorry for your loss, I can't even imagine. Praise the Lord she is with Him now and she knew Him so that is a promise you will see her again. My prayers are with you and your family.*

**BECKY HAWKINS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*As our Kappa sister at Alabama, and you will be in prayers and we will miss you always*

**NANCY GAY ENNIS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Dear Chris, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, along with the hope that you will soon find comfort in the cherished memories you have of your beautiful daughter. May her memory be eternal. Sincerely, Pam Pappas Mattingly (SMU)*

**PAMELA PAPPAS MATTINGLY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Dear Chris, I have searched in my heart all day for what to say, but ended up hugging my children in tears. As Mothers, we all feel every moment and breathe every breath of our children from the moment we know they are inside us. We hold their precious hands and help them through the journey of life. Becca is a beautiful woman inside and out and will always be with you. She is now and will always be watching over you. You have a very special Angel in Heaven and she will now hold your hand and help you and your family through this journey. I will hold you all close in my thoughts and prayers. Pi Phi love, Mary Jo Ann (Todaro)Guinchard 713-501-9960*

**MARY JO ANN TODARO GUINCHARD, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*I can remember seeing Becca's face around the school. I pray for her family - may God be your strength.*

**BRANDI LEWIS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*I received a call from my daughter who recently pledged Alpha Chi Omega at University of Alabama. The girls are so saddened to hear of the loss of your Daughter. My daughter felt as if she had lost one of her sisters too. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. The Messer family of Arlington Tx.*

**JEANIE MESSER, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Becca, Even though I only got to spend a short time with you, believe me, every second will be cherished. I cannot tell you how ecstatic not only the sophomore class, but the entire Gamma Pi chapter was when your name was called out for the 2008 Kappa Kappa Gamma pledge class. We all got to know and love you through our Dallas sisters, and were eagerly anticipating the following years to come with you. I know that everything happens for a reason, and that the Lord could not be more lucky and thankful to have such a beautiful and warm-hearted angel up there with him. I hope that you will be with us in the years to come, and know that we will never forget you. It takes such a person as you to make such an enormous impact on such a large group of people in such a short amount of time! And to your family, our prayers are with you in during this rough time. However, keep in mind that we weep when she is born and rejoice when she dies...she is now seated in Heaven where we all strive to be one day. God Bless! All my love, Margaret Julia Tarpley*

**MARGARET JULIA TARPLEY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Becca! I love you so much and I know God is watching over you for us until we join you some day... i will always remember how goofy, hilarious, kind-hearted you were and how you always put a smile on my face no matter what you were always the person everyone wanted to be around and your laughter and joy made everyone gravitate towards you i know how many people's lives you have touched and i can't wait to see you again in heaven! i love you John 16:27 "The Father himself loves you. He loves you because you loved me and believed that I came from God." 1 John 2: 25 "And he himself has promised us this: eternal life."*

**TRENT HUBBARD, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Dear Chris and Holt and Brinn, So wish Mississippi was closer to Texas so I could help celebrate your Rebecca's life. My heart is breaking along with yours and I wish to hug your necks so badly. It has been such a pleasure to keep up all these years knowing that our kids were all under the umbrella of God's love. Chris and Katie kept us caught up on you all as a family. You will all be in my*

*thoughts and prayers. Love in HIM, Helen*

**HELEN GRAEBER OVERSTREET, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*My daughter, Ann-Brooks, is a sophomore Kappa at UA. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. May God bless your daughter and you. Philip*

**PHILIP M HODGSON, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Dear Bettis Family, I feel for all of you for your loss. Becca was a beautiful girl and I am sure the love of everyone who knew her. Heaven needed another angel and she was chosen. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you now.*

*LOve, Leslie*

**LESLIE SINCLAIR VON WIESENBERGER, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*My deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Warmest Regards and Love, Charlie Harrell*

**CHARLES E. HARRELL, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

*Becca- You will truly be missed and the Kappa sisters will never forget you. You will always be in our hearts and on our minds. We know that you will watch over us and your faith is truly a light for our own lives. May God continue to bless you and your family. Kappa love, Jessica Grayson*

**JESSICA GRAYSON, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

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