



Oakleigh Elise Roberts

November 15, 1985 - May 27, 2017

Oakleigh Elise Roberts, age 31, of Fayetteville, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2017. She was born on November 15, 1985, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Greig and Vivian Kay Sherrill Roberts. She was preceded in death by her father, Greig Roberts; her great-grandmother, Oma Philpot; and her grandfather, Sidney Lee Sherrill, Sr. Oakleigh was a graduate of Fayetteville High School where she attained multiple honors and awards. She went on to obtain a bachelor's of science in business administration graduating with honors from the University of Arkansas also receiving the Dean's Certificate of Service. She attained her law degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock where she was also recognized for her academic excellence. She served a three year internship at AETN and became a certified mediator as well as teaching courses in mediation. Oakleigh was also a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Kappa Alpha Psi-Beta Zeta. She was a gifted writer and had a natural ability for computer work. She was a member of PEO chapter BI in Springdale. During high school and while obtaining her undergraduate degree, Oakleigh helped to care for her precious friend, Jan Trumbo, who battled with Alzheimer's. Jan was like a grandmother, mentor, encourager, and best friend to Oakleigh. They connected because they shared so many wonderful qualities which were gifted to them by the Lord. Oakleigh started an empowerment program utilizing the character of Snow White to teach little girls that they are all princesses in God's kingdom. She never had children of her own, but was blessed to have eight godchildren in her life as well as taking every opportunity to reach into the lives of the children around her to make an impact for the Lord. Oakleigh's motto was, "I am a Princess not because I have a prince but because my Father is King." Enjoying High Tea was Oakleigh's favorite pastime while traveling throughout the world including London, Ireland, Scotland, New York City, Las Vegas, Athens, Los Angeles or in Arkansas with her dear godchildren She was not only a beautiful person on the outside, but on the inside as well. The internal beauty is what shone through all of her selfless and caring acts that she bestowed on everyone around her until her illness rendered her physically incapable. Oakleigh persevered many years of illness and pain, but was always offering prayer and loving encouragement for others. "And so it was.... that having waited long and endured patiently realized and obtained

what God had promised.” Hebrews 6:15 “I am not alone for my Father is with me.” John 16:32 Oakleigh is survived by her loving mother, Vivian Kay Sherrill-Roberts; her grandmother, Genie Sherrill of Somerville, Tennessee; four uncles, Lee Sherrill and wife Susan of Little Elm, Texas, John Philpot of Little Rock, Bud Philpot of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Buddy Philpot and wife Jamie of Springdale; one aunt, Betty Philpot of Mena; two cousins, Sidney Lee Sherrill, III, and wife Khara, and George Sherrill and wife Lindsay; six second cousins, Meagan Sherrill, Matthew Sherrill, Leah Grace Sherrill, Dalton Sherrill, Bridget Sherrill, and Brock Sherrill; eight godchildren, ZuZu Cangelosi, CoCo Cangelosi, Jacob Owen Cangelosi, Hope Cangelosi, Jill Holland Cangelosi, Judah Cangelosi, Kamden Moffat, and Aleksei Gilbert; two godparents, Mark Zoeller and Sue Ellen Wilkerson; the entire Philpot family; and many friends. Oakleigh’s heavenly homecoming celebration will be held at 6:00pm the night of Friday, June 9, 2017, at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. Oakleigh would love for everyone to dress in colorful and/or sparkly clothing to reflect this glorious gathering. The family asks that there be no carnations due to allergies. Memorials may be made to the Molly Harlin Memorial Scholarship and mailed to P.O. Box 33, Gamaliel, Kentucky 42140, or Edmonton State Bank at 301 East Main Street, Gamaliel, Kentucky 42140. Please make checks payable to Molly Harlin Scholarship Fund.

Comments



“ I had a dream about Oakleigh last night. Today, I have been very emotional & asked God for guidance with this. I wasn't a best friend of Oakleigh's, but we were acquaintances. When we ran into each other, we always stopped and said "hello". A few days ago, I came across pictures from when we waited in line for a rock bands autograph, she was wearing a one shoulder sparkly top, we were 15 or 16. She always had an amazing sense of fashion. In my dream, she was organizing some event. She was really excited, happy, vibrant, and healthy. Her light was brilliant, bright. Her smile the same wondrous smile. We were flying to the event when I woke up. Ever since her passing, she has been on my mind. This dream gave me comfort. I hope it does the same for you. I pray for her family, I am so sorry for this loss. Oakleigh was one of a kind. She will always be missed. Love and light.

Elia - July 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts cry for Vivian, and our world is again diminished by the loss of Oakleigh way, way, too soon.
Love and comfort to all.
Steve and Terri.

Steve and Terri Beaupre - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We are heartbroken to hear of the passing of Oakleigh. We have never known a nicer southern lady!
Ron had a stroke April 20th and I have been out of circulation since then, but that is no excuse for being so late with our heartfelt love for you.

Janet and Ron Konig - June 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to of hear this loss.

Steve & Paula Melody - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Oakleigh's passing. We had so much fun together in middle school. We lost touch when I moved away but I've never forgotten the good times we shared at Woodland Jr High.

Amy Creyer - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I enjoyed having Oakleigh as one of my students at the University of Arkansas. She was personable and always trying to help others. She brought a joy and light to all she undertook. She will be deeply missed, but not forgotten.

Carole Shook - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Heartfelt Condolences. May God Watch Over You.....
Bill Eldridge

William Eldridge - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Heartfelt Condolences . May God watch over you & give you strength.

William - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Vivian and family,
God's glorious plan for our lives is so obvious sometimes due to it's length but other times can leave us with so much wonder as to why it had to end so soon. Oakleigh has left us all with an imprint that will never be erased and will always make us smile when we think of her. All that she has touched and loved were put there to experience His glory through her.
Lord, please give strength and comfort to this wonderful mother and family and continue to hold them with Your mercy and grace. Oakleigh's whole life was such a blessing and it will go in Paradise forever.
Hold tight to your memories.
Love and prayers to all.
Jack and Sandy

Sandy Lasey - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of sweet Oakleigh. Vivian you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love from Harriet Dolores and John

Harriet Wells - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news about Oakleigh. My love and prayers are with you during this very difficult time, Vivian. May God give you the strength you need.

Pat Newton - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Oakleigh is a beautiful ray of sunshine!! She was always so happy, vivaciously and full of life! She will be greatly missed and I look forward to the day I see her again in heaven! Oakleigh, thanks for being my friend and letting me have just a small piece of your inner light! Love you girly!

Stephanie Oelschlaeger - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Emily, Katie, Ginny and Laura share my sadness at the loss of our dear Oakleigh. Knowing she rests with Greg in the "hollow of His hands" bring us solace.

Ann Wilson - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace and love, dear friend!

Catherine Mays - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM