



Stephanie Lynn Merritt

June 14, 1977 - February 24, 2017

Stephanie Lynn Collins Merritt, 39, of Mooresville, passed away on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte. She was born on June 14, 1977 in Easton, Maryland to William Edward Collins, Sr. and Cynthia Budd Lewis. Stephanie loved to sing. She had a passion for being a great mom and for life. She enjoyed antique shopping and was very crafty.

Stephanie was a registered nurse. She is preceded in death by grandparents, Mary Lou Budd, Calvert Lee Collins, Jenni Lewis and William K. Lewis.

Stephanie is survived by her husband, Jeffery Wayne Merritt; daughter, Kendall Alexandra McKinney; mother, Cynthia L. Lewis and step-father, Stump Lewis; father, William Edward Collins, Sr. and step-mother, Lisa Collins; grandparents, Charles Budd and Joyce Collins; sister, Michelle Collins; brothers, Brian Lewis, Ed Collins and significant other, Marcia and Adam Lewis and wife, Kasie; brother-in-law, Stephen Merritt and wife, Andrea and sister-in-law, Terri Lynn Merritt; nieces and nephews, Willow, Brantley, Justin, Austin, Victoria, Andrew, Matthew and Gracie Belle. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. A Celebration of Stephanie's life will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. L. E. Williamson and Chaplin Lonnie Clouse officiating. Visitation will follow the service until 9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations go to the college fund for Kendall, SunTrust Bank, c/o Courtney Warfel or Tammy Wood, 232 Williamson Rd., Mooresville, NC 28117. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home &

Crematory is serving the Merritt family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephanie Lynn Merritt*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Stephanie Lynn Merritt*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Stephanie Lynn Merritt*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was privileged to graduate with Stephanie from the MCC nursing program. Stephanie was our class president and did a great job. After graduation, Stephanie came to LNRMC where she worked on the telemetry unit and I was on the Medical/Surgical unit. Then we both moved on to Novant where she stabilized 'em and after a few days I pushed 'em out of the door. We crossed paths occasionally at the antique stores. Each time we ran into each other she would always tell me about her "pumpkin" and she would always swell with pride when she spoke about her. Her smile was uplifting and I will miss her.*

Richard Steele - March 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ May the powerful and encouraging words written in the bible be able to sooth the pain of your broken heart having loss your dear loved one. (Matthew 5:4) reads.. "Happy are those who mourn since they will be comforted." Sincerely, I offer my deepest condolences during this time of sadness and grief, and may the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to comfort you.

March 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Terry Rosta - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers your way. I knew Mary Lou and Charlie very well,their children were at least 10-15 years younger than me.Such a Wonderful family and I know all the kids were wonderful , just so much to bare at a time like this,just wanted to share my condolences with all of you. Dorothy Tobat (Harding)

Dorothy Tobat-Harding - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeff, You and all your family are in our prayers. May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time.

Mike & Gina Dill - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My prayers are with Kendall and all of Stephanie's family. I enjoyed working with Stephanie and I knew how much she loved Kendall. Stephanie was full of life and will be missed. May God comfort you all.

LaKeisha McAuley - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ With sincere sympathy for your heart breaking loss.

Terry Garrison - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Cindy, Stump and family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless Hoss & Kathy

Hoss & Kathy Berry - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Whenever I saw Stephanie, she had her beautiful smile lighting up the room, always speaking about her darling Kendall with delight. My heart hurts for you all, for the loss a such a shining light. May He wrap you up in His strength through this heartbreak. God Bless.

Rachel Fitzsimons - February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. I had the privilege of working with Stephanie. She was intelligent, hard worker and always smiling. She will ever live in our hearts and minds.

February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I knew Stephanie from working with her at Novant in Huntersville. When I think of Stephanie, the first thing that comes to mind is her bright and beautiful smile. She often spoke of her family with such enthusiasm, I am so sorry for their loss and heartache. Stephanie was a pleasure to know and she will be greatly missed. Peace be with you.*

Cathy Costner - February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GD

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linkwood, Maryland

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Shellie VonCannon

February 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Collins and Merritt family. We hope Jeff and Kendall will find peace and comfort through their memories with Stephanie.

Tyler Dorn - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Eddie, Lisa and Family--So sorry for your loss, I just can't imagine what you must be going through. Prayers!

Linda Brown - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I did not personally know Stephanie but I have consistently heard the following two things from coworkers over the past couple of weeks. What a wonderful nurse she was and how very much she loved Kendall. I am so sorry for your family's loss. I am praying that God gives you strength and comfort.

Beth Brooks - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort and peace.

Michelle McDaniel - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My thoughts, prayers and love for my beautiful cousin's family & friends. Rest in Peace Stephanie.

Judy Ostermann-Flamer - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My many thoughts, prayers & much love for The Collins, Merritt & Lewis Family. I remember this sweet little girl when I was young... and I would go out & visit with Cindy & Eddie , Stephie as Cindy called her and little Eddie, with our Papa & Mama our great grandparents. She had the sweetest & kindest personality even back then. I haven't seen her since we all grew up but I will tell you this I've never forgot her and I never will. This is heartbreaking news.... Eddie & Cindy, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your families are in my heart & prayers. I love and miss you all! Rest in Peace Beautiful, Sweet Angel!

Judy Ostermann-Flamer - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ RIP STEPHANIE MERRITT. I remember the first time i met you. You hugged me and said nice to me you Aunt Jennifer. I loved you from that moment on. You made Jeff the happiest man in the world. You will never be forgotten sweet niece! ?

Jennifer Merritt Gillespie - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Stephanie was such a sweet person.

Susan Haskell - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I met Stephanie at Annapolis, when we went to class there for our new job with Conifer. We kind of hit it off immediately. We had a lot of fun while there and each week we jabbered each other and gave a thumbs up and pep talk to each other. She was an amazing person and a Smile bigger then TEXAS, I can say that since that is where I am from. May God cover you with strength and love during this hard time. Will continue to pray for the family. Her wings are sparkling right now. She is and was a blessing.

Tina Meinkowsky - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to all of Stephanie's family. My heart aches for you Cindy as a mother myself. She was a beautiful and vibrant young lady and she will forever be your beautiful angel.

Billie Jo Willoughby - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Stephanie made a difference in the lives of the people that she touched. She will be missed beyond measure in so many lives. Sympathy and prayers are with you at this time.

Robin Benton - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Stephanie was just the sweetest. I had the pleasure of interviewing her before she came to work with Conifer. We wanted her immediately after the interview! I took her to dinner several time while here in Annapolis, and she made an impact. My thoughts and blessings are with you and your family at this time. We all have Stephanie on our minds and will remain in our hearts.

Kimberly Cheri - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Cindy*

Debbie Marvel - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort for your family at this time. May her legacy of love and passion for others live on in your hearts and memory.*

Kristen Donahoe - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Stephanie, even though we worked states apart, you always brought so much laughter and wonderful nursing pearls of wisdom to our work chat. You are our Diva Angel. Sending continued prayer for your family XOXO*

Robin McEnaney - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Please know my heart goes out to your family during this sad time.*

Connie Griep - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Collins and Merritt family. May Jeff, Kendall, and family find peace and comfort through their memories and with the love and support that surrounds them.*

Tyler Dorn - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My prayers continue for you guys during this sad and heartbreaking time. I met Jeff and Stephanie through a mutual friend on the ball field and although i do not live near them now, i always thought the world of them both! Jeff and Kendall, remember the good times. Stephanie touched a lot of people and her smile could light up a room. Love and peace be with you.

Ashley Goforth - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ May God and memories provide comfort to you during this time. I had the opportunity to work with Stephanie and the impact she made on the lives of others is immeasurable. Sending heartfelt sympathy and prayers to your family at this time.

Shelley Davis - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Cindy and Stump and family. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers from back home.

Jim(Droop) & Donna North - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Sorry for your loss in our prayers.

Lisa Lednum - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I met your family when I was a high school friend of Brian's. I remember Stephanie for her great personality and beautiful smile. We shared the same profession of nursing. I know you are so proud of her. Sending heartfelt sympathy and warm, loving thoughts to your family.

Wanda (Barnett) Hodges - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Stephanie at cardiac rehab. She loved taking care of our patients and always tried to brighten their day. May God's peace and grace strengthen you at this time.

Cheryl Kuhta-Sutter - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Stephanie you will be remembered by many,as I will remember you. A great nurse with compassion a great personality and a beautiful person. May God be with your family and comfort them in this time.

Terri Smith - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Lord be with this family , I am heartbroken to hear this . Rest In peace .

Sylvia Phillips - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Collins family and the Merritt family I'm so sorry for your loss. I spent the day with her and Jeff and other family members in Boston and couple of years ago and she was just so full of life and love. She'll never be forgotten but she'll always be missed.

Don Schumacher - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ I can't begin to imagine what you are "all" going through. The loss of a child, a wife, a mother, a friend. I hope, in time you will find comfort in your memories, in knowing how many lives she touched, how much she loved and in knowing so many prayers and love through so many miles have touched us all. God Bless you and give you strength to take one step at a time.

Kim Abt (collins) - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I hope God gives this family the peace, comfort and understanding they need especially Jeff and Kendall. My heart aches for them.

Summer and Brooklyn - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Vicki and Margaret Burgamy

Margaret Burgamy - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Stehanie! A wonderful soul and person. A delight for me as a cafe' worker to serve her daily at NHH. I will miss her smile

Geneva Jackson - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Cindy & Stump and family....sending you our deepest sympathy during this most difficult time. Stephanie will be greatly missed by many. We will forever cherish our great memories of her. Sending much love from back home. Pat & Tammy Wielgosz and Family

Tammy Wielgosz - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My prayers are with you and your family and she is going to be greatly missed but will always have her eyes and guidance apound each one of you until you meet again? God bless ?*

Carol Carmien - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Stephanie at cardiac rehab. She loved working with our patients. May God's grace and peace strengthen you at this time.*

Cheryl Kuhta-Sutter - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Jeff you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers*

Bruce Mingus - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Jeffery, My heart hurts for you and your family. Praying for you to have strength during this time. Love you Margaret Ayers*

Margaret Ayers - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *So sorry for your loss. We will keep you and the family in our prayers.*

Myra and Alvin Thackston - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My heartfelt condolences. Love and strength to you all.*

Miranda Leaver - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and His entire family. I was so sadden to hear about the loss of Stephanie. May God lift each of you up in this time of need.*

Kendra Shepherd - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Prayers for Stephanie's family for comfort during this difficult time. I'm very sorry for your loss and will remember her contagious smile and huge heart.*

Christy Medford - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *We will miss your beautiful smile daily! Thank you for the wonderful memories and for loving my baby brother! Our lives are better because you were in it! Give hugs and love to Mama Jenny and Speckles! We love you!!Terri Lynn (Sissy) and Victoria*

Terri Lynn Merritt - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Rest in peace sweet friend!!*

Barbie Willey - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *May she rest in peace. Our condolences to her family.Love,Amber and DJ Bishop*

Amber Bishop - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Thoughts & prayers to the Collins/Merritt families.....will definitely miss that contagious smile?

Tammy Townsend Hughes - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Cindy & Stump my heart breaks for you and your family. I am so sorry. Much love and strength to you all.

Kristen Valus - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss of such a young and great woman great mom and wife, Stephanie will be greatly missed thoughts and prayers to all.

Donna & Kenny Warner - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Cindy, Stump & family we are so very sorry for your loss!!! There are no words that will comfort you at this time but prayers are sent for a comfort & peace that only our Lord can give. You will all remain in our prayers. Much Love, Tresa & Jimmy

Tresa Green - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Saddened for your loss. My condolences to Stephanie's family and friends.

Denise Donnelly - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Prayers, thoughts, and hugs from Billy & Linda Marshall and family

Bill Marshall - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephanie's families...RIP.*

Rabbi & Terry Freeman - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Stephanie was a dynamic person with an infectious smile... she will be missed. Sorry for your loss Jeff and Kendall. No words can console you but know you have many friends and family to lift you up. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to you and your family*

Sharon Rursch - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Very sad to hear about Stephanie....She was a classmate and a special person. Prayers for you and your family.*

Teresa Baker - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with y'all.*

Carlis Johnson - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM