



Alaina Kay Molenda

January 1, 1975 - January 4, 2013

Alaina Kay Molenda, 38, of Holly, Michigan devoted mother and beloved wife died on Friday, January 4, 2013. She is survived by her husband Daniel Molenda and six children: Hailey Patricia (15), Tennyson James (13), Julian Phillip (12), Natasha Grace "Gracie" (6), Alexander Jack "AJ" (6), and Rosalie Sophia "Rosie" (3). She is also survived by her father, Phillip Susemihl. She is predeceased by her mother Patricia Johnston Susemihl and her sister Jill Susemihl.

She was a friend to everyone, gave completely, inspired others to be better and give more. She never let anyone down. She was always smiling; beautiful and free.

She committed herself to creating a nurturing and liberating environment for her children through unschooling. It was a mission she took very seriously and holistically. She was also an advocate of attachment parenting and breastfeeding. She cared for the environment and was working towards self sufficiency on her farm outside of Holly. Her mission was to one day have an environmental center on their property to teach other homeschoolers and share her affection for animals.

She taught homeschool classes at Open Homeschool Group and REACH. She was active on various homeschool boards and discussion groups where she shared her passion and experiences in homeschooling.

Alaina was an amazing artist , poet and writer. She captured the soul in all of her art. She brought music to the world through her vocal and musical

abilities. She had an incredible talent for hand dying clothing and silks. She was born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. She grew up in Quakertown and Coopersburg, PA and was a Phillies fan. She attended Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee and also spent time living in Memphis, Tennessee.

She met her husband Daniel in Memphis in 1996. They fell in love at first sight but were both too scared to tell each other out of the fear of unrequited love. Then fate brought them back together in Michigan. During a magical conversation on the internet, they professed their love for each other and decided to spend their lives together although they had yet to kiss or even hold hands. They were married on December 20, 2005, but celebrated each year on the 21st as that was the date Alaina had wished to be married on.

Alaina will be laid to rest on Saturday January 12 at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First Street, Holly, MI 48442. Memorial donations are being accepted to enable Daniel to continue giving the children the types of opportunities that Alaina worked so hard to provide for them. You can donate at www.fullimpacttheater.com

Alaina was pure sunshine and had an impact on everyone she met...in real life and online. She will shine on us forever.

Cemetery Details

Beebe Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.

101 First St

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<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alaina's passing. I was her first roommate from Lambuth. I may have lost touch with her, but she touched my heart enough for me to think of her all of these years. I recently tried to connect with her on Facebook. I read the obit and am so thankful that she had a wonderful life full of love. My prayers are for the entire family and friend circle. God Bless. Lori Foust-Lindemann

Lori Lindemann - January 21, 2013 at 12:40 PM

LL

“ I'm so sorry. I have just found out about her passing. I was actually trying to find her, and posted a message on facebook for her. I was her first roommate, hell I can't spell it right now, at college at Lambuth. I read the obit and am so glad she has had a wonderful life. My prayers are with the entire family and friends. Even though I did not keep in touch with her she did touch my life. Take care, and much love, Lori Foust-Lindemann

Lori Lindemann - January 21, 2013 at 12:31 PM

SS

“ Sharon L Steckert lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Sharon L Steckert - January 14, 2013 at 01:32 PM

CR

“ Catherine Renee' lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Catherine Renee' - January 13, 2013 at 06:21 PM

CR

I ask Love to comfort, support and soothe each of you throughout your time of loss and trauma. 'My Dream of Heaven' by Rebecca Ruter Springer may give you all some comfort and hope. This was recommended by a friend who lost her 8 month pregnant daughter who left two other children and a husband. It helped her make sense somehow so I pass this along to you.

Catherine Renee' - January 13, 2013 at 06:27 PM

EL

“ Ellen Lyle sent a virtual gift in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Ellen Lyle - January 12, 2013 at 09:12 PM

EL

“ Ellen Lyle lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Ellen Lyle - January 12, 2013 at 09:11 PM

CR

“ From a fellow homeschooling mom of 9, we send our love and prayers. We prayed for her after her accident and we will pick-up from where we left off and continue praying. Lots of love to Dan and the precious children.



Claire Rembis - January 12, 2013 at 05:13 PM

EH

“ Elaine Hazel lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Elaine Hazel - January 12, 2013 at 12:50 PM

EH

Alaina was a beautiful human being who had an inner light that shone on everything and everyone around her. I admire her so much for her free and genuine spirit that brought so much joy to so many!

Elaine Hazel - January 12, 2013 at 12:55 PM

KK

“ Kim Kurylo lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Kim Kurylo - January 12, 2013 at 08:47 AM

Stacey
Rumfelt

“ *Stacey Rumfelt lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda*



Stacey Rumfelt - January 12, 2013 at 01:31 AM

PS

“ *Dan, my heart has been heavy since your telephone call last Saturday. Throughout the week I have had flashbacks of Alaina's radiant smile and her heart full of love for you and each of her children. In our many hours together over the past two years, Alaina share the special joy and talents of each of the children laughing and giggling in anticipation of birthdays, outings and other special events. And I saw you Dan, spending day after day, night after night at her bedside overseeing her every need. Your mother (another angel) and I watched as you spent so many hours preparing your home so Alaina could have her wish of recovering close to the children and you. It was such a relief to see her win her medical battles while we on the sidelines "bit our nails" hoping she had made the right decision and through it all SHE DID!!!*

Nina has been out of town but I sent her a text message. She sends her warmest wishes for you, the children, and the entire family. Although we cannot be with you for the Memorial Service, we plan to visit in the next week or two. In the meantime, please know we are both here and offer our support. With Love and Light, Pam

Pamela Steffens - January 12, 2013 at 12:52 AM

PS

“ *Pamela Steffens lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda*



Pamela Steffens - January 12, 2013 at 12:22 AM

CD

“ *Cynthia Doe lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda*



Cynthia Doe - January 11, 2013 at 03:39 PM

MC

“ *From another Katwise sweater sister, and attachment parenting mamma. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
-Melanie



Melanie Cuno - January 11, 2013 at 03:39 PM

PG

“ *Peggy Jessee for the entire group. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Alaina Kay Molenda.*



Peggy Jessee for the entire group. - January 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM

TL

“ Terry LaMarche lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Terry LaMarche - January 11, 2013 at 04:29 AM

KR

“ Dan and Family, I wanted to share a moment with you during this so difficult time in your life. Alaina was and continues to be that bright star and free spirit in all of us, and feel as though she will continue to watch over her flock of kids, chickens & goats as well as her love, Dan along with the friends she so warmly included in her life. Please take care of each other and remember you have many friends all willing to help during this and the future of your pain. Kathleen Tauchert "AKA" The Nurse

Kathleen Tauchert RN - January 10, 2013 at 09:15 PM

KR

“ Kathleen Tauchert RN lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Kathleen Tauchert RN - January 10, 2013 at 08:27 PM

DF

“ *Deann Rowley & Family lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda*



Deann Rowley & family - January 10, 2013 at 03:46 PM

JR

“ *Praying for you, your family, and friends.*

From a fellow homeschooling mom and Katwise sweater sister.




Jennifer Reeves - January 10, 2013 at 11:03 AM

BP

“ *Dan, Phil and family, We knew Alaina when she was growing up in Quakertown, our families were friends and Alaina shared many memories with my daughter, Chrissy. Our family is so sorry for your loss, no words can express how sorry we are. We haven't seen her in so many years but the impact she made in her too short life is shown by the love and sadness being expressed by all who knew her and so many who did not. You will be forever blessed by her love in your families life and her memories will never be forgotten. We are so sad for your loss.*

Becky Petko - January 10, 2013 at 09:48 AM

 Shelly David

“ Shelly David lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Shelly David - January 10, 2013 at 12:31 AM

HN

“ Heidi Nowaczewski lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Heidi Nowaczewski - January 09, 2013 at 08:28 PM

 Lee Bartley

“ Dan, Hailey, Tenny, Julian, Grace, A.J. & Rosie, I am so sorry for your loss. Words I'm sure are of no comfort to you, but I just wanted to say you are all my thoughts. Alaina was a wonderful woman loved by many. She will always be a part of each one of you. May you find some comfort in that & in each other. She loved you all deeply. Treasure the memories.
~Lee

Lee Bartley - January 09, 2013 at 08:17 PM

 Lee Bartley

“ Lee Bartley lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Lee Bartley - January 09, 2013 at 08:11 PM

HP

“ With deepest sympathy to the family. I was a high school friend of Alaina back at Southern Lehigh. She was such a great person and will sincerely be missed by all the people she touched. I remember going over to her house on Beverly Hills Drive and her coming to my sweet 16 birthday party! She was definitely a kindred spirit.

Heather Koser, Center Valley, PA - January 09, 2013 at 06:52 PM

KQ

“ Phil, I am so sorry to hear of Alania's passing..Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in God now and always....

God Bless.

Cary, Krista, Evan, Braydon & Logan (Bailey) Quintrell
Joan Bailey

Krista Bailey Quintrell - January 09, 2013 at 06:45 PM

AS

“ My prayers are with your family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Amy Schnoblen - January 08, 2013 at 10:58 PM

AS

“ Amy Schnoblen lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Amy Schnoblen - January 08, 2013 at 10:57 PM

SD

“ Sharon And Kevin Diehl lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Sharon and Kevin Diehl - January 08, 2013 at 07:04 PM

SD

Phil, our hearts go out to you on hearing the news of Alaina. May you find comfort in our creator and sovereign God.

Sharon and Kevin Diehl - January 08, 2013 at 07:06 PM

EH

“ Ellen Harris lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Ellen Harris - January 08, 2013 at 03:51 PM

JU

“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Alaina Kay Molenda



Julie - January 07, 2013 at 10:21 PM

KO

“ May she be dancing with Jesus and shining light upon her loved ones. You will be in my prayers thru this tribulation. Give thanks for all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. 1Thess.5:18

A fellow homeschooler,

Kori

Kori - January 07, 2013 at 07:44 PM

AM

“ I didn't know Alaina, but we're also a homeschooling family living in Holly with 6 children. Your loss has affected me deeply. I will hug my children more tightly, listen to them more closely, and let my husband know how much I cherish him - today. Please accept our heartfelt prayers for your family as you deal with such a profound loss.

~Amy

Amy - January 07, 2013 at 03:50 PM

JF

“ I only knew Alaina through posts on the homeschooling websites but she sounds like a remarkable person. As another homeschooling mom, my heart goes out to her family. Sometimes when such a terrible thing happens people wonder how God could allow it. I have found much comfort in my own losses through the scriptures and have included a link to a brochure entitled "When someone you love dies". I will keep the family in my prayers.

Julie <http://wol.jw.org/en/wol/lv/r1/lp-e/0/19285>

Julie Finley - January 07, 2013 at 12:58 PM

MD

“ *As a local homeschool family we would just like to express our sincere and deep sympathy for the loss of Alaina. I know many people who knew her and have had nothing but the most kindest things to say about her.*

Meagan Davison - January 07, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ *KayPearson lit a candle in memory of Alaina
Kay Molenda*



KayPearson - January 07, 2013 at 09:00 AM