



In Loving Memory of

Austin Duane Shanks

(July 26, 2008 - July 26, 2008)



The death of a baby is like a stone cast into the stillness of a quiet pool; the concentric ripples of despair sweep out in all directions, affecting many, many people.

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This memorial website was created to remember "Our Baby Bean" Austin Duane Shanks who past thru this world July 26, 2008. You will live forever in our lives

and hearts.

Although you were not here for long you made an impact on hearts that will last forever!

My husband Tim & I grew up together. We both went our separate ways living our lives. We finally re-connected in 2006 and as we both always knew, we still loved each other. We were married July 6, 2007. The only thing missing was a child conceived together. On Christmas Eve 2007 it was confirmed that Austin Duane Shanks was on his way. We were so excited and so was Timmy, his big brother. Although Timmy was 15 at the time he so wanted a little brother. The hardest thing was the waiting. Then @ 36 weeks we were devastated to find that Austin had no heart beat. It was the worst day of our lives. As we continue on in our lives, Austin is still here with us and always will be. We carry him in our hearts everyday and will never forget that even though he did not stay long, he has made a lasting impressions on everyone's heart.

Thank you for visiting our Angel Austin who is loved and missed by many. We would like to thank you for being one more added to that list. Tim & Charity Shanks

Please light a candle so Austin may always find his way home !!



THE BROKEN CHAIN...... We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

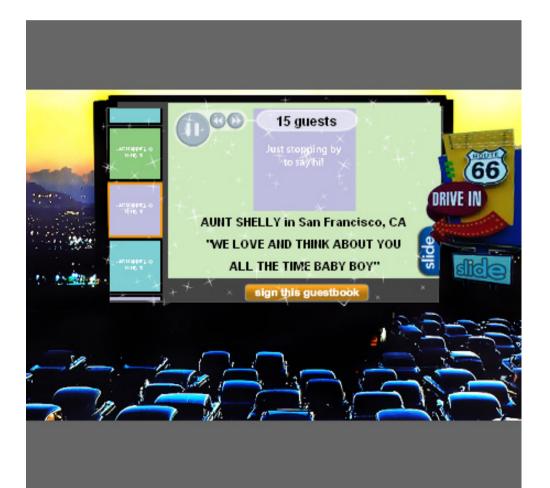
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.





~ I Know You Loved Me ~

I heard each prayer you said for me, I heard each word you spoke in love. I heard all the hopes and dreams you had for me, I felt each loving touch of your hand, Each kiss, each cry. I felt all the tears you shed for me, I know you loved me, and still do! Although you can not hold my body, See my face, my tiny hands and feet, As long as you remember... My spirit is never gone! Even though God chose to take me home, God doesn't make mistakes! I wasn't an accident, I was conceived out of love. God chose your love to come together And create, give life, make love. I'm always there. Although I never breathed your air, or cried out loud That doesn't mean I never was, An angel never dies! I watch over you, and see all the love you have. I promise, another child you'll bear! Don't be sad for me, For I am in Jesus' lap. As long as you remember me... I'll always be there!





We are a family forever and will love each other until the end of time.

A LOVE SO GREAT

I prayed that you would come to me and nestle in my womb, I waited for eternity and I was filled with doom. But then one day I realized that God had heard my prayer, My heart was filled with happiness when I found out you were there. I told the world about you, how you'd finally come to me, You touched the lives of all of us In that time you stayed with me. We wondered who you'd look like, we even chose your name, From the moment that I knew you things were not the same again. I wondered if your hair was fair and if your eyes were blue, Were you a boy or a little girl? I had such plans for you. I loved you every minute of every day that passed. I should have known such happiness could never really last. For just a short while later, God called you from above, He needed my dear Angel In his nursery up above. My heart was deeply saddened when I lost you, little one, My life felt very empty when I knew that you had gone. You must have been too precious to walk this earth with me, You wasn't meant to feel pain or ever hurt, you see. I know you're playing happily In Heaven's nursery up above, And I know that you can feel that I've sent you all my love. So play on and be happy with your family up there too, For life on earth is very short and soon I'll be with you.

I am a Mother

I've loved my child right from the start, A feeling that's filled my entire heart. I went through the labor and suffered the pain, For many long hours with nothing to gain.

I've spent sleepless nights being awake, Though it's been a while my arms they still ache. I've sat and I've wondered of how he would grow, The love of my family that he'd come to know.

The sound of his voice as he learns to talk, Watching his steps as he tries to walk. I have a child that I really love so, I am his mother yet nobody knows.

I've spent all these months feeling him grow, I've lived through it all and have nothing to show. I don't get invited to chat with young mothers, Because I don't have a baby like all of the others.

I've got some stretch marks that I'd like to hide, but I don't have a pram with a baby inside. The people I've known for so many years, Avoid me now, which adds to my tears.

I don't know how long I'll be feeling like this,

But one thing I know, my baby I miss. When Mother's day comes it will be very hard, I won't have any flowers, not even a card.

And just because he's not here with me, I still have a son I wish I could see. But one thing I know and this is for sure, I'll be his mother forevermore!

What Makes a Mother

I thought of you all, I closed my eyes and prayed to God today. I asked what makes a Mother and I know I heard Him say, A Mother has a baby. This we know is true. But God can you be a Mother when your baby's not with you? Yes you can! He replied with confidence in His voice, "I give many women babies, when they leave is not their choice."Some I send for a lifetime and other's for a day. And some I send to feel your womb but there's no need to stay. I just don't understand this God, I want my baby here. He took a breath and cleared His throat and then I saw a tear. I wish I could show you what your child is doing today. If you could see your child smile with other children and say, We go to earth to learn our lessons of love and life and fear. My Mommy loved me oh so much I got to come straight here. I feel so lucky to have a Mom who had so much love for me

I learned my lesson very quick My Mommy set me free. I miss my Mommy oh so much but I visit her each day. When she goes to sleep on her pillows where I lay. I stroke her hair and kiss her cheek and whisper in her ear, Mommy don't be sad today I'm your baby and I'm here."So you see my dear sweet one, your children are OK. Your babies are here in my home and this is where they'll stay. They'll wait for you with me until your lesson is through. And on that day that you come home they'll be at the gates for you. So now you see what makes a Mother. It's the feeling in your heart. It's the love you had so much of right from the very start. Though some on earth may not realize that you are a Mother until their time is done. They'll be up here with me one day and know you're the best one.



Here I am from start to finish. I started as a "bean" and ended as a beautiful baby boy!



Mommy and me at the hospital on the day I was born.

born. I look just like Mommy!! "My Mommy is a Survivor"

My Mommy is a survivor, Or so I've heard it said. She wears a smile for others... A smile of disguise! But through Heaven's door I see, Tears flowing from her eyes.

My mommy tries to cope with death, To keep my memory alive. But anyone who knows her knows, It is her way to survive.

As I watch over my surviving mommy, Through Heaven's open door... I try to tell her that angels, Protect me forevermore.

I know that doesn't help her ...

Or ease the burden she bears. So if you get a chance, go visit her... And show her that you care.

For no matter what she says... No matter what she feels, My surviving mommy has a broken heart, That time won't ever heal. But I can hear her crying at night, When all others are in bed.

> I watch her lay awake at night, and go to hold her hand. She doesn't know I'm with her, To help her understand.

But like the sands on the beach, That never wash away... I watch over my surviving mommy, Who thinks of me each day.



Daddy and me at the hospital on the day I was born.

"My Daddy is a Survivor"

My daddy is a survivor too which is no surprise to me. He's always been like a lighthouse that helps you cross a stormy sea.

But, I walk with my daddy each day to lift him when he's down. I wipe the tears he hides from others; He cries when no one's around.

I watch him sit up late at night with my picture in his hand. He cries as he tries to grieve alone, and wishes he could understand. My daddy is like a tower of strength. He's the greatest of them all! But, there are times when he needs to cry... Please be there when he falls.

Hold his hand or pat his shoulder... And tell him it's okay. Be his strength when he's sad, Help him mourn in his own way.

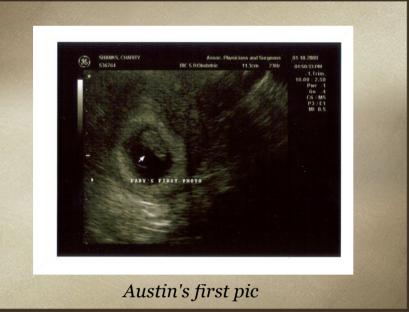
Now, as I watch over my precious daddy from the Heavens up above... I'm so proud that he's a survivor... And, I can still feel his love.



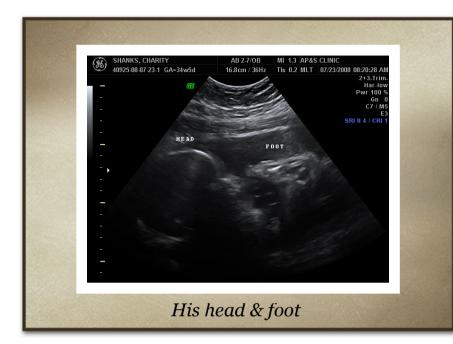








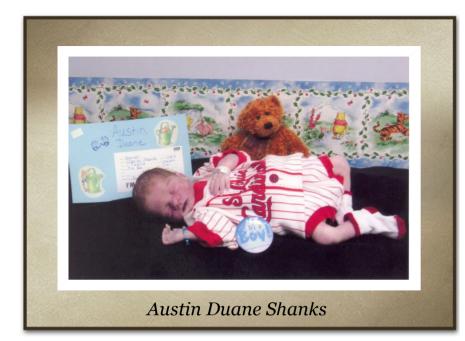


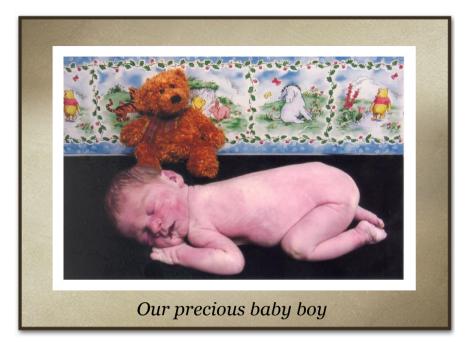


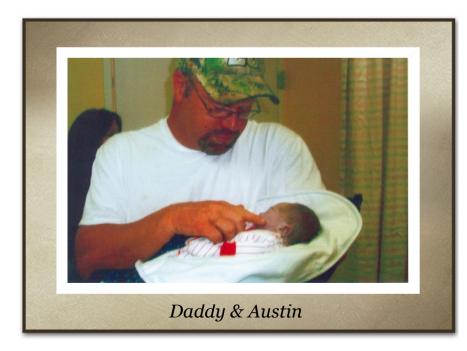






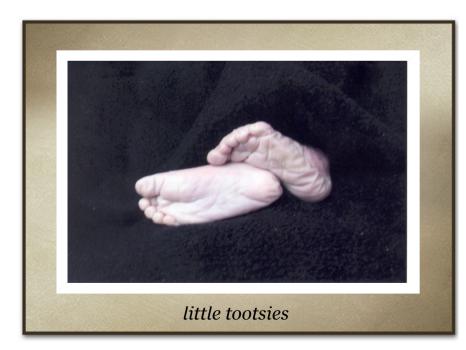








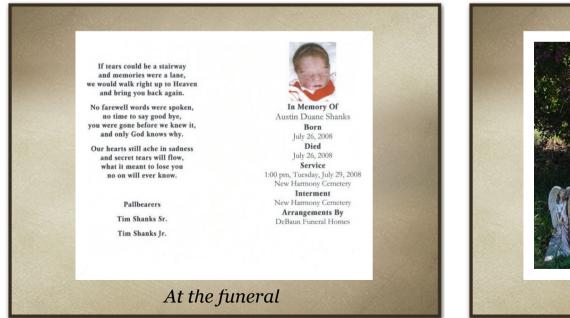




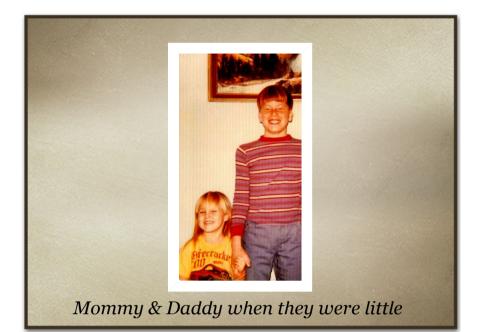






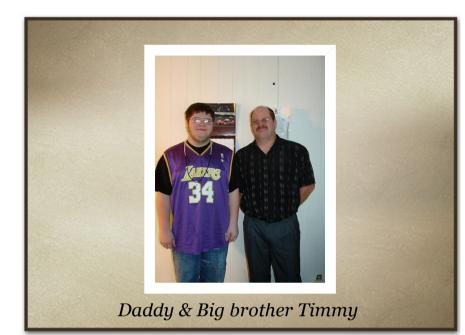








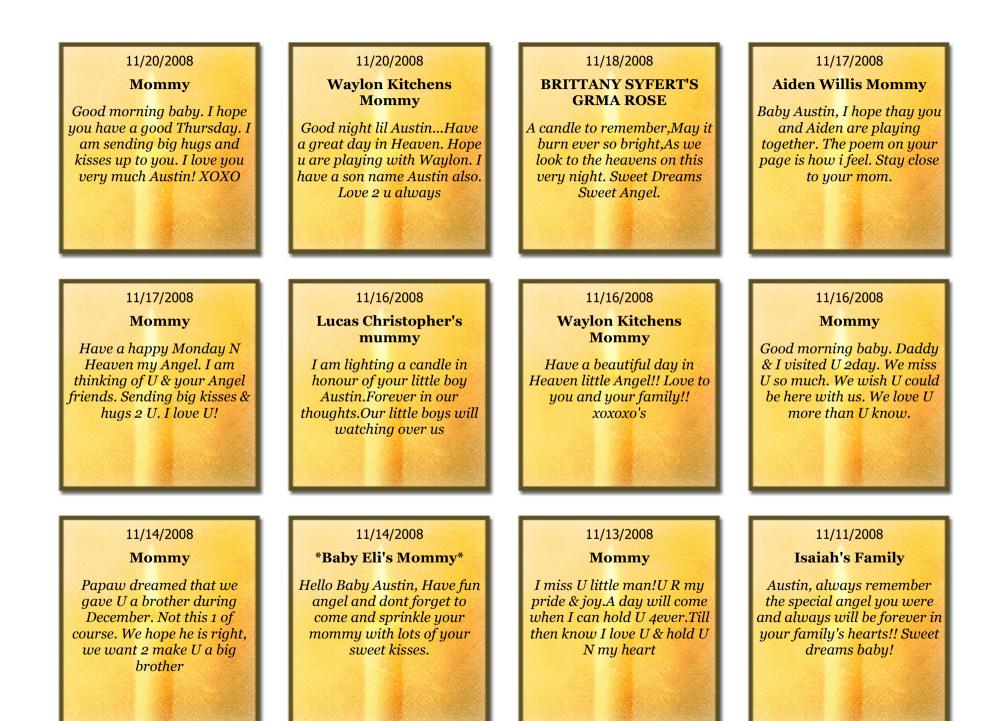






Memorial Candles

our words, your light...



11/11/2008 11/11/2008 11/10/2008 11/09/2008 **Isaiah's Family** Waylon Kitchens mom Mommy Mommy Austin, always remember I hope U R having a fun day Good night sweetheart. Good night lil Austin! Have the special angel you were N Heaven, Remember 2 play Sleeptiaht. I will talk to you sweet dreams...sending you nice & B on your best and always will be in your tomorrow. I love you Austin. hugs and kisses! Let ur love I am sending kisses & hugs to mommy and daddy's heart! behavior. Mommy & Daddy shine down on your mom! Sweet dreams precious! R so proud of U. XOXO you. XOXO 11/08/2008 11/07/2008 11/07/2008 11/06/2008 angel lizzie shea momma Louise-Grandma 2 Angie Camille mommy Robert Hi sweet heart. I just wanted Many blessings to this little May your candle shine angel baby! stay close to to let you know how much I A candle for a special through the dark. U and your momma and daddy. love you. Sending kisses and Angel..Someone special can your family are in my they miss and love u very great big hugs up to you. I be taken from our lives but thoughts and prayers. Have much! your in my heart love you Austin! never from our hearts..U are a good time in loved so much..xo heaven.Kadences aunt 11/06/2008 11/05/2008 11/05/2008 11/05/2008 Mommy Mommy Mommy Mommy 2day is a bad day 4 me, I To hold and kiss you. *It looks just like the picture* Good morning Austin. have been cruina since Christmas is comina and we of you on your little belly. I Daddy & I miss you so much. arriving at work. I miss u so will be bringing you a miss you more everyday and We bought a baby sleeping much.I hope tomorrow is a present. We love & miss you! wish I had just one more to put in your flower bed at I will see u in my dreams better day. Mommy loves U! chance (cont)... the house. cont....



10/26/2008 10/26/2008 10/26/2008 10/26/2008 Camille(Kadence M Kellev John U. (Visitor) mommy **Rodriguez**) You have a beautiful baby 2day is 3 months since you Hello Austin, Your parents May you light shine bright boy. and a guardian angel left us. daddy and i miss you have left you a wonderful baby boy, watch over ur for life. Please know that you and love you very much. remeberance. Many people parents. May god bless you, and your family are in my come and give ushugs and here love you! Take care. play with all the baby thoughts and prayers. kisses in our dreams. angels, Kadence' aunt 10/26/2008 10/25/2008 10/25/2008 10/24/2008 Jordan Logan's Grandma Gabriel's mommy angel lizzie shea momma **Austin Manleys Granny** A beautiful angel..... Good morning sweetie. Your This special angel has a very You were held here only for a new page is beautiful. Have special mission heaven, he moment .but one day your a wonderful Sunday in will forever be watching mom n dad will be with you over his family here in to hold U forever.until then heaven. Hugs and kisses. 🕈 Earth! shine brightly! know you are loved 10/22/2008 10/23/2008 10/23/2008 10/22/2008 Mommy **GRMA TO ANGEL Isaiah's Mommy** Jordan Logan's Grandma **BRITTANY SYFERT** Good morning baby. Daddy Lots of hugs and kisses to Good morning sweetie. I'm & I will visit in the morning. you and to your family sweet sending you and your family Precious Austin, You can't Watch over Jazzie, he is not liaht a candle to show others baby! <.3.3 lots of love and hugs. 🕈 feeling well. We love & miss the way, without feeling the warmth of that brigh, little you.XOXO ray.Hugs



10/15/2008 10/15/2008 10/15/2008 10/15/2008 Ava Johnson's Mommy **Kadence's Mom Rosy Pfister** Donna Mom to Angie-Robert Sweet baby boy, I know you Austin watch over your I am so sorry about the are watching over your beloved family. Give them tragic loss of your Baby God didn't arant you Austin family. I hope you babies auidance and strenath for Austin. God bless you all. 4 very long here, but he's ur enjoy all of the candles each day. Play with my son and 1 day you'll all be tonight.! precious angel as well! together...Foreve r! God Bless 10/15/2008 10/14/2008 10/14/2008 10/14/2008 **Ryan Dahn Family** Kathy ~Angel Ryan Mommy Mommy Dahn's~ Mom Such a beautiful little Angel Sleep tight my sweet Austin. Daddy & I love & miss you. you are Austin. God gives Precious baby Austin what a I'll meet you in our dreams Each day we pray you are purpose to all He creates, it tonight. We will hold and beautiful baby you are! My safe and loved in Heaven. is clear to see you served hugs, and prayers are with kiss each other unitl it's time We know grandpa Shanks is you, & your Mom & Dad. taking care of you to wake your purpose 🕈 Bless all of you. 10/14/2008 10/14/2008 10/14/2008 10/14/2008 **Ethan Delgado's Mommy** Lucy-mom to angel **Baby Wesley's Mommy Rain Arizolas Mommy** Laura Hunter Hello beautiful Austin. I'm *Ur mommy saw my angel Lighting this candle for you* liahting this candle in wesleu's site today, alad she sweetie! You and your family Sweet angel Austin.Watch memory of ur short but over your mom & dad.They did cause i was able to find are in my thoughts and beautiful life on earth. May will always miss you,and urs & see ur handsome face. prayers. ur beauty shine always their love for you will never hugs 2u baby. die.Hugs to you all.





09/30/2008 09/30/2008 09/30/2008 09/30/2008 Mommy **Cousin Mallorie** Mommy Mommy Added as time goes on. Will be included and an I am starting to put together Austin, Mallorie says hi Things that remind Daddy album of you. I am burning uour keepsake box. It has a today. She sorry she couldn't and me of you we will put in your pics to a CD and will toy and outfit that we bought see you. We are going to there. We will one day show put in your 3D sonogram. before you were born. Your come see you this week. We your little sisters(cont) There will be more (cont) baby book(cont) loves you. XOXO! 09/30/2008 09/28/2008 09/28/2008 09/27/2008 **Aunt Tracy** Mommy Mommy Mommy We can still celebrate even Remember to visit your We put a trick or treat sign, Daddy and I miss you so pumpkin with a pretty girl much. If I didn't have your mother in her dreams. You though you are not here to dressed as a witch out for are so special and a very dress up.We love you and daddy I don't know how I handsome angel. We love hope you get lots of treats up you last night for halloween. would make it through this. you very much. Aunt Tracy there for halloween We love you Angel continued... 09/27/2008 09/27/2008 09/26/2008 09/26/2008 Mommy Mommy Mommy mommy We had so many cute little Daddy, big brother Timmy Eight weeks ago today I held Austin I miss you so very halloween costumes that we much! We are bringing you and I will be by today to see you in my arms and kissed loved. We couldn't wait to some things for halloween you Angel. We all miss and you.I miss and love you just dress you up and for today.We were so happy love you very much! We are as much today. My arms about this halloween(cont)... sending kisses up. ache without you. everyone to see you.

09/24/2008 09/24/2008 09/23/2008 09/23/2008 **Cousin Kourtney Aidens mommy** Mommy Mommy Austin you are wonderful. Good morning precious Remember that we meet in We put a solar light that our dreams. We can be Mallorie and I come visit you angel. Give mom and dad changes colors on your spot all the time I hope you know angel hugs and kisses when together whenever we want. Sunday. It will keep light on we love you. You are So they sleep. The need to feel I love you Austin. you in the dark. I am there wonderful. Love You you close by. God bless you! with you always. 09/21/2008 09/20/2008 09/19/2008 09/19/2008 **Baby Ethan Lombard's** Denielle Passerby Mommy Mommy While I will never get to hold What a Beautiful little Every night I tell you I love Baby Austin, I hope you've you in my arms I will always Angel.Give all who love and you and goodnight. I tell you to sleep tight and I'll talk you found my little Ethan up hold you in my heart! I love miss you kisses while they there by now. He likes sleep. <3 ^j^ in the morning. You are my you! baseball too! :) XO sweet Angel. *littleone <3!* 09/19/2008 09/19/2008 09/19/2008 09/19/2008 Jordan Logan's Grandma **A Friend Mommy's friend Leslie** Beth Lighting this candle for your Austin, you are a special We love you Austin and we Austin, I held you and kissed angel. Sweet little Austin. baby and I wish I would have peace because we will you, you are perfect in every stay close to your family. have had the chance to know see you again in heaven. way. Keep your eyes and you but you are safe and will Love you alway from love on mommy and daddy. Hugs sweetie 🕈 be with family again. Mommy's friend Rae Lynn they miss you!

09/19/2008

Eli's Mommy

Lighting this candle for this special angel. Baby Austin stay close to your mommy because she needs to feel you close to her baby.

09/19/2008

Mommy

Holding you is the greatest joy I've ever had. I can't wait to walk hand & hand with you. I love and miss you!



from the deepest of our hearts...

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babies gone too soon. I'm so gestation. She was our first	n missingangel.org. I look at the site often and my daughter is o sorry that Austin is not with you. My little Annika died on J orn and is still the absolute love of our lives! Not a day goes I wish you the peace and strength you need to get through ea	July 9, 2007 also at 36 weeks s by where she is not thought of,
Alison (Annika's mommy)		
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How nice it was to play among the angels and listen to their songs of praise.

However after all the fun he had, the new-ness was beginning to become old.

He was sitting on a tree stump pouting when Jesus walked up to him and asked,

"My child, what could possibly be the matter?"

The boy said

"Father oh how beautiful it is to be here with you but I am bored; there's not even a

can to kick around lord."

Jesus then told the young boy, "Follow me my son."

And so the boy did. They soon arrived to this beautiful mansion with flowers all over the place.

When they walked through the door the boy then seen children of all ages playing tag, or tossing marbles, laughing and happy.

The boy turned to Jesus and said; "I didn't know there were other children here."

Well Jesus replied with the most beautiful words, "What would heaven be without babies, and children?"

Those last words were the most comforting thing any one could have said to me. Even though the words could never make my pain go away, I did begin to heal the night my best friends mother (who has also lost a child), leaned in to hug my neck and comfort me with a story.

You are in my prayers and may god bless you with comfort, and peace.

Jamie (Ava's Momma)

I too lost my baby @ 36 weeks. I am so sorry for the pain that your family is going through. My baby has been gone since January and it still feels like yesterday. Please know, that there are people out there that know what you are going through. This pain that we carry, will never go away but we can just learn to live with it. I pray that you's have the strength to make it through this horrible time!

With You

Ethan Delgado's Mommy

Thinking of you

October 15, 2008

October 15, 2008



Kathy Ryan Dahn's Austin October 15, 2008 Mom Dearest Tim and Charity, I am so sorry for your loss, what a beautiful baby boy. I know your heartache and pain as do alot of people on this site. It means so much to know that they understand like no one else can. I want to Thank You for lighting a candle for my son Ryan, it meant alot to me. We are all in this together, one day when it is our turn we will be reunited with our children. What a wonderful day that will be! You and Austin will be in my prayers, and my heart. God Bless! Griselda (Ethan Sorry for your loss **October 14, 2008 Delgado's Mom**)

I'm so sorry for your loss. Your son is so beautiful. I'm sorry that you had to depart from him so soon. He knows how much he was wanted and loved-this he will share proudly with all his angel brothers and sister in heaven. May the Lord give you peace that surpasses our own understanding. A big hug from my family to yours.





Denielle	Friend of Charity and Tim	October 1, 2008
Dear Chairty and Tim, i am so sorry for the loss of this precious baby! We are all blessed to have seen him and will all hold the 3 of you in our hearts forever! I hope with time your pain will ease and the memories of him will last forever		
I love you		
Denielle		
Jordan Logan's Grandma	In my prayers	September 19, 2008
I am so sorry for the loss of y	your beautiful angel. May his light shine brightly in your heart	s forever. Hugs





all the gray you turned into colors...

Kadence's Mommy



Sweet Austin have a beautiful day in the snow with all your angel friends. Throw snow balls at your mommy and daddy. Also send them lots of angel hugs and kisses. Always in my thoughts and prayers. Keep your mommy and daddy close and give them strength. Hugs and kisses!

Sylwia

Sweet boy, I am so sorry for your loss :(.

Mommy



Daddy & I prayed for you so hard that when we found out you were coming we were so happy. Christmas day was when we told everyone. It was the best Christmas present your daddy & I could have ever gotten. I was so excited to tell everyone. I placed a note in a baby bottle and wrapped it as a gift from santa. When Mamaw opened it she had no idea it was from me. When she realized it was me she was so excited. You see, I have wanted children for as long as I can remember and have not been able to get pregnant. But when your daddy and I finally came together, it was magic. With in a year of getting back together we were married and pregnant with you. It seemed that finally we were going to get the fairytale ending we wanted. With you and your brother we would be very happy and hope to add to our family. You are so wanted and loved by all of us.

Mommy



Buying your first outfit was the most fun for daddy and me. It was a Tony Stewart onesie. But our favorite outfit is what we took to bring you home in and instead had you buried in. Daddy and Grandpa Randy are big St. Louis Cardinals fans, so we bought you the outfit with a matching hat and red & white socks. Instead of wearing it home you will wear it always. You looked so cute in it and I wish we could have put the hat on you but it would have covered up your face so we laid it at your feet. We will always have those pictures and our memories of you wearing our favorite outfit picked just for you. We love you Austin!

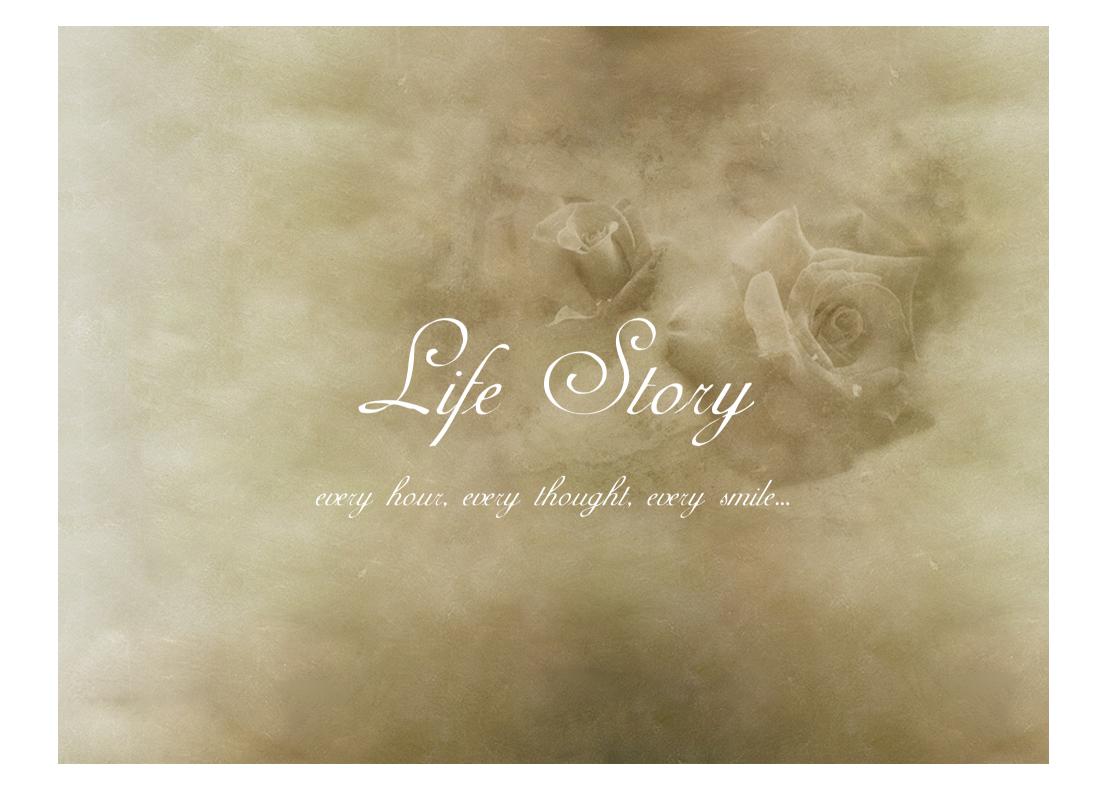
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That morning in the hospital when we were told you had no heart beat was the worst of my life. We still had hope until the doctor confirmed you were gone. Daddy and I held each other and just cried for you. We lost our dreams we had for you and the hopes of what you would become. We were both trying to stay strong but that was a challenge. We had just lost our precious Austin that we had dreamed and hoped for. The hope we now have is that you are safe in heaven with family and that we will someday have little brothers and sisters that we can tell about you.

Your big brother Timmy was so upset when he found out that he lost his little brother. He loves you very much! Watch over him and keep him safe.



I remember how happy we were when we found out about Austin. We could not wait to meet him. We painted his room and bought him clothes that are just so very cute. Due to a blood clot we no longer have a sweet baby Austin. But I know we will be together again and we will be able to share all the love we have for him.



December 24, 2007

We found out you were on your way

July 26, 2008

Passed away on July 26, 2008.

July 26, 2008

Born in Union Hospital on July 26, 2008.

August 29, 2008

This was Austin's due date

Our Deepest Sympathy

www.last-memories.com