



## Alyssa Rose Gillespie

October 24, 2002 - February 27, 2017

Alyssa Rose Gillespie, 14, passed away unexpectedly due to an acute brain hemorrhage on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born Oct. 24, 2002 in Park Ridge and had been a resident of Green Oaks all her life. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St. Joseph Church in Libertyville and was an 8th grade student at Oak Grove School in Green Oaks. Alyssa enjoyed scouts, tap dancing and soccer. She also enjoyed art, photography and hanging with friends. Her big brother Tyler was her best friend who she had so much love for and loved spending time with him. Alyssa was a member of the cast of Peter Pan, the school play that will be performed next week. She was a very spiritual child and loved going to bible camp. Surviving are her parents, Steven and Kimberly (nee Kolinski) Gillespie, brother, Tyler Gillespie and Paternal Grandmother Carol Gillespie. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ralph Gillespie, Robert Kolinski and Rosanne Willman (nee Kolinski). She was also preceded in death by her aunt Lisa Kolinski and uncle Steve Kolinski.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 6:00 pm Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. A service will be held during the visitation at 5:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, Alyssa's family would like her honored by your considering a contribution to the Oak Grove School PTO, as Alyssa would have wanted to give back to her school. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)



# Tribute Wall

LL

“ Dear Kim, Steve and Tyler Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy at your heartbreaking loss

Lori and Ron Luppowitz-Goldfinger - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SP

“ We didn't know Alyssa directly, but both my girls attend Oak Grove (6th and 4th) and we are terribly sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family.

Steve, Tara, Raya and Evie Potsic - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

CM

“ Dear Kim and family, I am so very sorry for your loss of your daughter Alyssa. She was a beautiful girl. My heart is truly broken right now. Heaven has gained a sweet angel. Hugs and prayers to you and your family at this time. I am so very, very sorry. Cherie Mcguire

Cherie Mcguire - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SC

“ Thank you for being such an amazing friend. Pokémon Hunting will no longer be the same without you.

Sydney Cooper - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sylvia Jacob - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

PF

“ *May your memory burn bright in all that knew you. Our thought and prayers go out to your parents, brother, family, and friends.*

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**Pinsel Family** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

KH

“ *Kim, my heart is breaking. I loved Alyssa and loved her visits here to get her hair cut and styled. She was such a sweet soul. We will miss her greatly. May the joyful memories bring you peace and the promise of eternal life and being together again comfort you. If there is anything I can do - please let me know. Peace & Love. Karen Harrington*

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**KAREN HARRINGTON** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SS

“ *We are saddened by your loss. Our daughter (6th grader) knew Alyssa and often talked to her in the hallways of Oak Grove. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Samatha Sirivol-Agnihotri** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

TS

“ *To the Gillespie Family, Our son is a 7th grader at OGS. Though we don't know your family, we felt compelled to reach out to at least share that we are absolutely heartbroken for you. Please know your beautiful daughter and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you now and always.*

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**The Eberhardt Family from Oak Grove School** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

AF

“ Kim, words fail me! I'm so very sad to hear about Alyssa. I will keep her in my prayers, that she will be welcomed into The arms of our Savior, that she will enjoy the company of your dad and he will watch over her. I will also keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**April Frick** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

KS

“ Dear The Gillespie Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Alyssa was a beautiful, goofy, amazing girl who would fill the room with laughter. That, of course would make everyone else laugh and smile cause her laugh is so incredible. As on of her closer friends I can say I have so many fun memories of Alyssa. She is so strong and brave and so talented. She made me laugh till I couldn't breath and filled up my day. My heart goes out to you guys. Loosing Alyssa so suddenly was surreal. I have her candle she gave me next to my bed glowing fiercely and bright, just like her smile. I am sure gonna miss her. School has been hard without her. But I am sure it has been harder for you. She taught me so many things. I remember when we played Minecraft and roasted people online. At school everyday we would sit at the table and say jokes and laughed so loud. When we in class we had to cover our mouths so we wouldn't burst out laughing! At Camp Timberlee, Alyssa would always be bubbly and happy and everyone loved her! Alyssa left footprints in so many people's hearts. You are in my prayers. If there is anything we can do just let us know. We love you! Love, Kaylie Stuteville

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**Kaylie Stuteville** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SI

“ On the behalf of the Oak Grove 8th Grade, our prayers are with you as you move through these difficult times. Alyssa saw only light in the world, and put a smile on everyone's face. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. Alyssa did a great deal for us, and we would like to return the kindness.

Sebastian I - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ I'm devastated by the loss of Alyssa. I'm a mom of 3 in Libertyville and am way too familiar with aneurysm. My family is riddled with them on both sides. 2 survivors, level 4 bleed miracles, and rest were prevented. Prevention tests are available. I pray for you and can't imagine. God bless. Eileen Rattin

June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

ER

“ I am devastated by your loss of your beautiful daughter. I can't imagine your pain. My family is riddled with brain aneurysm. My sister and aunt survived miraculous 4 bleeds. The rest of my family had testing, MRA, which discovered preventable action. My heart is bleeding for you. Please let me know if I can help.

Eileen Rattin - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

KH

“ It has been a very long time since we worked together at LGH. Your loss touches me deeply. The unexpected tragedy of her loss must be especially painful. I am working this weekend and cannot attend her services but I will hold her and all of you in my prayer for a very long time.

Kathy Hantel - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SK

“ Dear The Gillespie Family, Our daughter is a 5th grader at OGS. Though we don't know your family, we felt compelled to reach out to at share pur feelings. We imagine there is no pain more far reaching and deeper than losing a child. Our heart and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time.

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**Shabina Khan** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SC

“ I am so sorry to everyone for their lose of this beautiful, amazing friend. She was always she kind to me and she would always make everyone laugh! Whenever she walked into a room, the room lightened. Alyssa and I only met this summer but we still hung out quite a bit. Every minute that I spent with her was special and amazing just like she is! One of the most amazing things about her was her laugh! It was music to my ears and many others! Again I am so sorry for your lose! Even though she isn't actually here today with us, I know she is still here doing all of the things she loved! Family of Alyssa Gilespie you are in my prayers!

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**Sydney Cooper** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ Even though I didn't know her at all, Alyssa sounds like a beautiful girl, both on the inside and out. I am deeply saddened by your loss. She will be missed.

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LO

“ Dear Kim, Steven and family,  
I am so sorry for the unspeakable loss of your beautiful daughter. May God hold you tightly through this pain. I do not know your family, but felt compelled to reach out after reading about your beautiful Alyssa in the Herald. I lost my beautiful 9 year old daughter suddenly 8 years ago. My heart goes out to you as you face the journey ahead. Prayers for strength, comfort and courage for all of you.

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**Lisa Olson** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SH

“ Kim - my deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sandi Hunn** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

DG

“ Although I did not know Alyssa or her family just hearing about this tragic loss, in our community, of such a beautiful young soul makes me so sad. I wanted to express my sincere condolences to the entire Gillespie family. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts ~ Eternal be her memory

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**Denise Gaulin** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

AF

“ Dear Gillespie Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Alyssa was such an amazing, beautiful, and happy person. I regret not being able to talk with her and get to know her better. You are in my thoughts and prayers, and I wish you the best of luck in this time of loss.

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**A Friend** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JB

“ Kim, Steve and Tyler We were so sorry to hear of your devastating loss of Alyssa. Our thoughts are with all of you.

Jeff and Mary Beard - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

RJ

“ I didn't know your beautiful girl but I have a daughter in 3rd grade at Oak Grove. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of need.

Roslyn Johnsson - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

LL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of devastating loss. I remember Alyssa as a four-year-old at Crossways preschool. So adorable then... and blossoming into a beautiful young lady. She always had a smile for me when I would see her at Oak Grove. My heart aches for you... I'm so sorry for your loss.

Lynne Lenz - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

BD

“ Dear Gillespie Family, My daughters attend Oak Grove (6th and 3rd). Although we don't know your family directly, we were all devastated to hear about the loss of your sweet daughter. Your family is in our heart and our prayers.

Barb Davoux - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

DM

“ Alyssa's beautiful smile is forever implanted in my mind. Hope those who benefited from Alyssa's organs are also somehow uplifted by her spirit and, like us, never forget what a gift she was during her time on earth.

Diana and Madison Mackenzie - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JL

“ *Angels often walk the earth. Alyssa was one that did. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Jerome Langosch** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JG

“ *Much of my childhood memories in our neighborhood includes you Alyssa! Many hours of playing and laughing will always be near and dear to my heart. Your laugh was simply the best. Days and nights playing American girl dolls, sharing clothes, sharing our party dresses, jumping endlessly on your trampoline, eating snacks, sleepovers, and birthday parties where you always had to share my chair for cake! Your adventure side and love of having a good time is what I will always treasure. Every day as I pass your house, I will think of beautiful you! I will miss you with all my heart!! I have to travel out of state with my dance company this weekend, but my company at Jenny's Dance Center is dedicating our production of "A Star Full of Stars" to you Alyssa Rose! I will think of you on stage! - Jenna Gillespie*

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**Jenna Gillespie** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

MS

“ *Kim - The loss of your daughter touches me deeply, hold her memories close to your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mary LGH-Secretary*

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**MARY SCHIOLA** - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

NS

“ While I never Got To meet Alyssa Personally I was Approached by a Former Teacher of Her's Whose Husband I am The boss of Explained to me what happened and what many students where going to do the next day and asked if we would be willing to do what everyone was doing the next day and I was more Than Happy to do it and we even went above and beyond by changing our lights to be purple for the week. We also Worked with Lurie Children's Hospital who is going to raise funding by %1.5 for Research of Brain Hemorrhages in Children. Praying for Your Entire Family and Wishing you the best during these hard Times.

Nathan Schleiden - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM

TF

“ Blessings and Peace to your family on the loss of your beautiful daughter.

The Foleys - June 29, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ Dear Gillespie family; your daughter has touched generations of Oak Grove families. She will forever be in our thoughts. The Kaufman family (Brodie & Margot)

April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM

TP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your family have the strength and resolve to get through your loss of Alyssa. From The Pasciuto Family

Tony Pasciuto - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM

TS

“ Steve, Kim and Tyler, Our hearts ache profoundly for you and the loss of Alyssa. We remember her incredible smile and joyful spirit at Tyler and Ben's soccer games so many years ago. Ella always looked forward to spending time with Alissya during those games. We have been praying for you every day and can only hope that your faith and the memories of her will strengthen you and give you comfort and peace in the days and years ahead.

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**Tim, Christina, Ben, Anna and Ella Skelton** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM

LE

“ Sorry for your lost!

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**Lance Matthew Espiritu** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dana Ben-Dov, MD and staff at NMG Internal Medicine , Grayslake

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**Dana Ben-Dov** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ Just wanted to light a candle for my niece.... This is the first time I've had a chance to read the guestbook and it makes my heart happy to read the wonderful things being said. Alyssa will be missed by so many. Please keep our family in your prayers as these times are so hard. Especially for her mom, dad and brother.

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April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM

NG

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to your entire family. Another angel in heaven. God Bless.

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**Nancy Gambaiani** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ Did not know her personally but it sounds like she was an amazing girl

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April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ Kim & Steve, I just found out about your beautiful daughter. I can't express the sadness that I feel in my soul for your family. I wish you all some sort of peace as you travel this awful path. I remember our talks about Kim's mom's mysterious visits, and those thoughts helped me so much after Alan died. So many things happened that reminded me that he wasn't completely gone. I hope you are getting those reminders from Alyssa. Much love to all of you! Jayne Miller-Berman

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**Jayne Miller-Berman** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ I am just hearing about Alyssa's passing. My deepest and sincerest condolences. I can only hope my dad, who passed away just before her, is guiding her. I remember her sweet, adorable face cheering on her big brother at soccer. May your memories comfort you through this challenging time.

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**Missy (Kann) Goldsmith** - April 27, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to Alyssa's family and friends. It's times like these when the loving promises of our Heavenly Father such as knowing that we can see our loved ones again can bring us comfort and soften some of the pain we feel in our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 4: 13,14

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March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Drew B made this video for you, with pictures from many of her friends. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-DSmTp6DL4&feature=share>

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