



Crystal Bowers Culbreth

February 2, 1987 - May 19, 2016

Crystal Michelle Bowers Culbreth, 29, of Santa Marie, CA, passed away on Thursday, May 19th, 2016 at Santa Barbara Cottage Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. She was a loving wife and mother with a degree in Medical Information Technology. Crystal lost her courageous battle with Cystic Fibrosis and can now effortlessly breathe the heavenly air.

She is survived by her husband of 10 years, Robert Aaron Culbreth; their son, Rylan Culbreth; her father, Michael E Bowers (wife Diane) of Beavercreek, Ohio; and her mother, Deborah Ann Motes Roper of Greenville, SC.

Surviving in addition to her parents and husband are two brothers: Justin Bowers (wife Lauren) and Brandon Bowers; paternal grandmother: Carol Harris (husband James) and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and loving friends.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC. Funeral service will follow the visitation in The Howze Mortuary Chapel at 1:00 p.m. with burial to follow at Graceland East Cemetery in Simpsonville, SC.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Crystal's name; www.cff.org.

Cemetery Details

Graceland East Memorial Park and Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Rd.
Greenville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Crystal Bowers Culbreth*.



May 30, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Crystal Bowers Culbreth*.



May 28, 2016 at 02:40 AM



“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Crystal Bowers Culbreth*



michelle - May 27, 2016 at 10:53 AM



you'll be truly missed crystal

michelle - May 27, 2016 at 10:53 AM

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To the Culbreth and Bowers families-

It was an honor and a pleasure to care for Crystal in the years since she joined our CF clinic. She was one of the most humble but fiercely strong people I have ever had the pleasure of caring for. She loved her family so much and never wanted to stop trying or fighting to be well so she could return home to be with them, .Rylan and Aaron were her joys! Stories about Ryland brought her joy to tell or for her to hear. You never heard her in a conversation with Aaron without an "I love you" and she was also so happy to have her father nearby and frequently asked for him and he consoled her as only a parent can...

Despite being quite ill she was always asking about our other CF patients who also may be inpatient with her and wishing them well. She had such a big heart in her tiny body that just became weary with fighting. All the nurses and staff in the MICU and the CF team were so touched by Crystal... it was a deep loss for us all and we indeed grieve with you as you learn to get by without her day to day. Her love for you all persists. Please take care of each other and may time bring you peace.

With much caring,

Keri Djupstrom RN

*Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital , Cottage CF Center
MICU/ CF RN Coordinator*

Keri Djupstrom RN - June 01, 2016 at 02:59 PM

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“ *It was a tremendous pleasure to care for Crystal at Cottage Hospital over the past few years. Despite her suffering she was always such a sweet heart and so fun to be around. Our entire staff grew to love her deeply and we grieve along with your family. Her eyes lit up when I asked her about Rylan and I saw what a loving mother she was. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I'm so thankful to know she no longer struggles to breathe and I'm thankful I had the opportunity to know such a beautiful soul. Crystal your bravery was beautiful. I'm so glad you are no longer suffering.*

Kori Staley - May 27, 2016 at 12:42 AM

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“ *My love and hugs to your family always, your are a special part of my heart!*

Candy Prystaloski, Beavercreek, Ohio

Candy Prystaloski, Beavercreek, Ohi - May 26, 2016 at 09:19 PM

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“ *Crystal was such an inspiration to all of us. In spite of all that she endured, she was always optimistic and upbeat and she didn't want anyone to feel badly for her. She was full of spunk and great energy. She was amazing. It was an honor to know Crystal and to be able to care for her. She will be fondly remembered, always.*

My deepest condolences to the Culbreaths and Bowers families.

With healing thoughts,

Kaina Gomard

Respiratory Care

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Cottage CF Center

Kaina Gomard - May 26, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Crystal Bowers Culbreth.*



May 26, 2016 at 03:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mike Bowers - May 25, 2016 at 09:42 PM

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“ *My little angel is no longer in pain. You are dancing on the clouds and breathing in the heavenly air. You fought so hard for so long, but in the end, Cystic Fibrosis won. I love and miss you so much, but find solace in knowing that your pain is gone and your struggles to breathe are nevermore. I know you're watching over us, as I can see you in so many things I do, places I go, and music I hear. I am so sorry I couldn't have been by your side more often.....*

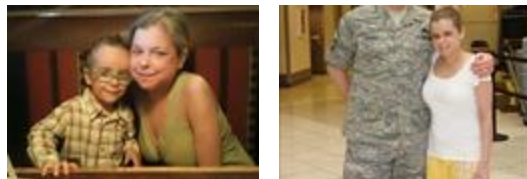
I love you, baby girl... I'll see you soon.

Dad

Mike Bowers - May 25, 2016 at 04:53 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Bowers - May 25, 2016 at 04:47 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Crystal Culbreth*



Mike Bowers - May 25, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Love you,

Kim Robertson



Kim Blanton - May 25, 2016 at 02:30 PM