



## Jessica Dawn Leister

October 8, 1986 - April 15, 2017

Jessica Dawn Leister, 30, of Travelers Rest continued her journey on the other side on April 15, 2017 at 3:15am at St. Francis Hospital following a brave battle with a rare abdominal cancer. Her wild, free, and untamed spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Born October 8, 1986 in Greenville, SC, she grew up to become a creative lover of art in all its forms. Jessica found joy and adventure in traveling the world, she did not hold to protocol and walked a path of unconventionality that most do not have the courage to follow. She enjoyed a personal and unique relationship with Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her mother, Miriam “Sunshine” Leister of Travelers Rest, SC; father, Hugh Norman Leister (Aime) of Greer, SC; older sister, Ticcoa Leister of Corinth, TX; younger brothers Joshua Leister and Jordan Leister of Travelers Rest, SC; maternal grandfather and grandmother, Rev. Marion and Betty Mitchell of Easley, SC; and paternal grandmother, Linda Rogers of Travelers Rest, SC; “adopted” siblings Eric and Olgui Clement and their daughters Emma and Sofia; a special friend, Phil Adèle from London, England and her beloved dog, Lola Chanel Montez Leister.

A memorial service in celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 11:00am at Christ Fellowship Church at 6440 Old Buncombe Road,

Greenville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Davis Lar Children's Home  
Fortaleza, Brazil.

[Davislar.org](http://Davislar.org) to donate via Paypal

or checks to:

Davis Lar International Children's Fund

PO Box 27259

Greenville, SC 29616

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

# Previous Events

## Church Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship of Travelers Rest  
6440 Old Buncombe Road  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall

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“ My heartfelt sympathies to your entire family, Sunshine. She gave so many joy and she provided you all with a lifetime of memories in her 30 years. It is my prayer and hopes that you fully begin to embrace and reflect on her wild and free spirit, albeit a little unconventional, and allow her to live on in you. XOXO



**Amy Rossi** - April 29, 2017 at 09:55 AM

JC

“ Sunshine, I am so sorry..you are in my prayers.



**Janet Chandler** - April 27, 2017 at 10:19 AM

FP

“ My heart breaks for you but also rejoicing in knowing she is completely perfect now! Love and prayers!

**Faye Pruitt** - April 24, 2017 at 10:43 AM

KN

“ Kerry & Deanna Nilsson lit a candle in memory of Jessica Dawn Leister



**Kerry & Deanna Nilsson** - April 24, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Jess's unique love for the oddities makes it impossible to forget her! W shared some conversations over a mutual show we enjoyed: LOST! I can't begin to tell how envious I was over her meeting an actor we both liked--Terry O'Quinn. Godspeed, Jess!*



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**Joshua Salmans** - April 24, 2017 at 09:54 AM

VF

*Praying for Jess's family  
She was loved by a lot  
of people*

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**Vickie Fowler** - April 29, 2017 at 07:03 PM

VF

*She will be missed*

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**Vickie Fowler** - April 29, 2017 at 07:05 PM

ST

“ *No words, but loads of love. Jessica was truly unique. She used to tell me she really didn't like being with people, and yet I have read words of hope, and encouragement from literally hundreds of people whom she knew, so her love for them was shared and caught somehow. Only Jess, in all her uniqueness could have pulled that off! I will always recall our talks about her cupcake business. I had shared dozens of recipes with her and she would always reply, " I love how you encourage me with your ideas. I hope I can be as sure of myself one day as you are of me." Her brave, I believe came directly from God; and she owned it big time. We will indeed miss her being with us. Love, Brent, Shannon, and Ryan-tyler teddy*

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**shannon teddy** - April 24, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ *Catherine Sepko lit a candle in memory of Jessica Dawn Leister*



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**Catherine Sepko** - April 24, 2017 at 09:41 AM



*I, like so many, have no understanding of why such a beautiful and vibrant Jess had to go through all of the suffering of these past years, but I do know that her spirit has been set free to soar. I know the loss must be so deep for those of you who had to let her go. I will be praying for you.*

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**Catherine Sepko** - April 24, 2017 at 09:47 AM

JY

“ *God bless you all in this difficult time. Joanne Yearwood & Kathy Coggins Family at Cross Plains Baptist Church*



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**Joanne A Yearwood** - April 23, 2017 at 08:38 PM

CE

“ *Norman & Sunshine; I just want to express my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your daughter. I can't imagine the hurt & loss you are feeling. I pray that God will give each of you, as well as, the entire; peace & comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Cathy Edwards** - April 21, 2017 at 03:45 AM