



## Allyson Gross

January 20, 2009

Allyson Marie Gross, age 24 of Worthington, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 20, 2009. She was born May 8, 1984 to Michael F. Gross and Bobbi May-Gross. She attended St. Michael School, was a graduate of Bishop Watterson High School (2002) and Ohio University (2006) with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. After graduation, Allyson moved to New York City for one year. She returned to Ohio in March 2008 and was employed at Hubert & Huntsman and Cameron's in Linworth. She is survived by her parents, Michael of Westerville and Bobbi of Worthington; her loving sister, Lauren of Worthington; fiancé, Thomas Whittaker; paternal aunts, Rose Mary (Bill) Bilyj of Brunswick, Lynn (Randy) Garner of Brook Park, Patricia (George) Solich of Cleveland; uncle, Ed (Jan) Gross of Carmel, Indiana; maternal grandparents, Robert and Lois May of Lewis Center; aunts, Laura (Bruce) Hardie of Clintonville, Barb (John) Wilt of Powell, Gayle (Nick) Hart of Powell; and uncle, Mike May of Delaware and numerous cousins. Allyson's time with us was too short. Yet in the time she was with us, we can take comfort in her memory. Her star shown brightly while she was here, and we know our precious Allyson has been released into God's care. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Sunday, January 25th at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085. The service will be held 10:00 a.m, Monday, January 26, 2009 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 5750 N. High St., Worthington, Ohio. The Reverend Richard Pendolphi officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the

Gross Family. Condolences may be made to [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Allyson Gross*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I have been penfriends with Rachel Whittaker, Tom's sister, for the last 23 years and as a result know Tom. I am so sorry to hear about your very sad loss. My thoughts are with you all. Love Helen. x*

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**Helen Page** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bobbi and family, Each one of us sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our daughter Caitlin was in Allyson's grade at St. Michael's and through Watterson. I got to know Allyson a little as I was room mother/helper many years at St. Michael. She was a kind, compassionate and beautiful young lady. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Respectfully, Rich, Nora, Caitlin and Patrick Cline*

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**Richar & Nora Cline and family** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bobby, Mike, Lauren and family We are so sad and sorry for your loss. Allyson is a beautiful girl inside and out. We all have fond memories of Allyson and the entire Gross family. Please accept our most sincere sympathy and know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers. I know Allyson is happy in heaven and making others happy, too. Please do not hesitate to call on us for anything. Love, Vickie, Lindsey, Erin and Grant Stover*

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**vickie stover** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Bobbie, Mike & Lauren: In in our hearts we hold so dear the wonderful memories of Ally as a young girl and the fun we all had together! Ben has moved to California and Bob & I live in Maine. I wish we could be there to give you a hug. Ally grew up to be a beautiful young lady and I know you are very proud of her. Love to all.*

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**Julie & Bob Sheehan & Ben Wright** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *With deepest sympathy, Scott, Jim, and Valerie Bonifield.*

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**Scott Bonifield** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Micheal, I'm so sorry. I just heard about Allyson today. Losing a daughter is such a tremendous loss. My family's sympathies are with you and we'll say a prayer for Allyson.*

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**Jeffery Cygan** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Bobbi, Mike & Lauren The moment Tom introduced me to Ally I knew she was someone very special. She is a credit to you. I am so sad not to be able to call her my daughter in law, but at the same time so happy to have known her for the person she was, and only you made her that. My thoughts are with Tom, you and all your family at this sad time. May she rest in peace - a flower in God's garden. "Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed & very dear" Sincerely, Janet*

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**Janet** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Bobbi & Mike, An entire lifetime has passed since we have spoken and yet the sorrow I feel for you now is unmeasurable. The memory of what terrific people both of you are, lets me know what a magnificent young women the world has lost. Please know, that although I cannot imagine your pain and the struggles of tommorow, I carry you in my prayers and my heart at this difficult time. Please let those who are closest to you and those of us who have been seperated by time and circumstance, wrap you in warmth and cushion you with love in whatever way possible. Hoping these words and my love I am sending to you help in even the smallest way. Sharon

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**Sharon(Summers)Wise** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ I am so sorry to hear about what happened. I aplogize that I cannot be there to attend but we are thinking about you guys. If you need anything just give me a call. We love you all. Jason, Ryan, Colton, and Ashton Matthews

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**Ryan** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Tom and Alli's family, We were shocked to hear about Alli's passing. We saw Alli last October in Columbus. Carl Nolan's (our son-in-law) team was playing and we got to visit with her. She was so much fun...a great cheerleader! We will always remember her beautiful smile and zest for life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have our greatest sympathy. Sincerely, Steve and Aggie Coffman

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**Steve and Aggie Coffman** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Bobbi and Lauren, I am very sorry to hear of this passing of your daughter and sister, Allyson. Please know that Allyson and each of you are in my prayers. Eternal rest grant unto Allyson Lord. May she rest in heavenly peace with You. Love, Stan Bazylak Stan Bazylak*

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**Stan Bazylak** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Mike and Bobbi - I wish there were words or deeds in my power to ease the pain you now feel. Allyson was a beautiful, talented young lady and I know how proud you were of her. Health problems limit my travel these days, otherwise I would had been there in person to express my very sincere condolences.*

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**Richard Long** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *To the Gross Family and Tom - I have only met Ally a few times when she came to England with Tom, but I found her to be such a lovely and warm person and took to her straight away. I know my son Richard was so looking forward to be the best man at the wedding of Tom and Ally that was planned later on in the year, but never in your wildest dream could you imagine this to happen. It is heartbreaking and I cannot even begin to imagine how you must all be feeling at this moment in time.... May she rest in peace! God bless you all and my thoughts are with you.*

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**Angela Thompson** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To Mike, Bobbi and Lauren. We are so saddened to know that we have lost Allyson. I have wonderful memories of her laughter, and infectious smile as I watched her grow up at St. Michael's and mature at Watterson. I was blessed to experience the girl scout meetings and camping trips with her and coach her in softball. She was always so kind to everyone, a terrific girl to be around and a friend to all. When Tom and I saw her at Cameron's, she knew us right away even though we hadn't seen her in many years. Tom remarked how much he enjoyed coaching her in basketball at St. Michael's and how she was so delightful to be around. I also remember what a great writer she was and that she won an award at the Power of the Pen Competition. Please know how much we will miss her and our prayers are with all of you. God may have her soul, but her presence will be with us always...

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**Tom & Betty Cotter** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ To Bobbi, Mike, Lauren, and my brother Tom. I struggle to express the sorrow that Chris and I feel for your loss. Our thoughts and tears these past few days have been for you, we pray that time will ease your pain and the love you have from family and friends will give you comfort and strength. Like so many people whose lives she touched, Ally meant a great deal to me. How could I not embrace this beautiful, funny, vivacious, all-American girl who loved my brother and was loved by everyone who knew her? I grieve for a sister lost, but my lasting memories of Ally are full of joy - at Christmas in England, celebrating New Year in London, hanging out in New York and introducing her to Chris, and exchanging congratulations when we were both to be married. I cherish the memories I have of Ally and the happiness she gave to Tom. All my love, your friend, and sister, Rachel.

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**Rachel Whittaker** - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Bobbi, Mike, Lauren, Tom & Family, We are deeply grieved to hear the news of Allyson's death. We cannot imagine the pain you feel right now. Allyson has been the light of your lives. Her passing will leave a great void in the hearts of all that have been fortunate enough to have known her. May your friends and family bring you strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Jeff & Cyndi Hoffman** - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Bobbi, Mike & Lauren, Our hearts go out to you. We are so sorry we cannot be with you in person, but know that we are with you in spirit. For those of us lucky enough to know Allyson, she touched our lives in many different ways and we are all the better for it. Love Always, Colette, Roger and Christian.*

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**Colette, Roger & Christian** - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Dear Gross Family and Tom, my deepest and sincerest condolences on the loss of Allyson. She is in in God's care now. My prayers are with you.*

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**Laurie Duerr** - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Bobbi & family--All of us are thinking of you with great love. So many things to say that words cannot convey. We pray you can feel our care & concern. Mike from New York sends his sympathy & love and also Mark from Washington wants you to know he is thinking of you at this time. Aunt Lorrene*

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**Lorrene Waddle** - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ The entire St. Michael School community wants you to know how so very sad we are in hearing of Allyson's passing. It is hard to believe as it seems like just yesterday... I can see her playing sports, eating in the cafeteria, taking tests in classes, etc. She was a great "kid!" She will be missed. Know that our prayers are with you now and forever. May God continue to be with you. We are always here for you...

Christine M. Armbrust - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Lauren, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you, your family and Tom are in my thoughts and prayers. Let Our Lord wrap His arms around you and comfort you with all your wonderful memories of Allyson. Love you, Marty Davis

Marty Davis - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We both loved and enjoyed Ally's high spirit and beauty. You were always aware when she was there, as the the room would light up. We will miss her and she will hold a special place in our hearts. There are no words that can express our sorrow to Bobbi, Mike, Lauren, Tom, Melody and all of her many friends and family. Our prayers are with you.

Karen and Bob Albertson - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Mike, Bobbie and Lauren: We are so sad to hear about Allyson. She was like one of our own family for so many years. We love her and she will always hold a special spot in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Fritz and Elody Krieger - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ To Tom and The Gross family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We are always here for you. Love & Heartfelt Sympathies  
The Daniels

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**Tony & Teresa Daniels** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Dear Family, Words cannot express how sorry I feel for you. I just hope God grants you his mercy and grace as he did for my family when Dad passed away. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers Love, Carol

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**Carol Dalton (Cornwell)** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Allyson was a beautiful and talented girl. We are heartbroken for the family and her future husband. We pray that God will comfort all of you in this time of grief. Love Paul and Bonnie Hafey

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**Paul and Bonnie Hafey** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mike & Bobbi: We are terribly sorrowed by Allyson's death. Even as parents ourselves, we can only begin to imagine the depth of your grief and pain. We didn't know Allyson well, and only met her at a few family functions, but it was obvious she was a beautiful, happy and outgoing person. We want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. The entire Smith and Borowske families extend their deepest sympathy and condolences.

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**Lynn & Greg Smith** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Bobbi, Mike and Lauren, Thank you so much for sharing Allyson with me. I loved her like she was mine. I'll never forget rocking her and singing to her when she was a baby. I love you and will be praying that God will comfort you as only He can. Miss Carol*

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**Carol Osterstock** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Mike and Bobbi - There are no words that can express my heartfelt sympathy for you and your family. You are all in my thoughts....*

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**Doug Seabolt** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *To the Gross Family, I remember seeing Ally on the subway one time in Manhattan and thinking - who is that beautiful, tall, blonde woman... she stood with an infectuous confidence and had a wonderful presence about her. I knew it was Ally right away and was so happy to see her after all those years. The entire Filia family is keeping all of you in our prayers. I am so sorry I am unable to offer my condolences in person to those closest to Ally but promise I will be there in spirit. All my best and with all my love...*

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**Jenna Filia** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers to you all in this time of grief.*

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**Diane Johnson** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *My family's thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Her time was too short and she will be greatly missed.*

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**Vanessa Manz** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Ally was, and still is, such an important part of the wayward group of wanna-be journalists that bonded over Mid-Day lunch breaks and ethics tests at Scripps. College wouldn't have been the same without her. Ally brought such spirit and laughter to every life she touched...and we will all be forever blessed to have spent time with her. My prayers are with the Gross family, and with Tom...may God be with each of you.

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**Lauren (Hall) Keeling** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Gross family- When I think of Ally I remember all the wonderful times we had our Freshman and Sophomore year. I have so many wonderful volleyball memories of traveling to our games together and Samantha, Ally, and I being inseparable. She was someone who could always make me laugh! I remember sitting in her mom's kitchen eating Mexican dip and just talking and the time we went to the beach together. I have always thought of Allyson as one of my best friends who knows how to put a smile on my face. I will always treasure our friend and miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Meghan Logan** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Bobbi, Mike, Lauren and Mel, Our hearts are broken over your loss of Ally. She is an angel and our wonderful memories of her will always be in our hearts. We are so happy that she was a part of our lifes. We express our deepest condolences. Please cherish all of your memories. God bless all of you - Love, Pegge, Tony, Casey and Curt

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**Pegge, Tony, Casey and Curt** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Ally: You were beautiful! RIP love*

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**Micah D.** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *There are no words to express my deepest sorrow over the loss of Allyson. To lose such a beautiful and vibrant young lady in the prime of her life. May God bless and keep you now and in the days to come.....I love you all.....Aunt Virginia*

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**Virginia Cornwell** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Ally and I were in Scripps together at Ohio University. No one could make the class laugh quite like Ally could. I will miss her wonderful sense of humor. My prayers go to the family...this is an unimaginable loss and the pain you feel is unbearable. I hope that you can find some moments of laughter and light in the tough times ahead.*

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**Adrienne Wahrer** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your great loss. The depth of your sorrow shows the depth of your love for Allyson...and that love will endure for all eternity. May knowing that I share your grief help you through this time of sorrow and bring you some measure of comfort. I want to assure you that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,  
Holly*

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**Holly Chadwick** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ The thing about Ally was that she could always make you laugh. I remember entire lunches where I never got around to eating because I was doubled over laughing at her antics. I used to wear these rose colored octagonal sunglasses my freshman year of high school. Ally never let me live it down: “Hey, Anne Sullivan how about sitting with us over here?” Or “Is life really that bad Faith? Rose colored sunglasses? Why so blue?” I lost those sunglasses, but I would probably still think they were cool if I hadn’t. Ally, was right about one thing though. Life was not blue, and I was never far from a good laugh in her presence. And I definitely didn’t need those rose colored sunglasses to see the beautiful friend I had right in front of me—I didn’t need them at all. “Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh.” W.H. Auden: Notes on the Comic

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**Faith Deutsche** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ No words could express my heartbreaking feeling at the loss of your daughter. Nothing anyone can say could ease the pain. Just know she is in a place where there is no pain on the other side.

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**Betty Faulkner** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ You are in my prayers and thoughts. May God keep you and bless you during this time of trial and sorrow.

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**Sarah (Cottrell) LaFave** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Dear Gross Family and Loved Ones of Allyson, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of a precious child. May God bless and keep all of you close to him during this time. My prayers are for all of you and Allyson - for all she touched with her life. Edana

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**Edana Essa** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the Gross Family - I wish I could find the words to comfort you at this time - please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. My deepest, deepest sympathies - with much love. Sharon

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**Sharon Mack** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Mike and Mel, We are so very sorry for your loss. I know there is really nothing one can say to make this hurt any less. Ally was a wonderful woman full of life, I feel lucky to have met her. You are in our thoughts.

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**Kara and Russell Lindsey** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Mike: I was so saddened when I heard of Allyson's sudden death. I last had an opportunity to chat with her when she was a hostess for our St. Michael Spaghetti Dinner on November 9, and I think many of our parishioners were as captivated as I was by her elegance and charm in greeting them on that occasion. Words cannot adequately express our condolences in this moment of sorrow. Betty and I will remember her, you, and your family in our prayers.

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**Tony Petrarca** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ We are so saddened by your loss. She was such a joy. We are so happy to have known her and will cherish these memories forever. You are in our thoughts every minute of the day, and in our prayers. Heaven has gained a most beautiful angel. All our love, Teddy and Linda

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**Ted & Linda** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ To the Gross family and to Tom – Words cannot express how heartbroken we are after hearing of Ally’s passing. Ally will always be such a beautiful person with a kind heart and adventurous spirit. We have so many fun-filled memories of Ally. One of our favorites is the Tiki/Steak dinner at Urbana... many laughs and jokes took place that night! May you find comfort during this painful time knowing that there are so many friends and family who are sending their love, thoughts, and prayers your way. Love, Angie and Carl

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**Carl and Angie Nolan** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Bobbie, Lauren and the Gross and May families~ We are so terribly sorry for the tragic loss of your daughter, sister, niece, grand daughter. We hadn't seen her for awhile but Gayle talked about her often and always with pride... We cannot begin to imagine your grief and do offer our prayers for your family during this difficult time. With Love, The Nutter Family Dee, Rod, Alex, Chase ,John and Luke

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**Dee Nutter** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ To Tom and the Gross Family, We are deeply saddened by your loss and can't even begin to understand the heartache you are feeling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Kevin & Kristin Peacock

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**Kevin and Kristin Peacock** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I offer my sincerest condolences to the family. Your sister Barb has been a help to us in our time of sorrow...i know that she will continue to be a source of strength for you as well. With great respect for Barb we offer our prayers.

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**Sheri Barlay Family** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Allyson your wonderful spirit is free to fly now and your spirit will never die.May God Bless and bring comfort to your Mom, sister, Tom and your wonderful Grand Parents. I will never forget you T-DOG

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**Jim Donnelly** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Gross family and Tom I had the pleasure of sharing homeroom with Ally all four years at Watterson. I would occasionally run into her in Columbus when I would be home during college, and we went to a concert together a couple summers ago. I'm going to miss running into her SO much. This is all so unreal to me. I want you all to know that you are being thought of in this horrible time of loss. May you try to find peace in knowing how wonderful a person Ally was in the 24 years she was with us. The world has lost a beautiful person, Heaven has gained an angel.

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**Katharine Hammond** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I just know Ally is happy...she ALWAYS was! Know that about her and know that her spirit is with us always. I am just thinking... I KNOW she is making all the angels laugh NOW! Love, Aunt Gayle

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**Gayle Hart** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Bobbi, Mike, Lauren, Tom, family, and friends. From the moment I met Allyson, in first grade, she made me smile. Overtime, she would help shape me as a person. We went through our (very extended) awkward stage together, hoping to one day be pretty, but to me she was always beautiful - inside and out. We dreamed of unicorns and growing up. It's so terrible to have her taken from us at such a young age. She never failed to be entertaining and charm everyone around her, which is why she touched the lives of so many. God bless her friends and family in this unfortunate time.

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**Heidi Krieger** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ Gross Family - I am so very sorry for your loss. I never met Allyson but heard about her often from Melody. What a wonderful gift God gave you all for 24 years... smile when you think of her smile and her good heart. May God Bless You All.

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**Yolanda Miles** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Mike, Bobbi, Mel, Lauren, and Tom, Our hearts are broken but our memories are happy and alive of beautiful Ally and her heart melting smile. Cherish your own memories of the years you were privileged to spend time with and know such a glorius angel. May God bless all of you during this difficult time and welcome Ally into his eternal home.

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**Sherry Brown and Ed Bundy** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dearest Bobbi, Mike, and Family.....As parents you never expect to outlive your children, and surely there is no loss that is more tragic or more difficult to understand. No one could possibly know how you're feeling right now, but those who care about you with deepest compassion and sorrow. Bobbi, Mike, and Family may there be God speed to you all in this time of healing.....love Jim Russell

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**Jim Russell** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Bobbi and family, All of John's family are saddened by your unexpected loss. We want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. John's parents(The Wilts) and his sisters(Claudia, Barbee and Jane) and their families,

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**Barbee Lamp** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Mike & Mel, No words can express enough how sorry we are for your tragic loss of Allyson. We are sure the depth of your sorrow is deeper than any of us can imagine, but please know that we are praying for you both and your entire family. We pray the Lord will hold both of you close and lift you up from this sadness and despair. Love, Bill & Kathy

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**Bill & Kathy Hamel** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM