



Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler

May 8, 2007 - March 15, 2018

Elizabeth Joy Wampler, age 10, bravely and courageously ran and finished her race here on earth on March 15th, 2018, after a long battle with cancer.

Elizabeth "Lizzy" was born on May 8th, 2007 in Springfield, MO. She was welcomed into our family with great joy. She was a loving, joy-filled child from the very beginning. She was naturally considerate of other people from an early age. Lizzy naturally adored and looked up to her older brother, Daniel and sister, Hannah. She was a loving and affectionate daughter, granddaughter, niece and cousin. Lizzy was known as a faithful friend. She adored school and had a passion for science. Lizzy was in ballet for a few years and truly wanted dance to be in her future. During her treatment while at St. Jude, Lizzy was introduced to the ukulele and found playing a comforting distraction while spending hours on end in the hospital. With the help of her child life specialist she discovered her voice to sing. Lizzy could be found alone in her room at the St. Jude Target House in Memphis where we stayed, singing along with Kari Jobe, one of her favorite worship singers. As a devout Christian, Lizzy had a child-like faith in God.

Elizabeth was featured on the NBC Today Show, honored at professional and college sporting events, aired in multiple St. Jude commercials, recorded 3 songs, featured in a promo video with Chip and Joanna Gaines for Target, and was featured in 3,500 Chili's restaurants nationwide. At the same time, Lizzy's greatest accomplishment was positively impacting and touching lives everywhere she went. Her last contribution was her desire to donate parts of her body to St. Jude for further research and help in finding a cure for Osteosarcoma.

She is survived by her parents John C Wampler and Jennifer L Wampler of Columbia, Missouri, sister Hannah G Wampler, brother Daniel D Wampler, grandparents Dee and Anne Wampler of Springfield, Missouri, and Larry and Bonnie Gayhart of Adell, Wisconsin, aunt and uncle Mark and Allison Steiner of Springfield, Missouri, and cousins Olivia and Luke Steiner of Springfield, Missouri.

In honor of Lizzy who was a bright and colorful young lady, one of her requests was that everyone wear bright colors to celebrate her life.

Friends will be received from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Sunday, March 18th, 2018 at Parker-Millard Funeral Service. Celebration of Lizzy's Life will be held at 10:00 am Monday, March 19th, 2018 at The Crossing Church. A private family interment will follow at Columbia Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Lizzy Wampler's Walk of Faith Facebook page at <https://www.medgift.com/lizzys-walk-of-faith>

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory; 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65203; (573) 449-4153. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.parkermillard.com.

Events

MAR **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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The Crossing

3615 Southland Dr, Columbia, MO, US, 65201

Comments



“ Lizzy was So Beautiful. she is In a Wonderful Place Now! She brought the Best In Us At Cedar Ridge Elementary School. Hope you Guys Are Okay!



Madison Aberer - October 26, 2018 at 10:32 PM



“ Lizzy Wampler Family,

I hope You Guys Are Okay, Once I heard about it I Felt Sad. Almost The Whole School At Cedar Ridge Elementary School Cried There was like 6-5 Consolers. Basically, Moast Of us Had T- Shirts. A lot Went To The Funeral. Everyday I Think Of Lizy Cause She was Funny, I have A Photo Of Her. She Was So Kind!

Sorry For You're Lost,

Madison Aberer



Madison Aberer - September 27, 2018 at 12:24 AM



“ Lizzy Wampler At School, She Made me Laugh and Smile. she had a good Heart!



Madison Aberer - September 27, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ Rianna Huelsbergen lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler



Rianna Huelsbergen - September 26, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ I have volunteered in the St Jude cafe as greeter and helper for three years and Lizzie, Jennifer and John stood out from the first day as a beautiful family. My co-worker and I always hoped to see this special little girl on Wednesdays. I have a daughter who was a patient at St Jude. Though she is a survivor, I feel the families pain. Lizzie was special to so many at St Jude.



Greer Simontin - April 23, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Thank you and we miss you all so much!

John - June 07, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ Dear Wampler family,

I pray that God provides peace and comfort now and in the coming years for you and your family. I came across Lizzy's story while researching St. Jude's and am moved wholeheartedly to share with you my condolences and most sincere faith that she's being rocked in the arms of Jesus both now and forever. I'm as certain of this as I am of the earth we stand upon. All of our love to yours.

The Palmer family

Jerad, Amity, and Leala

Amity Palmer - July 25, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ I got to know sweet Lizzy and her wonderful Mom and Dad while at St. Jude. What an appropriate middle name...Joy...as that is exactly what I saw in her beautiful smile even when she was not feeling well. Praying for your family and wishing you peace. Jane Hunter (Kaye Kafe)



“ It was through Grandma Bonnie and her sharing her love of Elizabeth through stories and pictures that I was able to get to know Elizabeth. What a brave and courageous little girl. May God grant you and your family the strength to get through these difficult times. With a heavy heart and heartfelt sympathymy prayers are with you. A friend..... Judy Swander

judy swander friend of Bonnie Gayhart - March 27, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ Dee, Ann, John, and Jennifer
May God grant you strength and peace for the days ahead. We are thinking of you and praying for you. God bless you.
Sondra and Jerry Long

Jerry Long - March 23, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ Thank you Jerry!!
John - June 07, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ John 16:20-23

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

My condolences to you and to all of those who loved you, Lizzie.

Abby Taylor - March 20, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Thank you Abby!
John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ Hearing about your family at the 2017 Pascale's Pals fundraiser and then receiving a visit by Lizzy's father, John at this year's event, my heart goes out to you all. I wish for the entire family, the strength to get through this difficult time by constantly remembering the joy Lizzy brought to everyone; even those of us who only met her through a video and pictures. Sandy Gummersheimer

SANDY GUMMERSHEIMER - March 20, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ Thank you Sandy!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ I never had the honor to meet this angel, but I know I will someday. Her passing has to rip a hole in your heart, but know that in addition to the hope of eternity she has touched so many lives with her courage and love. Thank you for allowing so many to share in her story.

Larry Chase - March 19, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ Thank you Larry!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Prayers to all. I remember her when she was about 5 yrs. old. Beautiful child. She will be missed. She is in the arms of our Lord Jesus.

Sharon Alley

sharon alley - March 19, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ Thank you Sharon!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Sincerely, Compassus purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Sincerely, Compassus - March 19, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ Anne and Dee, Charles and I send our sympathy at this very sad time. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your granddaughter.

nancy curless - March 19, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Thank you Nancy!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Never met Lizzy but woke up one morning at 2:30 and saw a post about her and read the past year about her struggles and at that point she was finishing her rounds of chemo. She touched my heart and I learned to respect and have faith in my own life. She was such a special child and a wonderful family they are. thoughts and prayers. Debbie

Debbie - March 18, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ Thank you Debbie!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 18, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Whampler Family. Lizzy is a bright light that continues to shine over us all.

The Cornell Family

Jackie Cornell - March 18, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Thank you Jackie!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Bev S. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Bev S. - March 18, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ May her memory always be a blessing. What a precious and beautiful warrior. Our condolences and prayers for all her precious loved ones. She was true friend indeed to all those she met. Her desire to see a cure for this cancer reminds me of “greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends.” That is an amazing act of love. Praying for the peace that passes all understanding. Dina and Family.

dina dixson - March 18, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Thank you Dina!!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ I live in Alaska, but heard about your journey from a friend. I prayed for Lizzy and your family these final weeks. May God comfort you and give you peace. Though my son died without warning when he was just shy of 14 months old, I know what it is to lose a child. May you find hope in God's promise of a happy reunion in paradise.

jennifer harmon - March 18, 2018 at 02:06 AM



“ Thank you Jennifer!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ I met Lizzy and her family several months ago while dining at the same restaurant. So glad I got to talk to, and hug her. Her beautiful smile will now bless the heavenly angels above. Bless you, sweet Lizzy.

shani prewitt - March 17, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ Thank you Shani!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ Clay and Katrina Carson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Clay and Katrina Carson - March 17, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ Lizzy loves her life. I am committed, more now than ever, to love mine, too. Love the Wampers! May God bless and comfort you! <3

Yv'e Bridges - March 17, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Thank you Yv'e!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ Debby Gerloff lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler



Debby Gerloff - March 17, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ Thank you Debby!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ I am sad and joyful at the same time, it is bitter sweet news, but we know that she is with Jesus and in no more pain!! I have been praying for her to be healed, but also asking God for his will to be done, and HIS will was for her to go home to her creator!! I know you will miss her terribly, but I know The God of All Comfort will wrap HIS arms around you all through this time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you all!!
Love, Joy Giancone

Joy Giancone - March 17, 2018 at 01:52 AM



“ Thank you Joy!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ Cindy Benninger lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler



Cindy Benninger - March 16, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ Lizzy, you are a True Gift to the World.
May All the Beauty you created be now bestowed upon you.
I Love You♥ I Cherish You♥ I Treasure You♥



Cheryl A. Patterson - March 16, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ Thank you Cheryl!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ My mom told me about Lizzy when she first met her in her barbershop in Memphis. From then on, my son and I started following her journey along with my mom. I remember when my mom sent me the video of Lizzy singing 'Lost Boy'; she sang it so angelic, and I played it over and over. A magical song was made more beautiful than ever when Lizzy's strong, wise beyond her years, emotional voice belted it out. I never felt like I was seeing a kid when I read and watched updates about Lizzy. She was stronger and braver than I ever could imagine being. You could see as the

terrain of her journey got rougher that she got wiser, armored with a quiet mature strength that some of us will only get after years and years on the grinding wheel. It was obvious in all of her pictures and videos that she had the light of Jesus radiating through her, a light that has no shadow but is pure all encompassing warmth. Even as we all prayed for her healing and begged God to please leave this angel in our presence for 100 more years, Lizzy herself comforted us all with her faith and spirit. She reminds me of Paul in Romans 8:17-18 when he says, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Beautiful Lizzy has changed me and so many more. The Lord has told her, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."
Audra Ashford

Audra Ashford - March 16, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Thank you Audra!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ The entire MedGift team wishes to express how sorry we are for your loss. What a beautiful!

Joe Hewitt - March 16, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ Thank you Joe! you guys have been great from the beginning!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ John and Jennifer my heart goes out to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mike Bruns

Mike Bruns - March 16, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ Thank you Mike!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Patient Engagement Team ALSAC/ St Jude purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Patient Engagement Team ALSAC/ St Jude - March 16, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Your Kanakuk Family purchased the Imagination Blooms for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Your Kanakuk Family - March 16, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Stephen, Kimberly, Bailey and Kate Jessop purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Stephen, Kimberly, Bailey and Kate Jessop - March 16, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Southside Christian Church, Mexico, MO purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



Southside Christian Church, Mexico, MO - March 16, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ My family will always remember Sweet Lizzy. We met this wonderful family (the Wamplers) at St. Jude, and immediately connected with them. Our son, Bailey, was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma a few months after Lizzy. No matter what she was going through, she always had a smile on her face. She always gave Bailey positive vibes as they went through chemo together. Even when she wasn't feeling well, she would light up the room with her smile. Knowing Lizzy and all of her family has made me a better person, as well as my family. Lizzy was the face of an Angel from God. I know she is singing and playing her ukulele in Heaven now for Jesus! We will never forget you!

Love,

The Jessop Family

Stephen Jessop - March 16, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ You guys rock!! Thank you so much. We will forever remember your family and love you have shared with Lizzy. We'll stay in touch..

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lizzy" Joy Wampler.



March 16, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ Dee and Anne, I am sorry for the loss of your granddaughter,. My thoughts and prayer a are with you at this difficult time. Keith D. Bernhardt,Adelman Travel

Keith Bernhardt - March 16, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ Thank you Keith!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ I never met Lizzy but she left a giant mark in many hearts and lives. Thank you for sharing such a private journey of strength and grace and love.

Marie Heenan - March 16, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Thank you Marie!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ Although I never met Lizzy and her Amazingly strong family, I will say watching your hardships and your matching strength that went with it has changed me for the better forever. Lizzy and her family have made me want to be a better mom and live a more fulfilled life. She has made me realize how much More I need to bring The love and strength of God into my children's lives. She has made me really truly realize that Life is too short, Enjoy it. Just like Lizzy did with all her heart till the end of her time on earth! Her beautiful little face has left a permanent imprint on my heart forever. This life doesn't always make sense, but Lizzy left a huge mark on so many people, people that don't even know her and to me that is amazing. God bless you all. Lizzy and family, the Amaro Family from California will continue praying for peace in your hearts and an amazing second part of her journey in the heavens above! Fly with the Angels sweet Lizzy!

Colleen Amaro - March 16, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ Thank you Colleen!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ I will forever remember the charismatic smiling girl that came into my barber shop with her dad and was joyful no matter what. I started praying for her the day I met her. The last time she came in, John said that the report they had received before she was to have her last chemo party was not what they wanted but they were "still

keeping their joy". And that, you did and not only Lizzy but your family demonstrated to so many what true trust in God is about. I love you all and am so looking forward to searching out Lizzy with her long blonde hair when I go home. Natilee Ashworth

Natilee Ashworth - March 15, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ Dear Dee and Ann - I didn't know about Lizzy's Journey until I watched the video of the services at The Crossing and, at the same time, learned that she was your precious granddaughter. Her life story has touched me deeply. I pray that your memories of her will comfort you and your extended family. I have never forgotten our friendship and I will never forget Lizzie. Love to you both. Fran Madden

Fran Madden - March 22, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ Thank you Fran!!

John Wampler - March 23, 2018 at 02:50 PM