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Caitlin Elizabeth Berry passed away peacefully on October 6th, 2024, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, at the age of 36. She spent her final days surrounded by family and holding her parents' hands. She is survived by her mom, Betty Tieckelmann Berry, her dad John (Jack) Berry, her sister Meagan Berry, her sister Lauren Berry Maloney, her brother-in-law James McCaffrey Maloney, and her extended family members, who all loved her so dearly.

Caitlin was the oldest of the three Berry girls. She attended Easter Seals at a young age, followed by CADES in Swarthmore, where she was a student until she graduated at 21 years old. One of her greatest joys was riding the bus to school with her beloved bus driver and all her pals, and then being greeted by her parents at the end of each day.

Caitlin radiated joy. She was an enthusiastic hugger, and an occasional hair puller. Her laughter was contagious and her bright personality lit up every space she entered, which, for many years, was a swimming pool to cheer on her sisters. Like her sisters, Caitlin had a big personality, uniquely hers, and cherished by those who knew her.

She was the inspiration for Hilltop Little League's Challenger Baseball Division, which her mother started in 2001 so that she and her peers had the opportunity to play the sport. It is through this league and her family's memories of her that her legacy will live on forever. Challenger will undoubtedly continue to inspire others and demonstrate to families of children with special needs the power of community.

Caitlin will be remembered for her purple wheelchair, pigtail braids, love of Disney movies, stylish saddle shoes, plastic keys, dancing to music, and blowing kisses, which she continued to do until her final days. She found delight in a ticking watch, a dribbling basketball, and the sound of cars zooming by. There is no better example of unconditional love than Caitlin Berry. Both through the love she received from her family and the love she gave in return. May the memory of her radiant smile and enthusiastic greetings never fade.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 11a.m. at The Class of 1944 Chapel at The Episcopal Academy, 1785 Bishop White Drive. A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. There is ample handicap accessible parking and space for wheelchairs. All are welcome to attend and are asked to wear bright colors or white to celebrate Caitlin's beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a gift to support the Challenger Baseball program at Hilltop Cal Ripken Little League. Contributions can be sent to the following address: Hilltop Challenger Baseball, 237 N. Belfield Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Bryn Mawr Hospital, especially the nurses in the Step Down Unit, for their care of Caitlin and her family.

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

OCT 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Class of 1944 Chapel at Episcopal Academy
1785 Bishop White Drive
Newtown Square, PA

Life Celebration

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Tribute Wall

CK

“ *My condolences to your family. Betty spoke of Caitlan being a teacher to her...and it looks like everyone who had ever had the pleasure of knowing Caitlan. May Caitlan run the bases forever In heaven.*

Love, Cookie

Cookie Kellar - October 11, 2024 at 09:48 PM

KM

“ *Betty, you and your family are in my prayers. I'm so sorry. Kathy.*

Kathy Monaghan - October 10, 2024 at 06:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Caitlin E. Berry.*



October 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM

YF

“ *Your Cornerstone Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Caitlin E. Berry.*



Your Cornerstone Family - October 09, 2024 at 01:46 PM

YF

“ Your Cornerstone Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caitlin E. Berry.

Your Cornerstone Family - October 09, 2024 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Dearest Betty, I am so very sorry for the loss of your sweet Caitlin. I am so very sorry that you have joined this horrible club. No parent should ever have to lose a child. It is absolutely brutal! We lost our Andrew two years ago to his cancer battle. I can never thank you enough for the Challenger League. I was grateful that the twins had something they could do. I loved seeing Caitlin there every week. She was always smiling. Always bopping around in her chair and I loved watching the kids run her around the bases in her wheelchair. It was truly something special watching all of our special children have some fun and it was all thanks to you special lady. You were the best Mom Caitlin could have ever had. You gave George at the bus garage a run for his money. You were truly Caitlin's toughest advocate and you should be very proud of yourself. I know your girls are. I'm glad I ran into you and Caitlin at CVS years ago. I miss seeing you guys. Betty take it moment by moment. I pray the good Lord helps you through every minute of every day. It is incredibly difficult. Your heart is broken. Watch for signs from Caitlin. Be open to them. She will send them. I love you honey and am here if you need anything. God bless you all.

Donna McCaughey - October 08, 2024 at 10:57 PM

CG

“ Catherine Gobel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Caitlin E. Berry.



Catherine Gobel - October 08, 2024 at 02:14 PM