



## Shelbey Collette Christensen

September 22, 1993 - August 19, 2013

Our beautiful and deeply loved daughter, Shelbey Christensen, age 19, passed away on August 19, 2013 after falling 120 feet while repelling in Zion National Park with one of her closest friends.

Shelbey was born on September 22, 1993 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Jason and Tammy Banks Christensen. She was the first born of four children. She loved and cherished her family dearly and considered them her best friends.

From the moment she was born, she was determined. Born with a congenital birth defect called gastroschisis, she was quickly rushed to the intensive care unit where she fought for her life and lived. Her mortal mission would begin. She was a strong, independent and faithful daughter of her Heavenly Father.

She was born and raised in West Jordan, Utah and attended Copper Hills High School. She graduated in 2012 with a 3.998 GPA and received three different scholarships to attend Southern Utah University in Cedar City. She was putting herself through her 2nd year of college and would have graduated the spring of 2015 with a bachelor's degree in communication.

She loved to dance, do silly things with her friends, draw, laugh and bring a smile to your face. She could make the best turkey calls and peacock sounds. She was an avid lover of One Tree Hill and Psych. She enjoyed creating

things. She was loved by many and excelled at anything she put her mind to. She made best friends for life. She was beautiful inside and out. Shelby's piercing blue eyes and contagious smile were amazing. She even selflessly donated her corneas this week to someone in need.

Although her time here on earth was cut short and her mortal mission fulfilled, her vivacious spirit will live on with family and friends. Her testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be found at <http://mormon.org/me/B48Z/ShelbeyChristensen>. Written in her own words a year ago, she knew why she was here and she believed in the Plan of Salvation. For that, we are eternally grateful.

We couldn't have been more blessed to have Shelby be part of our lives and know her mission continues beyond this life. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her mother and father, Jason and Tammy Banks Christensen. Her siblings, Mikayla (14), Trey (12) and Zackery (9). Grandparents, Gerry and Judy Christensen and the late Cecilia Christensen. Judy Banks, and the late Norman and Donnette Banks. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who love her!

Special thanks to the Cobble Creek 11th Ward for their generosity and support during this difficult time.

A viewing will be held at the Cobble Creek 11th Ward, 8150 South Grizzly Way (approx. 5400 West), West Jordan, on Sunday, August 25th where friends and family may visit from 6 to 8 pm. A funeral service in her honor will be held on Monday, August 26th at 11 am in the same building. Viewing prior from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenicarefuneralhome.com](http://www.serenicarefuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Murray City Cemetery

5490 S Vine Street  
Murray, UT

# Previous Events

## Family Viewing

AUG 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Cobble Creek 11th Ward  
8150 S. Grizzly Way  
West Jordan, UT 84081

## Family Viewing

AUG 26. 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM (MT)

Cobble Creek 11th Ward  
8150 S. Grizzly Way  
West Jordan, UT 84081

## Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

Cobble Creek 11th Ward  
8150 S. Grizzly Way  
West Jordan, UT 84081



# Tribute Wall



“ *Shelbey Collette Christensen*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Blushing Lilies was purchased for the family of  
Shelbey Collette Christensen.*



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August 27, 2013 at 10:59 PM

“ A poem written for Shelbey Christensen..by Bethany Bowker

### SHELBEY'S WINGS

*Flying through life as though she had wings...  
This first born daughter soo sweet!  
Living and growing and learning new things..,  
Touching the lives of all she would meet.*

*As she grew..her mind grew too...  
Understanding the meaning of life.  
Seeking out the things that are true...  
Overcoming her sorrows and strife.*

*She learned of our Father in Heaven above...  
She learned of his wonderful plan.  
She understood well how much she was loved...  
By this our "Creator of Man".*

*She desired to have a closeness with him...  
So she talked with him everyday.  
She felt his love deep from within...  
Relying on him as she prayed.*

*The life of this beautiful first born child...  
Tragically ended too soon!  
Sent back to our loving creator so mild...  
Comforting and healing her wounds.*

*No one can understand this feeling of loss...  
More than our Father above!  
For he had to witness hung on a cross ....  
His first born child...his first love!*

*So now sweet Shelbey has a new set of wings...  
She has a new mission to serve.*

*And though our eyes cannot see these things...  
Our heart has eyes to observe.*

*Just as Shelbey relied on him...  
Let us rely on him too!  
Let not our heavenly sights grow dim...  
Let Shelbey's new wings carry us through.*

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**bethany bowker** - August 26, 2013 at 08:54 AM

SB

“ *Sooooooooooooo sorry for your loss! May you continue to move forward along this difficult path! Losing such a bright hope for the future is the most difficult hardship there is. It never is easy, but we hope you continue to feel her sweet spirit in your lives forever!*

*Carole Sue Clements Baird-Uncle Vaun's family*

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**Sue Baird** - August 26, 2013 at 08:50 AM

AK

“ *Jason and Tammy, when we heard that Shelbey passed away our hearts broke. Losing a child is the hardest thing for parents to bear. We saw Shelbey grow up in front of our eyes to be a wonderful and passionate young woman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family during this very difficult time.*

*Please know that we are there for you when need us, in any way.*

*With our sincerest sympathy,  
Adrian and Lucy Kolman*

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**Adrian and Lucy Kolman** - August 26, 2013 at 08:47 AM

DB

“ Tammy,  
I cannot express the feelings and thoughts I have had the past week. My heart goes out to you and your family. Seeing the video of your daughter and her friends brought back SO many fun memories of you and I when we were always together growing up. Great times and wonderful memories will always remain! Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. With love,  
Denise Middleton Bell

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**Denise Middleton Bell** - August 25, 2013 at 02:30 PM

 Julie Thelin

“ This takes your breath away! We love the Christensen family. Amanda loved to play with Shelbey so much! She was so sad to move away from her friend in 3rd grade. Mostly we are sad for you as a family. What a hard road for you all! You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Bryan & Julie Thelin family.

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**Julie Thelin** - August 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM

LM

“ Lisa Ancell Martin lit a candle in memory of Shelbey Collette Christensen



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**Lisa Ancell Martin** - August 25, 2013 at 01:19 AM

MB

“ There are too many good memories to share, she was the funniest, girl I knew. She didn't care what anyone thought, she was always herself, no matter what. I loved being one of her young women's leaders, she always led the way, she was always a great example to the other young women and to her leaders. I am especially thankful for Shelby's's friendship with our family and especially to my Lauren, we all loved her from the first time we met her, that's just the kind of person she was. My heart goes out to Tammy, Jason and the kids. You raised an amazing young woman who will live forever in our hearts, love always the Brooks.

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**mandy Brooks** - August 25, 2013 at 12:49 AM

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“ Andrew Thomas (cousin) sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby Collette Christensen



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**Andrew Thomas (cousin)** - August 24, 2013 at 10:32 PM

MS

“ Mikel Bristol Sorenson lit a candle in memory of Shelby Collette Christensen



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**Mikel Bristol Sorenson** - August 24, 2013 at 07:14 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album *Shelbey's Video's*



**Jesse Wood** - August 23, 2013 at 08:17 PM



*These pictures really capture the essence of who Shelbey is. Shelbey will live on in my heart forever. Love you Belbs!*

**Sharon Thomas** - August 23, 2013 at 08:50 PM



Marcia  
Johns

*Beautiful! More than words can say.*

**Marcia Johns** - August 23, 2013 at 09:03 PM



*The video is wonderful. Thanks for putting it together.*

**Sharon Thomas** - August 23, 2013 at 09:05 PM



Marcia  
Johns

*Beyond beautiful! Thank you!*

**Marcia Johns** - August 23, 2013 at 09:10 PM

GH

*Beautiful tribute to a wonderful daughter of God. May she rest in peace and may her family be blessed with the sweet memories.*

**gail harkness** - August 23, 2013 at 10:27 PM

TM

*This is beautiful Aimee and Jesse.....*

**Trudy McCombs** - August 24, 2013 at 11:44 AM



*Our Bishop did a wonderful job. This video will be playing at the viewing tomorrow.*

**Jason Christensen** - August 24, 2013 at 08:30 PM

MB

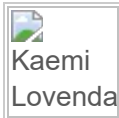
*So beautiful, I laughed and cried, remembering a lot of those pictures and the wonderful memories that went along with them, thanks Jesse and Amy xx*

**mandy Brooks** - August 25, 2013 at 12:52 AM

VD

*So many beautiful memories of a truly, beautiful girl!*

**Vicki Dangerfield** - August 25, 2013 at 03:14 PM



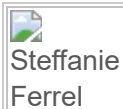
*BEAUTIFUL!!! I'll always carry our memories in my heart SHELBS!! R.I.P. love you*

**Kaemi Lovendahl** - August 25, 2013 at 03:43 PM

NC

*“ Shelbey my beautiful niece, I will miss you more than you'll ever know. I cannot stop thinking of you. You were like another daughter to me. I think of all the times you and Bree would be running around my house dancing, dressing up and playing barbies, doing your hair it seemed like yesterday. I am grateful I was able to go junkin with you one last time before you left us. You will forever be in my heart and memory. I love you, Nannette*

**Nannette Chaffin** - August 23, 2013 at 03:37 PM



*“ She was so sweet to me in the singles ward in Cedar City. She had a light about her that was so pure and so genuine that everyone that knew her was delighted to be around her! My condolences.*

**Steffanie Ferrel** - August 23, 2013 at 01:40 PM

JT

“ Jenna T. sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Shelbey Collette Christensen



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**Jenna T.** - August 22, 2013 at 11:39 PM

WW

“ Shelbey was a beautiful girl with the sweetest of spirits. I don't know anyone who knew her who didn't consider her a friend. Shelbey could light up a room with her smile and infectious laugh. She was someone whose testimony was shown on her face, the way she carried herself, and by her countenance, which can only be described as the light of Christ. If you knew Shelbey you know how much she genuinely cared for those around her and loved her Saviour. Shelbey was younger than me but I learned so much from her example of love, kindness, and friendship. We are all better for knowing this beautiful example of what a daughter of God should be. She will be truly missed.

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**Whitney Winn** - August 21, 2013 at 11:23 PM

PG

“ Tammy and family, I am so deeply sad to hear of the loss of your lovely daughter. I know that there is nothing harder in this life than to have a child's life cut short. I cannot imagine the grief you are suffering and my heart and prayers go out to you, your family and all who knew and loved Shelbey. I wish you love and peace during this difficult time. Pam Culley (Goodwin)

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**Pam Culley Goodwin** - August 21, 2013 at 11:21 PM

BC

“ so many people loved you it would have been a pleasure to know your family and friends loved you dearly they will always remember until they meet you again so many memories from the family and friends that loved you you and bree looked like twins in the photo that was on facebook



Brent Chaffin - August 21, 2013 at 10:39 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Shelbey Collette Christensen.



August 21, 2013 at 10:12 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelbey Collette Christensen.



August 21, 2013 at 10:05 PM

KC

“ Kendra Carlson lit a candle in memory of Shelbey Collette Christensen



Kendra Carlson - August 21, 2013 at 08:02 PM



*“ What is not to love about this young woman with piercing blue eyes, who could make me laugh every time I spoke with her. Shelbey was driven in all that she did and she carried an energy that let you know she loved life. We always joked about wearing our inappropriate sparkly bras, originating from the time we met Big Time Rush with Quincee and Mikayla. I cannot think of Shelbey without smiling. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know her in this life, but more importantly I know our friendship will continue in the life to come*

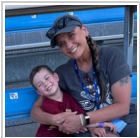
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**Trudy McCombs** - August 21, 2013 at 07:01 PM



*“ Amanda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Shelbey Collette Christensen*



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**Amanda Kelly** - August 21, 2013 at 05:40 PM



*“ Amber Morgan lit a candle in memory of Shelbey Collette Christensen*



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**Amber Morgan** - August 21, 2013 at 05:34 PM



Jennifer  
Bacca

“ Jennifer Bacca lit a candle in memory of  
Shelbey Collette Christensen



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**Jennifer Bacca** - August 21, 2013 at 02:27 PM

MC

*I remember when Shelby and Skialer used to hang out. Shelby kind of grew out of Skialer in many ways. I knew that she had a great spirit and was a good helper to everyone. She will be missed.*

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**Merilyn Carver** - August 22, 2013 at 12:32 PM

LW

“ I remember Grandpa and Grandma Woodmansee being so excited for your birth. They loved your entire family so much.

*I always remembered you always keeping busy and how adorable you were. It was always an enjoyment to learn of your accomplishments and enjoyed the times we were able to get together as a family. And I enjoyed keeping track of you and your accomplishments through social media entries, when the family didn't get together. Your personality was always a bright spot at those times.*

*I will miss you.*

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**Loretta Woodmansee** - August 21, 2013 at 01:51 PM

CW

“ We moved in next door to Shelbey's family when she was four and lived there for the next 7 years. We spent almost every afternoon together after her sister and my son were born. I remember Shelbey always had big plans for parties that we should have together with the younger kids. She would come to her mom with her plans all drawn out on a piece of paper and would proceed to invite all the neighbor kids. We started to have parties once a month...we, adults called them play dates with food, but they were parties that Shelbey helped plan...complete with themes and costumes, occasionally. Shelbey always had fun and made sure the younger kids did too. Thank you for your smile, your light, and your kindness, Shelbey. Your testimony is simply beautiful and we hope to have the blessing of calling you and your family our friends for eternity. We Love You and your family.

*Cindy & Jerry Whitehead & family*

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**Cindy Whitehead** - August 21, 2013 at 01:23 PM

MS

“ We have known Shelbey since she was four! She has always been a happy little girl with a big smile. She practically lived at my house from kindergarten and through the 5th grade. My daughter Skialer and her were the most creative people and had more fun together than any of my kids and their friends. Shelbey just could put a smile on my grandson's face and he would just sit and stare at her in aw!! She will never be forgotten in our house and will always remember her sweet smile! Say hi to my dad for me in heaven Shelbey because I know The Lord has great plans for you in heaven! We love you always!!!

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**Mary stocks** - August 21, 2013 at 11:53 AM

QM

“ *Shelbey Collette never failed to put a smile on my face. I will never forget the day we met Big Time Rush, went black Friday shopping, or her meowing. She truly was beautiful inside and out, and she will always be in my heart. I know God has a very important plan for her. I'll miss you Shelbers and your beautiful personality. Til we meet again. -Quincers*

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**Quincee McCombs** - August 20, 2013 at 11:42 PM

QM

*Meeting BTR with our pretend sparkly bras was the best!! Any remembrance of Shelbey should be accompanied by a huge smile on my face :)*

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**Quincee McCombs** - August 21, 2013 at 12:39 AM

TM

*This was Trudy ^^*

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**Trudy McCombs** - August 21, 2013 at 12:41 AM

MJ

“ *She was ready to go, but we weren't ready to let her. I am proud to call her niece and only hope my daughter can follow in her footsteps, her example and the legacy she has left us. Take good care of her mom and dad! I'm sure you're happy to have an angelic reminder of your daughter, Tammy, with you on the other side. Until we meet again.*

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**Marcia Johns** - August 20, 2013 at 11:25 PM

DT

*This is just so hard to grasp and sometimes hard to understand. So hard to find words to say and we do know the plan, and I always love to hear the pathway that led up to this. There are always miraculous stories to follow and I look forward to knowing those miracles. My sincere condolences to all of the family and know that our heart aches for you all. Tammy and Jason and everyone I cannot imagine what you are going through. Know our love is with you and know you had a very special spirit in your home for all of those years. I pray for peace and comfort for all of you. Sincerely, Denise Thompson (St. George, UT)*

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**Denise Thompson** - August 22, 2013 at 01:10 AM