



## Shelby Josephine Peterson

August 15, 2001 - September 3, 2021

Shelby Josephine Peterson, 20, daughter to Ryan and Leanna Peterson, passed away September 3, 2021 at her home in Meridian Idaho. Shelby is now peacefully dwelling with her mother Leanna in heaven.

A beloved daughter and sister; who loved her family very much. Shelby had a very kind and tender heart. Shelby was an amazing hugger! She loved playing soccer when she was young. She loved animals, horticulture, flowers, painting, pottery, dancing, listening to music, playing guitar, hanging with friends and had a real zest for life. Shelby was a great artist who loved to paint, she would often incorporate her love of plants and flowers into her artwork. She never liked to see anyone suffering: she would always relate with and seek out people who were hurting inside, befriend them, and make them feel comfortable; you could also find her rescuing some kind of animal who was hurt or in trouble; and of course she was always taking such good care of her plants, nursing them back to life when needed. Shelby was a fighter with tons of courage and determination. She always tried to never let her depression and anxiety get the best of her, always fighting off those demons which plague many of us today.

Survived by her father Ryan, two brothers TJ & Trent, stepmother Courtney, stepbrother Jon, stepsister Brittany and her beloved family dog Dundee. She was preceded in death by her mother Leanna.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint meeting house located at 15429 S. Iron Horse Blvd. Bluffdale, UT 84065 on Friday, September 17, 2021. Viewing: 9:30-10:30 am, Funeral: 11:00 am.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 17. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bluffdale  
15429 S. Iron Horse Blvd  
Bluffdale, UT

## Funeral Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bluffdale  
15429 S. Iron Horse Blvd  
Bluffdale, UT

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Not a day goes by where I havent thought about you, Shelb. You were the best friend a little girl could have asked for and even if we had a falling out in our later years you were still a big part of me growing up and a huge part of becoming who I am today. If a girl deserved the world it was you.

Melissa Ganny - March 27, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Shelby Josephine Peterson

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

AN

“ I had a crush on Shelby in middle school some years ago. I never got to know her well, but she has a bright smile and a warm heart. Hearing of her passing has put a deep sadness upon me. She will be missed.



anon - October 28, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DA

“ Dad sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby Josephine Peterson



Dad - September 29, 2021 at 06:35 AM

CS

“*Shelby is a perfect combination of Ryan and Leanna. She is so kind, caring, patient, loving, and has always had a fun zest for life. We are heartbroken at her passing, but we know that the reunion of Leanna and Shelby was magnificent. We know that Leanna is by Shelby's side and they are both helping their family from the other side of the veil. Our love and prayers go out to Ryan, TJ, Trent, Courtney, Jon and Brittney. We pray that Our Savior's love, peace and comfort resides in your hearts today and always.*

*Love the Chris Smith family.*

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**Chris Smith** - September 17, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“*Shelby's favorite color was yellow, which is fitting because she was the brightest light. Even on days that were already happy she would brighten the day with her wits, humor, and kind heart! On days that were dark she would listen, care, and help. The world lost a piece of its light. I know she is continuing on her journey, just in a place we can no longer see. Though sometimes I still feel the warmth that only Shelby could radiate, and I know my sister is right besides me.*



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**Brittany Hill** - September 16, 2021 at 01:35 AM

KP

“ i knew shelby in 2013, and she helped me come out of my shell so much, as a kid who had just moved to vegas. she really was a light and i remember singing with her in the locker rooms, and she would walk me to class after gym. i miss her so much <3

katie price - September 13, 2021 at 11:41 PM

MM

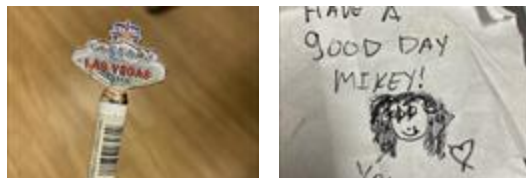
“ My sincerest condolences go out to Shelby's family and friends. She was in my kindergarten class in 2007. Her incredible smile and kind heart made such a lasting impact on me. I am grateful to have known Shelby and her mother in those tender years. May peace, love and happy memories comfort loved ones in the days to come.



Melanie Mahoney - September 13, 2021 at 11:07 PM

MB

“ No matter if Shelby was having a good day or a bad day, she was always thinking of others. Thanks for the gifts Shelby.



Michael Braman - September 13, 2021 at 02:31 AM

KS

“ It’s 7 am and I’m standing in front of a class full of students who had come to church that morning for our daily religion class before school. Shelby’s mom, Leanna had just passed away, so I brought supplies that day for our class to make Shelby a blanket. But then, to my shock and awe, Shelby showed up right on time. (Those who know her will back me up on the "shock and awe" of this haha.) I was totally caught off guard. At a time like this, the last place I expected Shelby to come was early morning seminary! I changed my lesson plan on the spot, saved the project for another day and surprised Shelby with the blanket at a later time.

Following Leanna’s passing, Shelby and I worked on some modified seminary lessons that she could do to make up for the days she didn’t attend which was, understandably, kind of a lot. We spent a few mornings on the couch in her home discussing questions and topics that might benefit her, and I was impressed with her commitment to do what it took to graduate from seminary. Had I been in her situation, I’m not sure I would have made that a priority, but Shelby did. As we neared the end of the year, I remember Shelby coming to class one day with a stack of papers, several inches high. It was her makeup work. She did it! She had met the requirements to graduate. I was so proud of her!

On the night of graduation, I stood in line with all the other teachers and shook hands with the graduates after they collected their diplomas. As Shelby approached me, I stuck out my hand as I had done with the other students, but she cast it aside and instead said, “Get over here!” and embraced me in a giant hug. Shelby is a delight, and I am so impressed with her commitment to graduate from “church”! I look forward to the moment I see her again on the other side of the veil. When that time comes, I won’t bother to hold out my hand. I’ll go in for the bear hug myself.

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Kristy Steele - September 12, 2021 at 11:08 PM

EH

“ There is no one I would have rather worked with for 8 hours a day 5 days a week than Shelby. She made every day entertaining and I could talk to her about anything and she actually listened and cared. So glad she was a part of my life.



Emily Hansen - September 12, 2021 at 10:38 PM

MB

She brought such a unique energy to our space. I'm glad she was with us this last year.

Michael Braman - September 13, 2021 at 01:06 AM

SW

“ Shelby was and amazing and bubbly person and she was always there for me whenever i was down and always made it better.



shelbie warner - September 12, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ Shelby has the most tender heart and I'm so grateful to have known her. She has been a light to many including me as she endured the loss of her sweet mom. I love this family and will be forever grateful for each of you!!💕💕

Katherine Hales Martinez - September 12, 2021 at 08:45 PM

CA

“ *Miss you forever shelby. Thank you for touching my life.*



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**Camille** - September 11, 2021 at 06:08 PM

GD

“ *I've never met someone with a more kind, generous, and beautiful spirit. Shelby made an incredible impact on everyone she met. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*  
*DeLong/Fisher Family*



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**Gabbie DeLong** - September 11, 2021 at 03:07 PM

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**Katie Ludwig** - September 11, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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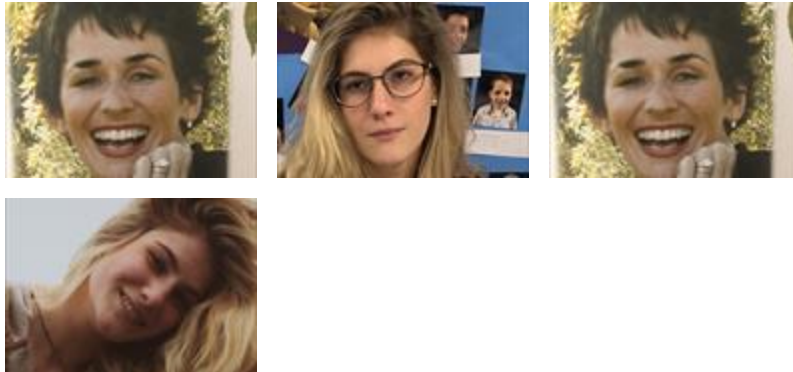
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Sterling Giles - September 11, 2021 at 12:43 PM

RB

“ My niece is an absolutely beautiful, fun, zesty, sarcastic and witty young woman who I will miss immensely and undoubtedly mourn for a long, long time. In many ways, she was her mother's girl (also pictured) and Shelby displayed immense potential as a human that she will develop on the other side. As an uncle, I always felt she loved me and of course I loved her. Myself and countless others are heartbroken now from her sudden passing. My knowledge that God is ultimately in control will help me recover to eventually remember her without the sadness I feel now. God bless you sweet young girl. Uncle Rex misses you and will never forget you. To her surviving direct members of her family, my thoughts, prayers, empathy and love to you all - Ryan, Courtney, Teej and Trenty.



Rex Bergsma - September 11, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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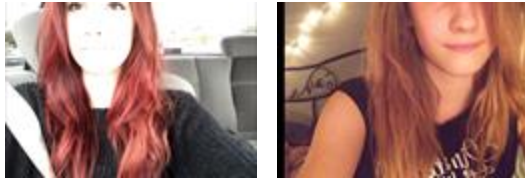


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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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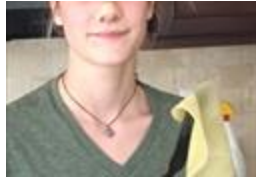


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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM

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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:19 AM

MW

*She loves you so much!*

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**Mindy Williams** - September 12, 2021 at 02:08 PM

MW

“ Sunday night dinners and birthday cakes. Playing with Dundee in the backyard. Taking care of bunny. Naps on the couch. BBQ meeting puppy Colt and watching the fire on the side of the road. But my favorite was the way Shelby always let us know she loved us. The kind texts and big hugs. We love you all so much. Williams Fam



Mindy Williams - September 11, 2021 at 11:18 AM

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Ryan Peterson - September 11, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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Ryan Peterson - September 11, 2021 at 11:13 AM

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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:10 AM

RB

*Cute*

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**Rex Bergsma** - September 12, 2021 at 07:32 PM

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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:09 AM

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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ Ryan Peterson lit a candle in memory of  
Shelby Josephine Peterson



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**Ryan Peterson** - September 11, 2021 at 11:04 AM