



Carmen Minnaar

October 9, 1984 - June 10, 2009

FORT WORTH -- Carmen Minaar and infant son, Nathan, died Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Memorial service: 6:30 p.m. Friday in Southlake Boulevard. Church, 2501 W. Southlake Blvd. Survivors: Parents, Keith and Sandra Minnaar; sister, Candice; brother, Richard; son, Shane; Cameron Roberts, father of Nathan.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ *Precious memories fill the huge void in my life. Miss you, Carms and Rich so much. Asking God to hold me tighter. Only He gives me peace and hope.*

Mom - December 07, 2010 at 11:03 PM

SA

“ *Carmen, Wow I miss you! There are times when something will happen and I stop and think "I wish I could tell Carmen that!" Time seems to be passing fast these days but still the pain isn't going away. I was driving to school the other day and I found my American Hi-Fi CD and that brought back some OLD memories, HAPPY memories. Needless to say I blasted your song all the way to school! I love you my friend in Heaven, ~ Sam*

Samantha - September 04, 2010 at 11:20 PM

MO

“ *Oh, my Carms, Shane has moved to Borger to live with Cameron. No one understands what I'm feeling, empty, lost. I miss you and Richard, so much, so much. Love always, mom*

Mom - August 07, 2010 at 11:31 PM

MS

“ Oh, I miss all the visits, the chats, our dinners at Panda Express and Chilli's, your phonecalls, our QT coffees, our times at the park with Shane, singing alongside you at Church, going to the Pet stores . . . And, like with Richard, some days, I can look at your photos hanging on the walls, and those on the mantle and on tables . . . and I just smile, cherishing the precious memories of the past. But, then there are some days that are really so tough, and when I look at the photos, tears just roll down my cheeks, oh how I miss you. My Carms, my fun-friend. Thanking God again and again for the years I had with you. Still, with the unconditional love, mom

Mom - Sandy - July 02, 2010 at 11:13 PM

SN

“ It's been a year today Carmen and I still miss you more and more each day. Your memory is still still alive in all of us and it seems like just yesterday you were still with us. I just pray God will lift up your family and ease their pain. Thinking of you constantly... ~ Sam

Samantha Naylor - June 10, 2010 at 08:53 PM

SA

“ I long to hold you my sweet Carms, now I know what REAL pain is. I miss you precious one.

I am not crying, for you. No, I'm crying for me because I miss you so badly.

Loving you, still, till we meet again.

mom

Sandy - February 09, 2010 at 10:26 PM

VS

“ *Carmen and i went to Benoni High School together. We were really close friends,i remember the good times we had at her house in Uys Road in Rynfield.I really miss her and send her all my love!!! LOTS AND LOTS OF LOVE Veronica*

Veronica Stockhusen - December 30, 2009 at 04:03 AM

SA

“ *I sit alone, close my eyes, and I can "vividly sketch" Carmen's beautiful face. Oh how I'm struggling right now. I love to reminisce, but sometimes it is so painful when I am alone. I then close my eyes once again and pray for the release of the pain, that the release of tears cleans and purifies the soul. Thanking God again, for the precious 24 + years with our Carms.*

Sandy - November 25, 2009 at 01:45 AM

SA

“ *Oh, how I miss my Carms*

Sandy - October 15, 2009 at 06:22 PM

SA

“ Yesterday was Carmen’s birthday. Sandy arranged a wonderful dinner to celebrate Carmen and to surprise Shane with a “half-birthday.” This brought me back to memories of birthdays over the years. Carmen never wanted a fuss made over her but when it came to someone else’s birthday she always went all out! She always wanted to arrange something fun for other people and just always wanted to make other people happy, that was just Carmen. Especially for you Shane, she loved planning things for you! Last night you seemed so overwhelmed with all the people that were there, many that you no longer recognize, but looking around at all the people who were there and who much they all love you reassure’s me that you’re going to be just fine and Carmen too can look down and see how well you are being cared for. We will continue to keep Carmen’s memory alive and be there to remind you of her whenever you need it! Love, Sam

Samantha - October 10, 2009 at 03:48 PM

CH

“ I remember how you always had a smile when I saw you. And how gentle and loving you were with Shane when he was a newborn. He will miss you for sure. Everybody will!

Chantal - October 09, 2009 at 04:39 PM

DE

“ I didn't know Carmen very well, but I know the spirit of her mom and I know she had that in her. Happy Birthday Carmen, I know that you are missed by your loving family

Debbie Ethridge - October 06, 2009 at 07:26 PM

SA

“ *Shane: Just want to dedicate the following song to you . . . Song by Mark Harris --- "Wish you were here". Darling Shane, may you be inspired by the words. Life begins and then it ends all too soon. Every day is a gift, a one-time opportunity to be lived in. Make a difference!
Love you, my Champ.*

Sandy - October 06, 2009 at 02:32 PM

SA

“ *Just love the thought . . . Carmen, holding Nathan in her arms. (Doing what she knows best --- loving her child. Her unconditional amazing love for Shane was a gift and it will always be felt by him and by us). Being reunited with her family in Heaven. Having met her "Tonkin" grandparents, at last. Praising God for this sweet and precious thought!*

sandy - October 06, 2009 at 02:27 PM

SA

“ *" Across the miles . . . to Heaven "*

Carmen - a part of you has grown in us, together forever we shall be, never apart, maybe in distance, but never in the heart.

Sandy - September 27, 2009 at 11:37 PM

SA

“ Precious Shane, by the time you read this, I know you will have had much time to heal, to grieve, to remember your beautiful Mom.

I am struggling "Big time" at the moment, but constantly remind myself that we will be reunited with your Mom someday.

I love you Champ.

Reminiscing, the precious years with your Mom . . .

Love, Granny

Sandy - September 18, 2009 at 07:39 PM

SA

“ Sweet memories are what clears the unreal pain of loss, of missing someone so precious. When the pain is intense, the longing to hug, talk and share time with Carmen gets overwhelming, I focus on the cross, on the promises of God. Also focus on Shane, an incredible gift from Heaven We will reunite, we will see Carmen again and we will rejoice and sing praises, together to our Father.

Sandy - September 06, 2009 at 08:56 PM

SA

“ Words of Wisdom : ***Shane***
Shane and I decided to go to the Bearcreek Park and enjoy a picnic and then challenge each other to a swinging contest. We sat, holding hands, and he prayed . . . He thanked God for many things and then he said, "God, thank you for the most powerful part of the body ... the heart!" "We have You in our heart" Amen. Wow, this young man KNOWS what is important in life. Praying he continues to love the Lord with all his heart, as we know Carmen did.

Sandy - September 01, 2009 at 11:31 PM

SA

“ Darling Shane, wonderful news . . . I received a call from the Organ & Tissue donor Ins. and they advised us that there was a perfect match, meaning someone was going to be blessed because Mommy was a donor. When you read this one day, you will realise all over again, how amazing she was. An amazing Mom, and amazing daughter and friend to all. I love you, Champ. Granny

Sandy - September 01, 2009 at 11:21 PM

KE

“ I have so so many wonderful memories with Carmen... I remember when she got pregnant with Shane who she called her little "Shaneken" after he was born we would always take Shane and Elijah to Mc Donalds and i used to tell her how crazy she was for letting the boys eat a ice cream cone in the car.. she said.... "well he wants it i cant tell him no" and it would be covering him his car seat her windows you name it... lol we would always go to Qt for whatever i drink of choice was for the week. She threw me my bachelorette party and made me a tshirt that she ironed on and personalized for me. we went to the lake and went jet skiing and had so much fun.... i remember the first time i had a sandwich at her house.... she opened a can of tuna put it on some bread and put it in this machine that like grilled it and put cheese all over the top of the bread... i thought she was going to burn the house down as the cheese melted all over it... it was the best thing ever and i made her make them for me all the time until one day she bought me my own maker. i never made them really after moving off. For some reason they never tasted as good as when she made them. I remember laying in the hammock with her and almost tipping out when she was pregnant... we just laughed and got back in. I miss Carmen so much....It feels like a ton of bricks is laying on my heart knowing that she is not here with us. knowing that i cant just pick up the phone and play catch up over the last few months and wait to hear her say something sarcastic to make me laugh. she always had a way to make any and every one laugh. she was always playing jokes on people or asking me to go in with her to do this or that to someone we knew just to see their reaction. she def had the best sense of humor and even if she was having a bad day she would still find the best in every situation.... I miss you Carmen... you will always be remembered. I PROMISED your mom a coffee or lunch date soon. I cant wait to see little "shaneken" XOXO~Kelly

KELLY EASTEP-YBLOOD - September 01, 2009 at 10:51 PM

KE

“Baby Shane..... your mom loved you more than anything in this entire world. She will always be watching over you. Her Time on Earth was so short but the impression she left on our hearts are going to last FOREVER and EVER. She will always live on in you. You will see her again one day (and your precious baby brother) and when you do it will be the greatest day of your life. Your new life where no one is sick or hurting. I love you sweet angel and I know you miss mommy but be a strong little guy and know that just because you cant see her anymore does not mean that she is not with you because she is ALWAYS with you baby.
Love Kelly

Kelly Eastep-Yblood - September 01, 2009 at 10:19 PM

SA

“Beautiful Carmen, you are, "all around me". At home, at the stores, at Quiktrip, at the park, at Church. Tough at the moment, because I selfishly miss you. Thanking God for the precious memories I have. Thanking Him for 24 year wonderful years. Carms, an angel of Heaven.

Sandy - August 17, 2009 at 09:43 PM

SA

“Oh how true is the following thought:
(Thank you Jerry) "It was better to have known Carmen, than not to have known her at all. And of course, it was better to have loved her, than not having loved her at all.

Sandy - August 04, 2009 at 07:44 PM

JJ

“ Dear Sandy: During the "passing" of my son, Michael, a good friend sent me a message (based on her son's sudden death), I never forgot the message and want to pass it on to you.....

It is better to have known Carmen, then to have never known her at all.

*Love,
Jerry*

Jerry Johnston - August 04, 2009 at 09:11 AM

KY

“ I have known Carmen and her family for a very long time. Carmen was such a beautiful caring person. I will always cherish and remember the memories I have with you and your family. I am so thankful that I was able to get to know you and Shane and your family. I will always remember the times you were there for me; you were a great person, a loving person. You helped me through a lot and I can not thank you enough for that. You always knew how to put a smile on everyone’s face and make us laugh. Your mother is the strongest woman I know and loves you very much. Shane is in good hands and will be watched over, promise. We all love you and miss you so very much. I love you and miss you. Love Always and Forever Krystalle Young.

Krystalle Young - August 03, 2009 at 08:01 PM

KA

“ I have known Carmen's mother for the past few years and I loved sharing time talking about our families. I had never gotten to meet Carmen in person, but felt as though I knew Carmen through my talks with Sandy. I was blessed to know the joy, love, and sweet-spirit that Carmen possessed and brought to Sandy's life. I could feel and see the blessing Carmen was to all through Sandy. I truly feel blessed to have been touched by this extraordinary family.

Karol Adrion - July 24, 2009 at 12:57 PM

KW

“ Memories of Carmen will be cherished and live on in all with whom she shared love with.

Keith Wallace - July 24, 2009 at 11:01 AM

MM

“ Shane, I did not get to know your Mom like I thought I would have an opportunity to do because her time with us was so short. What I do know is that she loved you very much and looks forward to seeing you again some day in the presence of the Lord. Your Mom was devoted to you, as is your Granny, and both want you to grow up to be a fine Christian young man. Always cherish the memory of your Mom and make her proud of you!

Mike McKinney - July 22, 2009 at 12:03 PM

SA

“ Thanking God for healing the grieving heart --- through friends and family. And, --- through Shane! Last night, Shane shared with me how he and Carmen would often play lego. He was smiling as he shared the memory. Carmen always put Shane first, there was nothing "urgent" in her life, what was more "important", was spending time with her son (ie. dinner could wait, time with Shane was of the essence). What a beautiful Mother she was, Shane will cherish the memories he had with her.

Sandy - July 20, 2009 at 05:47 PM

JS

“ Ps 139:16-17 Tell us that all our days are recorded in God's book. Every minute is laid out and His thoughts about me are precious.

It's hard to believe this when someone we love so much has been taken from us in death.

For now just rest in the promise that God loves you and is with you thru even the toughest times in our lives. There will come a time when He will bring healing and peace.

Blessings to you and all your family.

Jan Short - July 20, 2009 at 12:58 PM

CT

“ Carmon we remember you as a bright & beautiful young girl. Sandy God be with you and your grandson Shane, cherish every memory you have of Carmon.

Chris & Pat Tonkin - July 20, 2009 at 03:36 AM

GS

“ *Carmon our memories of you in Benoni was when you were still a young little girl. Always with a smile on your face. Now you are one of Gods angels watching over your loved ones.*

Gail & Stacy - July 20, 2009 at 03:19 AM

GR

“ *Dear Carmen,*

Even though we knew each other in a distant place and time, I hold you very close to my heart, and I will always consider myself very privileged to have had a cousin like you.

Love Grant

Grant - July 19, 2009 at 06:53 PM

MF

“ *As a neighbor I got to see Carmen often. She always had a smile and a big greeting for everyone she met. She was always kind and gentle. Her love was that little baby Shane. I loved to see her interact with him whenever she was around.*

Shane was a very loved child and someday he will get to see his mom again in heaven so he can thank her for such great love and devotion.

Mona Ford - July 17, 2009 at 04:24 PM

SA

“ *Sweet precious Carmen, you are free of limitations, free of mortality, free of the earthly bonds that shackle us and weigh so heavy against us. Free to soar on wings like eagles. So thankful for all you taught me, gave me, all the wonderful memories.*

Sandy - July 17, 2009 at 11:53 AM

DS

“ Carmen was always a sweet girl. I remember her from when she was a new born baby. As she grew up, all her friends loved her and all the adults commented on how gorgeous she was. She grew up and had her own baby - Shane, and everyone loves him too. Carmen was a blessing in this life.

Des Steyn - July 17, 2009 at 09:53 AM

LR

“ She was such a beautiful shining example of motherhood

Leon Roberts - July 17, 2009 at 06:54 AM

BS

“ I remember your mother when she came to Texas as a beautiful young girl, shy and sweet.
She loved her son more than anything in this world and would want you, Shane, to always know that.

Betty Stone - July 16, 2009 at 08:15 PM

DW

“ Shane,
I didn't know your Mother but I know your Granny Sandy and I know how much she loved your mother. Like your Granny I know your Mom was a very SPECIAL women and a wonderful Mom and she loved you very much. Even though you are young you will have wonderful memories of her through you family.

Dave & Jone Wilson - July 16, 2009 at 05:58 PM

KE

“ *The beauty of Carmen went far beyond the surface, though few could compare to the dark hair and ivory complexion. Her heart showed itself in the deeds of her hands, the gracious words from her lips (with the voice of an angel) and the deep love she had for her family!*

Kim Engelbrecht - July 16, 2009 at 02:19 PM

SA

“ *Another sweet memory: Whenever Carmen and I were at the store, shopping for shoes (sometimes ... well most times, we were only "looking"), if I liked a pair but could'nt decide on the color choice, she would say, "buy both", or, "buy all three, you are gonna need them". Needless to say, I have many, MANY, shoes. Dare not take inventory on them.*

Sandy - July 16, 2009 at 12:46 PM

SA

“ *I have so much to be thankful for, Carmen taught me so much, and will continue doing so, from afar. Her compassion, her patience, her positive attitude, her zest for life . . . lives on, through comments I hear daily, from family and friends. Shane has many of her qualities, so Carmen continues to be in our midst, living through him. It gives me solace knowing where she is. It soothes and nourishes me. We hurt for ourselves -- for the loss of someone so precious, but Carmen feels no pain, just amazing joy. The song, "I can only imagine" comes to mind. I remember, we would often contemplate, asking each other, "what we we do when we see Jesus"? Carmen would always reply, "Mom, I believe I will act out all that is in the song". That means, she fell down on her knees, she cried, she laughed with joy, she danced in front of Jesus. I believe she is still dancing, still laughing, and will continue to do so, till we are joyously reunited!*

Sandy - July 16, 2009 at 12:13 PM

JD

“ I remember Carmen as a beautiful little girl, she left Benoni, grew into a beautiful young woman and then sadly she wasgone

jean van Druten - July 16, 2009 at 08:14 AM

SA

“ Shane, I don't even know where to begin but I'm writing this in hope that one day when you read this you will know just how much I loved both your mom and you. She was one of the best friends I have ever had and although I wasn't always around as often as I would have liked to be you have both always been in my heart. I remember visiting your Mom at the hospital the day you were born and feeling so proud of her and how happy she was holding you and being surrounded by the rest of your family who had anxiously been awaiting your arrival, everyone fell instantly in love with you. I had so many funny and happy times with your Mom, too many to count, and many of those memories include you. Your mom would probably have made fun of all the sappy things I am saying but they are all true! I am saddened every day when I remember I will not see her again and that you never got more time with her but I know she lives on in you and you are surrounded by a wonderful family and that Sandy, Warren, Candice and Richard will be there to tell you all the stories and remind you of her” (Carmen I miss you so much but I am so thankful for our friendship, thinking of you everyday- Sam xxx)

Samantha - July 16, 2009 at 07:41 AM

LM

“ Shane,
I never had the privilege of knowing your mom, Carmen, but I felt like I knew her through her precious mother. Your grandma's face lit up whenever she spoke of your mom and YOU! Your mom was passionately loved and will always live in your heart and will live in the hearts of others forever!

You are loved,

lisa mccarty

Lisa McCarty - July 16, 2009 at 07:40 AM

BM

“ *Dear Sandy, Candice, Richard, Shane and Keith.
It is with such sorry I learned of Carmen's untimely passing.*

To the family, I know that wherever Carmen is now, she is at peace and looks down to the world below and those whom she knew with boundless love.

To Carmen, I have very fond memories which I will always cherish of you as this young girl growing up in Benoni, always the shy one.

May you rest in peace, for where you have gone death no longer exists.

*With much, much love
Barry Meyer*

Barry Meyer - July 16, 2009 at 04:25 AM

AB

“ *Shane although we have never met you.. take this with you where ever you go... your Mom, was a precious, gorgeous, loving, always willing and smiling.. she loved her family and loved animals soo much!! keep her precious love and care in your heart forever... it will never fade, and know that she was loved by all.. she will remain in our hearts for safekeeping forever. Steve & Ash xxx*

Ashley & Steve v d Bergh - July 16, 2009 at 03:18 AM

SA

“ *The first time I met Carmen was my sophomore year of high school. Carmen was the first friend I made after moving here, and we shared what we liked to call our “South African bond”. Carmen was very outgoing, welcoming and made my first day of school much easier than I had hoped it to be. I will never forget passing notes and how much trouble we got into for constantly talking in class. Carmen was the kind of friend that would always be there through the good times as well as the bad and helped me through many hard times in my life. Carmen made friends where ever she went and also introduced me to great friends of ours Brooke, and Brittany. Carmen we love you and miss you and will remember the good times forever.*

Memories we will never forget:

• How much she loved writing notes to classmates when she should have been listening to the teacher

• Skipping pep rallies together

• How she loved playing match maker with all of her friends

• Sneaking in and out of her bedroom window late at night, hoping we would never get caught

• Late night shopping trips to Wal-Mart

• Friday nights going to the dollar movies

• Our first girls night out in Dallas, 2004 and getting lost will always be a night to remember

• Her being outgoing, fun, adventurous, and there never being a dull moment with her

Samantha - July 15, 2009 at 04:52 PM

BR

“ Brooke:

The first time I met Carmen was freshman year in high school. She was the first friend I have ever had from outside of the country. She was one of a kind; no one could ever replace her. She always made me laugh when my days where good or bad. I could never forget going to wall-mart and Carmen convincing me to let her sit in the shopping cart while getting food. Carmen was a great friend to have and anyone that did not get the chance to know her missed out on knowing a great person. Carmen you will be missed and loved by lots of people but will never be forgotten. I love you and miss you deeplyâ€¦.

Brooke - July 15, 2009 at 04:50 PM

SA

“ *Sweet, sweet Carmen, your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart. You were a gift for such a little while, and the loss is so great. I think of you constantly --- in silence and I often speak your name. Photographs of you are everywhere around my home, and your beautiful face is "etched" in my mind. So very thankful for the precious years you were with us.*

Sandy - July 15, 2009 at 04:10 PM

SA

“ Darling Shane,
Through the trials of my life, the Lord has taught me many things.
He has taught me that there is NOTHING that I cannot get through if
only I lean on His strength. He has taught me that although I WILL
have tribulations on this Earth... He has already won the victory! He
has overcome this world and all of it's struggles. I only need to put
ALL of my trust in Him!
I pray, as you grow in Him, you will put ALL your trust in Him!
Love you, Champ.

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**Sandy** - July 14, 2009 at 11:51 PM

MB

“ Amazing Carmen, I met you a couple of times. My first time to meet  
you was when your mom had her Mary Kay debut party. You and a  
friend came and supported your mom. I know that you were so  
proud of her as she stepped into the pink world of Mary Kay. Mary  
Kay's mission for her company was to "enrich women's lives". I think  
that you must have enriched many lives in your short time that God  
had you on this earth. You had a great example of a selfless, giving,  
compassionate, servant in your mother, Sandy. I am sure you  
displayed those same qualities to enrich the lives of all who knew  
and loved you. You are missed for the time being, but will be  
reunited with those know our Lord Jesus. What a great reunion in  
the sky it will be!  
Marsha Benda

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**Marsha Benda** - July 14, 2009 at 10:07 PM

SA

“ Oh Carms, this morning Shane woke up at 4am, and said, "Granny, please hold me", I held him so tightly, tears streaming, and a heart bursting, I prayed God's protection over him. And again, thanked God for the incredible blessing that you gave to us ----- Shane! Through Shane, we will continue to love you, and hold you very close in our hearts. Precious, beautiful Carmen, we love you ...

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**sandy** - July 13, 2009 at 01:10 PM

SA

“ Oh, today has been a tough one, but each time I felt overwhelmed by thought, God came to the rescue . . .

*At just the right time ----*

*Someone would call, or; .....*

*a text message from Candice or Richard; a call from Shane; a text message from a friend; a reminder of nature, whether feeling the warmth of the sun on my arms or face; a light gust of wind; seeing flowers or trees; one of my dogs would lick my hand or face; finding a note from Richard; s song would play . . . ("I can only imagine. . . ") is playing right now.*

*Each and every time, God is so "visible", I can "feel" His presence. He is aslo making it possible to "see" Carmen in my every-day activities, and numbing the pain. Till we meet again.*

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**Sandy** - July 13, 2009 at 01:01 PM

WA

“ *Carmen*  
*So beautiful*  
*So loved*  
*So young*  
*So missed*  
*Wati*

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**wati** - July 10, 2009 at 05:05 PM

SA

“ *Carmen is present wherever I go. Memories of yesterday will always be with me, and will be cherished. Her beautiful smiling face is "sketched", vividly, in my mind.*

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**Sandy** - July 09, 2009 at 05:50 PM

“ *A fathers tribute to an amazing daughter*

*I was blessed with fatherhood, not in the natural way, but in a manner blessed by God and a commitment between two people who love each other very much. Carmen and I shared this special kind of love.*

*Carmen had a sensitivity like no other and I believe that she was loaned to me by God because he knew that I would need her at the low times in my life. It was uncanny how Carmen was able to sense these times and to be there and send messages of love, which were uniquely delivered in her special way, guaranteed to uplift and leave a tear in my eye at the same time.*

*Carmen was a gifted writer and blessed those she sent messages to with her creative writing skills. She had a great sense of humor. She amused us with her stories and made us laugh at her impersonations and expressions. She brought great joy into our lives with the birth of our first grandchild and was a devoted, loving mother to Shane who is a beautiful, bright, energetic 6 year old who is the light of our lives.*

*I will cherish the memories we shared Carm and will remember you for many things but most especially for your beautiful smile, caring nature and amazing tenderness. We may be parted for a short time but because of our faith will reunite again. In the meantime I will hold onto your love, your messages and the card that I have been told I will receive on Fathers day with both hands and will cherish them until I see your beautiful smile again.*

*I love you Carm  
Dad*

SA

“ Another precious memory: Something that we often did was, going to Bear Creek Park for a "chat 'n cappuccino". We would feed the ducks and geese. Then Shane would play on the jungle gym, and later we would all swing. I can still "hear" the laughter, and see Carmen smiling. She was ALWAYS smiling. Oh boy, I miss her.

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**Sandy** - July 06, 2009 at 11:01 PM

SA

“ Another funny and precious memory: Each year, before Halloween, (in Wal\*Mart store), Carmen and I would try on different masks, to out-scare each other, and have Shane laughing, oblivious to all the other shoppers around us. The laughter and fun times we shared will always be cherished.GYRD

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**Sandy** - July 02, 2009 at 04:05 PM

CA

“ I dont know what to type right now, my heart is so heavy and i have still not accepted there will be no tomorrow for me to see you again. My heart breaks that your precious son lost the best thing he ever had. YOU. I have never met a better mother, you are an inspiration. I Love You. ALWAYS

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**candice** - June 30, 2009 at 11:48 PM

HS

“ *It was my pleasure to meet Carmen twice at encounters with her and Sandy. Time did not permit getting to know Carmen well but I observed her to be a pretty, well mannered and pleasant young woman. I believe Carmen's personality was like Sandy's, kind, loving, fun-loving, and a deep love for God.*

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**Helen Simpson** - June 29, 2009 at 05:32 PM

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“ *Shane: I remember the MANY MANY times that we would be at the store and your Mommy would place her items that she needed, aside, so that she could pay for a toy that you wanted. She loved you so much, and that is just a glimpse of how much God loves you! Love you Champ, Granny.*

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**Sandy (Granny)** - June 29, 2009 at 02:12 PM

PP

“ Carmen worked for me at a few houses that I cleaned. She was a big help and I remember she always had a smile and a kind word. I know that she loved her family. She would call her mom just say I love you and also to see if she needed coffee or anything. Carmen was a great woman and mom. She will be greatly missed.

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**Pamela Pittman** - June 29, 2009 at 06:46 AM

RU

“ We thank God that we had the privilege of meeting and knowing Carmen. What a lovely young girl she was as we knew her. We know she brought joy and pride to her parents and was a wonderful Mum to Shane. She was one of three siblings and made the unit complete. She was loving and full of fun. We will miss her for ever. May God look after her until we meet one day.

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**Roland & Michelle Urmson** - June 29, 2009 at 06:30 AM

DK

“ I was not able to get to know Carmen as much as I would of liked. It makes me sad not being able to experience what an amazing person she was. I do have a special memory of Carmen. It was fun going out to eat for Shane's 6th birthday and observing the way she truly cared for her son; helping him cut up his food and opening his gifts. Not only a wonderful mother but a great friend as well. Watching her interact with her mother and Warren. Her and Richard exchanging private smirks was adorable. I really do wish I could have spent more time really getting to know you, Carmen!! You will be missed and are VERY loved. We are always going to watch over Shane and give him all the love he deserves.  
-Danielle Kelton

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**Danielle Kelton** - June 29, 2009 at 06:22 AM

JR

“ *I didn't know Carmen, except for Sandy's stories. I'm sure she was as precious and loving and generous a friend as Sandy is. I am so sorry for your losses!*

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**Jana Renfro** - June 27, 2009 at 10:50 AM

SA

“ *\*\*\* \* \*\*\* Carmen \*\*\* \* \*\*\**

*You were an angel on Earth, and now, an angel forever !*

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**Sandy** - June 27, 2009 at 10:08 AM

SA

“ *Precious memories, we know will erase the pain. Oh, Carms, I love you, & feel your presence everywhere I go, at home, Church, the park, Wal\*Mart, at every store or our favorite restaurants, school, QuikTrip -- the aroma of cappuccino brings wonderful memories of our daily time, together, our heart-to-heart talks, trials & victories, our dreams and goals. You Carmen, are always in my heart. Sat. 06.27.09*

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**Sandy** - June 27, 2009 at 09:29 AM

S(

“ *To Shane: Precious memories we cherish, will erase the pain through the years, but never the love and joy shared by your Mom. You are loved and your Mommy is watching you from Heaven. As you grow older, may the Lord draw you with cords of love and everlasting arms of grace into His presence daily, so that you can experience the love of the Father God that your Mommy experienced and share the same love with others. I love you, Champ !*

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**Sandy (Granny)** - June 27, 2009 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ *Such wonderful memories of all of us in Benoni with our little children - birthday parties, church, VBS, visiting for tea at each other's houses. Carmen was a beautiful little girl who grew up into a beautiful young woman. She is safe with her Heavenly Father and Jesus and her little one.*  
*Hamba Gahle, Carmen.*

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**Sharon Howden** - June 27, 2009 at 06:44 AM

LM

“ *We love Sandy!*

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**Larry & Pam Murphy** - June 26, 2009 at 09:14 PM

TH

“ *The wonderful holiday we spent with you all in Kella when we came to the States. It was great to get to know all the family.*

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**Thelma Holdt** - June 25, 2009 at 10:13 AM

DD

“ *In loving memory of 'Carmie'*

*If tears of lost years could build a stairway to heaven, we would walk straight up and bring you home.*

*No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before you knew how much we loved and cared for you, God alone knows why.*

*Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears will flow, What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.*

*God has you in his keeping, we will forever have you in our heart and soul.*

*We have and always will, love you dearly*

*Dad and Debs*

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**Dad and Debbie** - June 25, 2009 at 08:51 AM

BS

“ *Carmen was the sweetest little baby, I remember her chubby little legs when she used to lay in her carrycot, I loved kissing her in her sweet smelling little neck. My memories of her as a little girl was a gentle, shy and the softest heart. What a beautiful girl she turned out to be. Love aunty Barbs xx*

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**Barbara Simpson** - June 25, 2009 at 08:18 AM

AH

“ I met Carmen briefly once outside my house but had the good fortune of having Shane in my house while his grandmother, Sandy, was painting. He had a good time taking the toys out of a closet that had never been organized - I never found the time, and after 6 years I gave up hope. I would not allow Sandy to pick up the all the toys that blocked the hall because I needed the motivation to get that closet organized. Today, thanks to Shane, I have a neat and tidy toy closet.

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**Annette Hendon** - June 24, 2009 at 10:07 PM

BH

“ Oh how we see the goodness of God as we look at the beautiful face of his beloved creation, Carmen. Though I only met her once, she walked in grace and sensativity and when life's challenges became too difficult to bear, she chose to go home to be with her heavenly daddy. He is holding her now and they are dancing on streets of gold. together. What a wonderful hope we have that we will see her again in paradise one day.

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**Brenda Huckins** - June 24, 2009 at 03:59 PM

MD

“ Although we did not know Carmen very well we mourn with her mother/my friend Sandy. We are so sorry for the loss. We pray that you will find strength in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love you  
Martie and John

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**Martie & John D'Alton** - June 24, 2009 at 03:25 PM

L(

“ I knew Carmen as a very young child when she was still in South Africa. Her parents Sandy and Keith were very good friends of mine. I was shocked to hear the news via my mom, Veronique. Please know that you are all in our thoughts at this time.

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**Lianne Mitchley (Hirst)** - June 24, 2009 at 01:17 PM

PB

“ Eventho we only met you once, we were amazed at your beauty. You were very sweet and kind when you came to our house with your mother. Delight in the Lord.

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**Pat & Claude Benney** - June 24, 2009 at 09:40 AM

BB

“ I only met Carmen once but she showed great love and protective tendencies toward her mother, Sandy. She was a beautiful young woman that you could tell loved her mother deeply. Now she watches over her beloved Mother from above.

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**Belva Brodin** - June 24, 2009 at 08:36 AM

MF

“ Carmen was such a beautiful little girl. When she was born I told her mother that it was evident she would grow into an even more beautiful young woman and that was true. My memories of Carmen was that she enjoyed the birthday parties the children had but was never loud or naughty. May Shane know in years to come that he was so very blessed to have Carmen as his beloved mother. How sorely missed she will be. My love and prayers are with you Sandy, Candice and Richard

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**Mary Anne Fisher** - June 24, 2009 at 02:47 AM

JW

“ Always remember the fun times that way you will keep smiling and know that God is there.

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**Jenny Wilson** - June 24, 2009 at 12:28 AM

L(

“ Carmen was such a beautiful girl with a heart of gold. The most important thing in her life was her son, Shane. She was such a wonderful Mother and a blessing to all who knew her.

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**Linda Roberts (Nana)** - June 24, 2009 at 12:22 AM

DD

“ Although I only knew Carmen as a tiny little one, I know her mom, Sandy. I heard the news from the other side of the world and know there are loved ones spread all over the globe because of the love of God. May he watch over you now.  
Blessings and hugs,  
Deb Sheasby Dutton

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**Deb Dutton** - June 24, 2009 at 12:16 AM

AH

“ We remember Carmen from the time she fell down from heaven into our hearts -- as a little baby. She was beautiful from the beginning! We watched her grow over the years until she and her family emigrated to Texas. Our loss in South Africa was America's gain! We would love to meet Shane some day. We know that his mommy loved him deeply!

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**Al & Donna Horne** - June 23, 2009 at 11:32 PM

LS

“ Carmen was a lovely young woman who loved her family very much. Shane was the light of her life and her joy. It's always so hard to understand when a life is cut short but I know she is in God's hands and singing with the angels. May God continue to bless and keep you all.

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**Linda Sharp** - June 23, 2009 at 11:18 PM

MG

“ Tho I did not know you, I know you must have been wonderful and only because your mom is. I will miss the memories that could have been and I wish you all the happiest that you are surely finding in heaven. May God bless and comfort your family  
Mark Gee

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**Mark Gee** - June 23, 2009 at 10:40 PM

CL

“ We didn't know Carmen, but we do know her sweet, precious mother. Carmen, we pray for God's comforting Arms to stay wrapped around your mother and your son. You are missed greatly by your sweet family.  
Our love in Christ,  
Alan and Cindy

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**Cindy Lukehart** - June 23, 2009 at 10:04 PM

CR

“ I never knew your Mom but I KNOW your Grandmother Sandy. She was always talking about you and Carmen and how precious you both were to her. Your Mom was more than a daughter but a best friend to Sandy, my friend.

Know we all grieved with you and your family and at the memorial we were all touched by the message, the video in honor of your little brother, Nathan. I know he would have loved having a big brother like you!

You are in our prayers and we will continue to ask God to give you His grace to be listening to His voice because it is God's empowering presence which will enable you to live as God created you to live and to do all that God has called you to do in life on this earth. It is not your ability but your availability because it is His ability in you that will make you the man God is calling you to be.

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**Clint & Carole Roxburgh** - June 23, 2009 at 09:15 PM

SA

“ Cherishing 24 years of precious memories with Carmen!

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**Sandy** - June 23, 2009 at 06:45 PM