



Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas

October 7, 2003 - December 23, 2013

On December 23, 2013, Heaven welcomed Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas.

Born October 7, 2003 in South Charleston, Payton was the daughter of Michael and Lindsay Thomas. She was a third grade student at Ruffner Elementary School, Charleston and enjoyed the outdoors, basketball and hiking with her Dad.

Preceding her in death are her grandfather, Rondel Thomas, her great-grandmother, for whom she is named, Beatrice Jordan, her great-grandparents, Charles and Jenny Burgess and her cousin, Jason Workman.

In addition to her parents, Payton is survived by her brother, Michael, II; her grandparents, Rick and Kim Burgess, June Thomas all of St. Albans; her uncles and aunts, Amanda Thomas and her children, Chelsea and Courtney of Pinch, Merianne and Boots Starkey and their children, Lindsay, Erica and Nicholas Starkey of St. Albans, Melissa Hull of St. Albans and Sony Hull of Charlotte, NC and their son, Paul, Kelly and Jamie McClure and their children, James and Tesla and her children, Aria and Callie all of Winfield, Lindsey and Vincent Huffman and their children, Cameryn, James, Zachary, Abi and Chloe of Elkview, Mike Goldsberry and his child, Tyler of Hurricane, Ricky Burgess, Jr., Renee and her children, Mia and Anthony all of St. Albans.

A celebration of Payton's life will be held at 3pm Monday, December 30, 2013 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family.

The Payton Thomas Memorial Fund, in care of, United Bank, 500 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301 has been set up to assist the family.

Cemetery Details

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Walton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
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Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *wow, its been almost 11 years. I can't believe it. since Mrs Jarvis class. can still hear you singing “ to the windowwww to the wall “*

zariya - November 06, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *8 years is a long time. I remember when you used to come to my house almost every day in Indian Head. You were always welcome there. I'm forever saddened by this tragedy. I hope you're up there with an endless supply of Cheese-Itz, the snack you always wanted. Much love sweet girl*

Olivia McCoy - December 23, 2021 at 12:11 PM



Thank You for the kind words Olivia~Sincerely her brother

Andrew Thomas - April 11, 2023 at 12:45 PM

LT

“ Every day that goes by I think about my beautiful baby girl. Payton would be 14yrs old now. Me,her father and brother site and wonder how Payton would be today. How tall would she be if she would have long hair. If she would still be a big tomboy. Would she have had her first kiss. We think about everything possible. I do know not think but know she would be extremely beautiful smartphone and embishes. Payton would have become a very successful women in life. I can't believe it has been 4yrs since I have seen her face and I would give anything to see it one last time. We love you baby girl and mommy,daddy,and bubby miss you very very much. Thank you for being my daughter.

Lindsay Thomas - March 17, 2018 at 07:58 AM

LT

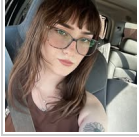
Hey baby girl I'm not sure if you get to see mawmaw kim or not. She passed away January 8th 2019. You and uncle mike and cousin Vince should be all together now. Make sure you keep those two out of trouble. I love you so very much. I miss you everyday of my life. I hope I get to see you sooner than later. Daddy and bubby miss you too and love you very much.

Lindsay thomas - June 07, 2019 at 09:28 PM

SP

I'm sorry to hear about your mom. I just saw news about a 3 year old down the street that accidentally shot and killed himself with his dad's gun. And I just thought about Pey. I so hope that you are doing well now.

Samantha Parker - August 15, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ Hey Payton, I still think of you, a lot...you were my best friend in third grade...I always just find myself at this sight, reading all of the sweet heart warming comments from your friends and family...I wanted to thank you for being there for people when they needed someone...You never forgotten...4 years later I still wish we were friends...I will always remember you and never will forget you~ your old friend, Abby

Abby McCormick - July 28, 2017 at 12:31 AM

MS

“ Aunt Memare loves and misses you so very much Payton ! My Little "Question Girl"; now I'm thinking that the reason you asked so many questions, is because you needed to store as much information as possible in your short 10 years here on earth !! Godspeed Baby Girl, GODSPEED !

merianne starkey - June 19, 2015 at 01:12 AM

NB

“ Payton, I never had the honor of meeting you in this life, I am friends with your older brother, Michael, and I know that you were deeply loved by many. I know you will be grieved, and I hope that you will flourish in heaven. Love, Nicole Bird

Nicole Bird - September 13, 2014 at 05:14 PM

AT

“ Payton, I do not know you but I am an art teacher of third graders and I love them all so much. I am saddened to hear a dear third grader has left this earth, but rejoice with your family that you are walking with God in heaven right now. I will be praying that your family is comforted by the peace of God during these tough times. Again, I don't know the family, but felt compelled to leave a note.

art teacher - January 03, 2014 at 10:38 PM

ME

“ I am the Awana Commander at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church in Elkview. Our Awana family is so sorry for your loss. We were so privileged to have Payton in our club whenever she was able to visit. We will be praying for your family during this time. May God bring you great comfort and hope.

Sincerely,
Mark Elkins
(on behalf of all our Awana Leaders)

Mark Elkins - December 30, 2013 at 11:35 PM

PA

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss, payton was such a sweet girl, my heart breaks for your family, please extend my condolences to the family and friends of Payton :(

Pat - December 30, 2013 at 10:30 PM

KL

“ Peyton, I never knew you, or met you. You have touched my heart, with your beautiful smile. It is so sad that your life ended so soon, but God needed an Angel, so he chose a special person like you. I have a granddaughter that is 12, I know your families hearts are breaking, you will always be with them. To the family, I pray that you will find comfort and peace in knowing, that your beautiful Peyton, is in heaven dancing with the Angels, and in the arms of Jesus.

Kathy Lowe

Kathy Lowe - December 30, 2013 at 07:24 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas



Carol - December 30, 2013 at 06:58 PM

CF

“ Campbell Family lit a candle in memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas



Campbell family - December 29, 2013 at 08:34 PM

CF

May God bless you all. We will remember that beautiful smile and twinkle in Payton's eyes. She is a special angel.

Campbell family - December 29, 2013 at 08:38 PM

MC

“ I work at Ruffner Elementary School as a kindergarten aide,. Everyday I would see Payton at breakfast or in the hall she would always have a smile on her face. She was a sweet girl who had many friends. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Mary Cook - December 29, 2013 at 05:42 PM

ZC

“ *Zoey (Mrs. Goldsmith's Class) lit a candle in memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas*



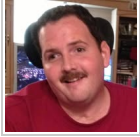
Zoey (Mrs. Goldsmith's class) - December 29, 2013 at 10:15 AM

LH

“ Share a memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas, or send a condolence to the family...

Payton was such a tomboy and feared nothing. She loved the outdoors and her and her dad would hike up the creek for hours. She loved to come and visit the kids and although I have three daughters it was my two sons James and Zachary that she was most excited about spending time with especially Zach. I remember her standing by the bathroom door waiting for him to come out they were inseparable when she was here. I don't think there is a square foot of this sixty acres she didn't explore. Her and the boys loved hiking to the top of the mountain to feed or pet our horse honestly she was probably trying to ride her bare back because that was Payton. If the mail needed checked when she was here she was your girl because she knew it was a country hike. She loved the kids dirt track for their motorcycles and dune buggy her and the boys would take turns jumping the dune buggy through the mud, at the end of the day being dirty and having boo boos meant she had a successful day. My son had grown out of a pair of his cowboy boots and let Payton have them and although they were a little too big she wore them with everything her mother had to sneak them boots away. I came down and her mom said here take these Payton is wearing them with pants and shorts even to school I laughed and said naaaa she can have them so Payton. She was outspoken and bold for such a young girl always calling me Lindsey Valen. Payton I love you so much yesterday, tomorrow and eternity.....love Lindsey Valen

Lindsey Valen Huffman - December 28, 2013 at 09:56 PM



“ *Mary Riggins lit a candle in memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas*



Mary Riggins - December 28, 2013 at 07:49 PM

CW

“ *To Payton's Family:
I am deeply saddened to hear the tragic news of Payton's death. Our child attended her school and was in the same grade. She remembers her as a very sweet person. I cannot imagine anything more devastating and heartbreaking than the loss of a child. Our thoughts go out also to your other child, Michael, whom I am told was close in age to Payton. We are out of town and will not be able to attend the service. But, your family are and will remain in our thoughts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Judge Carrie Webster and Family*

carrie webster - December 28, 2013 at 02:35 PM

LI

“ *Libby lit a candle in memory of Payton McKenzie-Bea Thomas*



Libby - December 27, 2013 at 03:41 PM

JA

“ *Janine lit a candle in memory of Payton
McKenzie-Bea Thomas*



Janine - December 27, 2013 at 01:25 PM



“ *Vickie Rice lit a candle in memory of Payton
McKenzie-Bea Thomas*



Vickie Rice - December 27, 2013 at 10:32 AM