



Lindsay Marie Lewis

April 26, 1986 - March 28, 2012

Lindsay Marie Lewis, 26, died quietly at home in Tallahassee on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Born in Miami on April 26, 1985, her life was beset from infancy with a rare mitochondrial disorder that left her deaf, legally blind, and unable to walk. Her family's desire for an effective treatment for Lindsay's condition took them to specialists far and wide. While their efforts did not result in a cure for her, she lived well beyond the projected life span of a person with this condition. And in spite of the physical ravages of this incurable disease, Lindsay had a zest for life that never waned. She never met a person she didn't like, and her love for people shone on her face every day of her life.

She spent her formative years in Miami, attending school at Blue Lakes, Tropical and Auburndale elementary schools. When her family moved to Tallahassee in 1998, she attended Swift Creek Middle School and Lincoln High School. At age 22, Lindsay proudly graduated from high school.

Lindsay understood that she had obstacles not confronted by most of the other people in her life, but she pushed herself to the limits of her abilities. She loved helping people and doing productive work, and for the last several years she folded and stuffed envelopes for all of the membership renewals for the Tallahassee Museum. She loved attending all kinds of sporting events with her family, and was a devoted and wildly enthusiastic Miami Hurricanes fan.

Lindsay loved showing off her beautiful jewelry, and always insisted upon being impeccably attired when going out to dinner with her family and friends. She went everywhere her family went, from the tennis tournaments in which her older sister Elle participated, to business trips with her father, to wonderful vacations with the entire family, to trips with her mom to Publix to tease and be teased by the grocery clerks. She loved to laugh and was always in the middle of the celebration, whatever the celebration was! Lindsay was wonderfully thoughtful and caring, and consistently tried to comfort those in pain, and to type computer notes to friends who suffered losses in their lives.

Her loss will affect many people, as did her life. She is survived by her devoted parents, Justice R. Fred and Judy Munc Lewis of Tallahassee. As well, she leaves to mourn her loss her beloved sister, Elle Lewis Anderson and her husband Clarke of Houston, Texas, and her young nieces Ellison and Evans Anderson of Houston, to whom she proudly proclaimed herself "Aunt Lindsay." And, of course, she leaves behind a legion of caring and thoughtful friends.

For those who wish to remember Lindsay, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Lindsay Marie Lewis Memorial Fund at the Miami Children's Hospital, 3100 SW 62nd Avenue, Miami FL 33155. Donations can also be made on-line at www.mchf.org/donate/index.aspx. A memorial service in celebration of Lindsay's life and loving, courageous, and giving spirit will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, 1700 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, at 6:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Service

APR 2. 6:00 PM (ET)

Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
1700 North Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Barbara Farmer lit a candle in memory of Lindsay Marie Lewis*



Barbara Farmer - April 19, 2012 at 09:02 AM

PI

“ *Dear Justice and Mrs. Lewis,*

My family and I have been sending thoughts and prayers your way during this difficult time of remembrance. Lindsay was a courageous person with an indomitable spirit, and she part of an extraordinarily loving family. I'm privileged to have known her and proud that she was a fellow Lincoln Trojan.

Love,

Preston, Mandie, Elijah, Grace, and Avery Odom

Preston O. Odom, III - April 04, 2012 at 08:08 AM

DW

“ Dear Justice and Mrs. Lewis and family,

Lindsay was beautiful! She had a wonderful sense of humor and a beaming smile. She always made me laugh, and she was so much fun to be with. She loved people and had a wide-eyed eagerness for living. She had a special gift to bring out the very best in me and she would challenge me to reach deep inside myself to come up with a way to explain the world around us. She taught all of us so much! She will forever remain an inspiration in my life! Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

Della White

Della White - April 03, 2012 at 09:32 AM

KF

“ Dear Justice and Mrs. Lewis, Elle, and family,

I was so fortunate to meet Lindsay twice during my time at the Court when she came by Justice Pariente's chambers to visit. She was a true delight and joy to be around. I was instantly drawn to her kind and loving spirit, which was so infectious. I also felt a connection to her because she and I appeared to share the same love for strangers. I am so sorry I cannot attend her service, but will be there in spirit. May you all find comfort in your beautiful memories.

With love and prayers from our family to yours,

Kristen, Jaime, and Nicholas Fiore

Kristen Fiore - April 02, 2012 at 01:48 PM

MF

“ *Maria Fender lit a candle in memory of Lindsay Marie Lewis*



Maria Fender - April 02, 2012 at 12:52 PM

MF

Lindsay was a ray of sunshine in the halls of our Court. Her smile will be missed.

maria Fender - April 02, 2012 at 12:55 PM

SO

“ *Lindsay was the sweetest person that I ever met. She shared her joy with everyone she met. May you be comforted by the loving difference she made in the world.*
Sincerely, Susan O'Halloran

Susan O'Halloran - April 02, 2012 at 08:07 AM

ML

“ *The Laughlin Family, Ed, Mary and Meredith in Miami Florida send their deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved daughter Lindsay. We fondly remember how you used to bring her to all of Ellie's state tournaments. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your entire family at this time.*

Sorry that I put this as a response to Michelle Ballard's tribute by mistake.

Meredith Laughlin - April 01, 2012 at 08:14 PM

AP

“ I have so many wonderful, happy memories of Lindsay. I loved her smile, her laugh, and her funny jokes. I loved how she thought everyone was beautiful. I loved her incredible work ethic and her desire for independence. I loved her memory and her ability to remember every gift you gave her and literally every story you shared. She had the best manners. Lindsay always asked about my girls and my dogs. She wanted to make sure everyone was ok and where they were. I loved seeing her dressed up on Halloween and her excitement on Christmas. I especially loved her birthdays!!! Lindsay was a kind and gentle spirit. She reminds me of everything good in this world. I will miss you with all of my heart and soul. Love Annette



Annette Boyd Pitts - April 01, 2012 at 05:13 PM

JV

Love this, I know that you and Lindsay had a special bond. Will miss her!

Jackie Viana - April 03, 2012 at 09:27 AM

EC

“ Dear Fred, Judy, Elle and Clarke, there are no right words that can help ease the pain and loss you are feeling at this moment. Lindsay was an angel that touched so many lives in so many ways. She taught all of us values that some times get lost along the way. The people that had the opportunity to spend time with Lindsay, were the fortunate ones. I know we were. My sweet Lindsay had a sense of style all of her own. I also know there is a little Irish guy that loved her so much. In my heart I know Lindsay can smell him now and feels safe. She knows he will take over the job of watching over her. So Fred, Judy, Elle and Clarke, rest assured Lindsay is in good hands, and probably buying her a new piece of jewelry and Lindsay is pulling on his arm saying P.J. smell my hair, and showing him her necklace. From the bottom of our hearts, that are breaking for your loss, we love you. Lindsay in her own way was larger than life itself. L.O. & P.J.

Eloise Carroll - March 30, 2012 at 03:00 PM

CC

“ Every time that I saw Lindsay, I was inspired by her indomitable spirit, zest for life, joy of simple things and devotion to her parents. She was a shining star and will remain shining bright upon all of us that ever knew her! Justice and Mrs. Lewis, Elle and family are all deep in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. I hope that the wonderful memories will help ease the pain. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!

With my sincere sympathy, Cynthia Cox



Cynthia L. Cox - March 29, 2012 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ Sweet Lindsay, you may have been the only person who loved Halloween more than I. Toby and I enjoyed the many years, holidays, and birthdays we were able to share with you. You were the kindest, most genuine person we have ever met, and we love you dearly. Your tenacity and joy for life inspired so many people. Our time together was far too short, but I will cherish our memories. As someone at the Court stated so beautifully, our loss is Heaven's gain.



Michelle Ballard - March 29, 2012 at 04:22 PM

EK

*The Kissane Family in Miami and Jacksonville send their deepest condolences to Judy, Fred, and Ellie on the passing of dear Lindsay. Memories of her visits to the UM Football Office are so fondly remembered. Love to all.
Ellen Kissane*

Ellen Kissane - March 30, 2012 at 07:48 AM

ML

The Laughlin Family, Ed, Mary and Meredith in Miami Florida send their deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved daughter Lindsay. We fondly remember how you used to bring her to all of Ellie's state tournaments. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your entire family at this time.

Meredith Laughlin - April 01, 2012 at 08:11 PM

LG

My fondest memory of Lindsay is the time I had dinner with her, Justice Lewis, Judy and Bob Butterworth in New York City, where we were attending a meeting. It was a freezing night, but we walked to and from the restaurant. Lindsay clearly delighted in the stroll through the New York streets, even as cold as it was. Not knowing Bob or me very well, she kept the dinner conversation lively with numerous questions about our lives, children and other topics. I don't think Lindsay ever met a stranger and her love of people was evident then and every other time I had the occasion to be with her. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lewis family as they grieve her loss and celebrate all the goodness and love she brought to all of us.

Lisa Goodner

Lisa Goodner - April 02, 2012 at 07:52 AM