



## Jody Hansen

July 15, 1964 - August 6, 2005

Mrs. Jody Hansen, age 41 of Alpharetta, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2005. She was a 5th grade elementary teacher for Gwinnett County and an All American Collegiate Swimmer. She is survived by her husband, James Hansen; three sons, Alex, Max, and Sam; her mother, Joyce Tanner of Forest City, NC; and sister, Amy Revis of Spindale, NC. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 8:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to your local Hospice organization. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell/Alpharetta 770-645-1414.

# Cemetery Details

## Sikorski Funeral Home

3630 West George Street  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

AUG 9. 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jody Hansen

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Jody. She was a wonderful swimmer. I swam behind her on the Hickory Seahorses. My thoughts go out to her children and family.##imported-begin##Angela Beaver Simmons##imported-end##

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September 14, 2005 at 04:05 PM



“ I was a parent with children on the Columbus, MS swim team when Jodie came as a teenager to swim. What a sweet and beautiful girl. My deepest sympathy to all of her family. She is in my prayers.##imported-begin##Gay Orr##imported-end##

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September 01, 2005 at 03:11 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Jody. I swam with her in Hickory in 1979. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Susan (Hanks) Brandon##imported-end##

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August 29, 2005 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Tanner and Amy,

*Cathy and I are so shocked and saddened by the news of Jodi's passing. She was so young and seemed so vibrant. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers along with Jodi's three young boys. It has been so long since Jodi was a part of our swimming family, but the memories transcend the time. Please keep in touch and remember there is a home in Hickory for you.*

*Love and prayers,  
Paul and Cathy##imported-begin##Paul and Cathy  
Schiffel##imported-end##*

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August 28, 2005 at 01:12 PM



“ Jody and I were next door neighbors in Owensboro when we were 6 years old. She was my best friend. We lost touch over the years and I'm real sorry she has passed away. I'll never forget the time we were swinging back and forth in tandem and we turned over the swing set. It was a sunny day and we laughed and laughed. I pray for those left behind. Mike##imported-begin##Mike  
Brown##imported-end##

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August 25, 2005 at 08:04 PM



“ *Im so sorry for your family's loss and am still in shock over the news. Jan called me and we recalled all the fun we had with Jody in Hickory during swim practice and high school. I took my daughter swimming at my mothers house yesterday and found a towel with Jody's name sewn on it and told my mom it had to stay at my house from now on...I rejoice in the fond memories of a wonderful person that we all we're able to share valuable time with and in the memories that will carry us through til we meet again. luv d.d., mark and lucy weaver##imported-begin##D.D. Ballenger Weaver##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2005 at 09:17 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Jody when she lived in Saudi Arabia. Alex and Max were little and full of life. We spent a lot of time together at the local pool and I also worked with her at the Internationl School. Her smile will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Gale Menicke##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2005 at 07:13 PM



“ I am so sad to hear about Jody. We were great friends during the years that she lived in Hickory. I have a photo album filled with her smiling face. I have so many fun, laughter-filled memories of my time with Jody. It's hard to imagine that this could happen to her.

*I pray that God will comfort her family during this tiime of grieving, and continue to remind them of the beautiful, kind, funny person that Jody truly was.*

*Jan Goodwin Muscarella  
Chandler, AZ##imported-begin##Jan Goodwin  
Muscarella##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2005 at 09:10 AM



“ Joyce, sorry I waited so long to contact you but I was so dumbfounded and lost for words. When Kelly called I couldn't belive the terrible news I was hearing. My heart and prayers go out to you, Amy and your familys. To Jim and the children I say remember Jody for the great person she was and always remember the good times. Joyce I can remember Grandmother Blades saying that losing a child was the worse thing in life a mother could endue so in remembering that my heart weeps for you and what you must be going through. You will remain in my prayers. To Jody I say GOD SPEED and may you forever swim in the cool clean crystal blue waters of HEAVEN.

*Tom and Trish Blades##imported-begin##Tom Blades##imported-end##*

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August 15, 2005 at 09:40 PM



“ Dear Family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Jody's untimely death. I am originally from Owensboro, Ky. and swam with Jody for many years. She was such an outstanding swimmer!*

*I have also been affected in a personal way by alcoholism. My late husband, Myron, died at age 42 from alcoholism. I am praying and thinking of your family during this very difficult time.*

*God Bless!*

*Valeria Hocker Ball###imported-begin##Valeria Hocker Ball###imported-end##*

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August 15, 2005 at 03:17 PM



“ Amy,

*It has been many years since I have thought about our Apollo swim team but when Steve and I were notified by Billy Ray Cartwright about Jody's death we wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Throughout our lives many people will come and go but in our memories they will always live on. May God bless you and give you peace.###imported-begin##Beth Terrell Darnell###imported-end##*

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August 15, 2005 at 09:38 AM



“ Dear Joyce and Amy. We just got the sad news about Jody and are so sorry to hear of her passing. We had lost track of where your family was now, but have thought of you often. You were great neighbors and the kids had such good times together. I know Jody must have been a wonderful teacher and mother, and she will be sorely missed. Rick is home right now and we both send our condolences and much love.

*Thelma & Rick###imported-begin##Thelma Bush Rhoads###imported-end##*

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August 14, 2005 at 07:41 PM



“ Jody Hansen has been in my heart since 1972, when I met her birth mother and father, Janey and Dennis Williams. Janey became my lifelong friend. She loved Jody so much, that as a teenager, she gave her up for adoption. Janey was thrilled to see the great life and parenting Jody was provided by her mother Joyce Tanner. Thank you Joyce for loving and raising Jody.

*Dona L. Rivera###imported-begin##Dona L. Rivera###imported-end##*

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August 14, 2005 at 03:53 PM



“ I am so sorry I couldn't be there. It's frustrating not to be there with the family I love so much. I keep thinking of Jody when she was this little kid with the short blond hair and the big beautiful blue eyes. I'll never forget her and I'm so sorry for the pain everyone is going through right now. I'll be thinking of you and praying for you that you will find comfort.

*Love, Judy###imported-begin##Judy Eskridge###imported-end##*

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August 13, 2005 at 12:56 PM



“ Jim, Alex, Max, Sam, Aunt Joyce & Amy,  
As the days have passed since we returned home to Kentucky from Jody's Memorial Service, I continue to feel so blessed to have been able to attend such a beautiful memorial to such a special gal! From her younger years in Kentucky to her adult years in Georgia and many places in between, Jody touched so many people. Jody's Memorial was truly the most special service I have ever attended. As each person spoke, I could just close my eyes and see Jody doing each thing that was being mentioned. What wonderful memories Jody left for each of us to reflect upon. When the days ahead seem a little difficult to get thru, I know each of you will look to those special times with Jody to help you thru. Jody will always be a part of you and in her own way will be cheering you on with each new challenge you face!  
We will continue to keep each of you in our thoughts and prayers, Kellye, Mark, Luke and Logan Sims###imported-begin###Mark & Kellye Sims###imported-end##

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August 13, 2005 at 11:43 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear the tragic news of Jody's passing. I have such fond memories of Jody and I swimming together at OCC in Owensboro Kentucky and attending swim camps over our summer breaks. I was looking through my scrapbook and just couldn't get over the pages and pages of newspaper articles with Jody in every one of them! She was a star swimmer! Joyce and Amy - my heart goes out to you. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this very difficult time. Jody was a dear friend and will be truly missed by many...Stephanie###imported-begin###Stephanie Holder Orton###imported-end##

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August 13, 2005 at 10:32 AM



“ Amy and Joyce,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Jody. I used to swim at Town and Country in the late '60's and '70's and lived on Garden Terrace. You two girls were so beautiful and full of life. It is hard for me to believe that Jody's life was cut so short. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will send you peace and comfort.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa Garmon Newcom###imported-begin###Lisa Garmon Newcom###imported-end##

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August 12, 2005 at 09:49 PM



“ Amy and Joyce  
  
I was so sorry to hear about Jody. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have such fond memories of all the Town and Country children and how precious you all were. You all set such wonderful examples for those that came after you. Love to you both. Bette, Sonny, Elizabeth and Paul Corum###imported-begin###Bette Corum###imported-end##

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August 12, 2005 at 02:25 PM



“ Amy and Joyce, I just cannot believe your sad news. I am so sorry. Thank you Amy for calling me. I remember what a beautiful girl Jody was and always so friendly and WOW! what a swimmer. Chip and Missy have such fond memories of her. Our love to you both. We are so very sorry for your loss. Betsy and Stu###imported-begin###Betsy and Stu Dixon###imported-end##

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August 12, 2005 at 02:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Jody. She and I were best friends from grade school up until when she moved to Mississippi. We were on the same swim team together every summer at the Club. What a swimmer! I have so many great memories of us in our neighborhood in Owensboro, KY. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Joyce and Amy- I am so sorry. She truly was a great friend and person. I will be thinking of all of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Kris Moseley Wilkerson##imported-end##

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August 12, 2005 at 01:40 PM



“ I am saddened to hear about the loss of Jody. I knew her and swam with her when she was becoming a rising star in Mississippi and have fond memories of her. She was truly a wonderful person and I know she will be missed by all that she touched. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her friends and family.##imported-begin##David Campbell##imported-end##

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August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Jody's death. I have such fond memories of both she and Amy from my years swimming in Columbus. Jody inspired me to be the best swimmer I could be, and I'm sure that she has instilled that in her own children and those she taught. My sincere condolences to her husband and children, as well as her mom and sister. Peace be with you during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Brian Acker - Douglasville GA##imported-end##

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August 11, 2005 at 11:50 PM



“ For Jody's family and loved ones: I am so sorry to hear of Jody's death and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Jody and her sister, Amy, gave such joy to their Columbus, Mississippi, friends.##imported-begin##Patricia Humphreys Garner##imported-end##

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August 11, 2005 at 05:01 PM



“ Dear Jim, Sam, Max and Alex and extended family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of your dear Jody.

We have heard a lot about Jody through our extended family. She will be an inspiration to our granddaughter Kayla and grandson Corey who are in high school competitive swimming and doing remarkably well.

We all wish we would have had the privilege of meeting Jody and all of her family. All of our 3 children and our 9 grandchildren send their deepest sympathy and warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jody's extended family in Michigan,

Larry and Linda (Fossitt) St. Ours and family.##imported-

begin##Larry and Linda (Fossitt) St. Ours##imported-end##

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August 11, 2005 at 03:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Jody. Although we had not kept in touch I often think of our fun times in jr. high and the swim team years. She was a lovely person - so fun and so kind to everyone. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Allison Humphreys Jones##imported-end##

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August 11, 2005 at 02:23 PM



“ Recently at our family reunion we laughed about Jody and Amy being the cool 'city kids' in the family (Oh to live in the booming metropolis of Owensboro, Kentucky!). I remember being in grade school and seeing Jody's name in the papers for swimming...imagine being related to such a superstar! :) Jody was an inspiration to everyone. Such a beautiful smile and wonderful personality!##imported-begin##Susan Bennett##imported-end##

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August 11, 2005 at 09:48 AM



“ Jody was a great sister-in-law. We had a fun visit there a few Christmases back and she was sweet enough to let us drag her to the mall- which wasn't one of her favorite things. Her house was decorated so festive and we loved jamming to her Disco CD's in the kitchen while we made tasty munchies and the sweet smell of holiday candles burned all around the house...

Max, Alex and Sam are such sweethearts and have a lot of their Mom in both looks and brain power! All three are so well mannered and gorgeous to boot- a real tribute to their Mom (and a little to my brother Jim!!)

Sam has two aunts that are going to have to do lala'a and scratchy scratchy when we see him again...

We will miss you Jody.##imported-begin##Brian & Jean Gordon##imported-end##

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August 10, 2005 at 12:43 PM



“ Jim,

Very sorry to hear this news. I recently received it from Ian. I wish you nothing but the best in the future. My thoughts are with you.

Cameron Butz

Ex-Siemens commish engineer (Mining)##imported-begin##Cameron Butz##imported-end##

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August 10, 2005 at 08:58 AM



“ Alex, Max, and Sam,

*What a blessing it was to have known your mom. Years ago...many before you all arrived, I swam with your mom at Texas A & M. Most of what I remember about Jody in those days, was wanting to be more like her... So confident, so funny, so athletically gifted.*

*I know all of these words are jumbled right now. But, I can tell you this: everything you do in life and every decision you make, will have her signature on it. She is alive inside each of you, and she always will be.*

*I know that each of us that were touched by your mom, years ago, would give anything to take away your pain... she was special, and though we did not see her often, one thing was for sure... we knew how fiercely she loved her children.*

*Jim... my heart bleeds for you as well. You have a tender spot in my heart for having to be where you are in the midst of it all... I am praying for some semblance of peace for you.*

*To have been able to be with you all, reflecting and sharing memories, would have been such a blessing. I have just returned from a mission trip overseas and am unable to leave again. Please know, that I will be on my knees asking for the miracle of God's peace and grace to surround you and the boys, now and into your future.*

*In His Grace, I am loving you,*

*Melanie##imported-begin##Melanie Cheairs  
(Schmauch)##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2005 at 02:07 AM



“ Well Jim oi oi oi,  
I am not really good with these sort of things, but just want to say that I am here for you and the boys, my family are here for you and boys.  
They say that everything is scripted & has a meaning in life, but life can be so hard at these times when you loose someone close to you.  
We have a Television Commercial here in Australia Every one needs a "HUG", thats what I feel like giving you all now a "BIG HUG" and to let you know that I am here for you MATE! A real Australain Mate.  
My Sincere Condolences to you and the boys- Oi Oi Oi  
Ian Andrew Mc William, your work colleague and good friend.##imported-begin##ian mcwilliam##imported-end##

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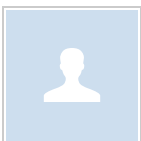
August 09, 2005 at 06:29 PM



“ Will, Patricia, Alex and Max,  
  
Know that y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paul, Dianne, Jessi & Jonathan Steinitz##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 05:27 PM



“ Dear Jim:  
  
We are very sorry about your loss. Our prayers are with you, the children and family. If there is anything we can do to help in this difficult moments or in the future, please don't hesitate to call us.##imported-begin##Roberto Flores & Family##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 03:42 PM



“ Jim ,

*I was greatly saddened to hear of your loss. I want to send you my deepest heartfelt sympathy.*

*Your Freind,*

*Bret Hinckley##imported-begin##Bret Hinckley##imported-end##*

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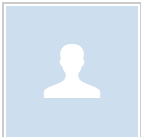
August 09, 2005 at 03:37 PM



“ Jim, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved Jody. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Shirley Behnke##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 02:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers our with you and your family.##imported-begin##James A. Matthews and Kate A. Matthews##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 02:39 PM



“ Jim,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time.*

*If I can do anything to help now or in the future, just let me know.*

*Carole##imported-begin##Carole Barker##imported-end##*

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August 09, 2005 at 02:08 PM



“ Jim and the boys,

*I was so sorry to about Jodi. How tragic. You know that you and the boys are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be there for the visit and the service on Tuesday to "do our best" to help during this time.*

*I'm sure things will be so terribly different as you try to arrange everything for your family. Please please think of me and call on us as you need us. We are home during the day so we may be an important source for you as you try to get things on a new schedule.*

*Kristine##imported-begin##The Macauleys##imported-end##*

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August 09, 2005 at 01:54 PM



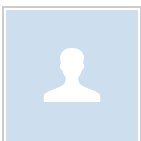
“ To the boys,

*We are thinking of you and praying that you can remember how much your mom loves you and how she'll always be with you and part of your lives.*

*As always, we wish we lived closer but as a family we speak of you often and hope to see you soon.##imported-begin##Anne, Barry, Catie, Davis and Ethan Sarin##imported-end##*

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August 09, 2005 at 01:08 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jody was a very special lady.##imported-begin##Ken & Catherin Shaffer##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 09:30 AM



“ To Jim and all of Jody's family,

*I love Jody ..... I have many, many wonderful memories of her and the times that we shared together! I am very blessed to have had her as my friend. She was there for me always and especially during a particularly hard time that I went through some years ago. I really appreciate you both and your children for opening up your home to me and Catherine. You truly made me feel as if I was just part of your family. Jim, I am here to help you in any way that you need me .... really! Whatever it is ..... you can just call me. I will have you, Alex, Max, and Sam in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Much love ..... Leah Sanders###imported-begin##Leah Sanders###imported-end##*

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August 09, 2005 at 09:12 AM



“ Jody was a wonderful co-worker and friend. Her life meant so much to so many people. She will be truly missed.###imported-begin##Denise Bucy###imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 08:58 AM



“ Sorry we can't be there today, our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##David , Della , Michael, and Jennifer Tanner###imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Jim, Alex, Max and Sam.  
We are thinking of you all, even though we are far away in Australia. Jody was such a kind friend, we all enjoyed our time together last year when we stayed and the times she would have us over for dinner when we were in Atlanta. It was a lot of fun shopping with Jody, playing trivial pursuit even though we thought it was way biased towards Americans, but the fact was that Jody and Alex were just too clever. Jody talked a lot about you boys, the fantastic time she had had in Hawaii and how she wanted to do lots more travel. Jody was a natural teacher who was very patient. We will really miss Jody and want you all to know we are with you in our thoughts and our love goes out to you. We look forward to catching up one day soon. Lots of love, Ian, Kim, Hamish, Sarah and James McWilliam###imported-begin##Ian, Kim, Hamish, Sarah & James McWilliam ###imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 08:07 AM



“ Dear Jim, Sam, Alex and Max, I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved your mom. Jody was a loyal friend to me, which always meant the world. First and foremost when i think of Jody, i think of her absolute devotion to her boys and her boundless, unapologetic pride in them - not just for their accomplishments, but for the cool people she thought they were. Jody loved you, Jim, and spoke often and appreciatively of you, what a great dad you are to the boys, and how she enjoyed your wit and intelligence. I heard a lot about Jody's mom and sister and friends, who i always hoped to meet. Jody was quick to find the humorous side of things, had an easy, self-deprecating wit, and put people at ease with her warmth and approachability. She also was perhaps more stoic than even i knew. I will miss her so much.  
Margaret###imported-begin##Margaret Fossitt###imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 07:02 AM



“ I am so sorry for your lost. I always enjoyed our visits! I will never forget her Christmas parties, and how she loved to decorate. The food was fabulous! I have been thinking about Jody all day today and remember her voice and how she would think everything through before she would talk. Her wit was remarkable and I always would get a smile from our conversations. I remember when my son was having problems with Math and she volunteered to help my son, moreover, I knew her sons never needed any tutoring because they were the brightest kids in the neighborhood. I will never forget her and will fondly remember our time together.##imported-begin##Laura & Brian Rubin & Family##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 01:21 AM



“ I too, only knew Jody from the Pyramids league she played in, but oh did I wish I knew her in person. Anna has become a dear friend of mine, and anyone who was that close to her just had to be an amazing (and tolerant! :P ) person! Jody came to share stories when we had a birthday roast for Anna, and I honestly cannot say I have laughed much harder. She had incredible wit and somehow, even over the internet, emitted such a warmth and kindness to us all. I can only imagine what an amazing mother, wife, teacher, and friend she was like in real life. Those of you that had that opportunity were truly, truly lucky, I have no doubt. I also am assured that her sons will grow to be outstanding men. She talked about you kids often :) I hope you know that the league is deeply saddened that we will not see Jodyyyeah! pop in to say "Hi!" again...many more send their love, wishes, prayers, and thanks for helping Jody feel so much love and pride in and from her family. Take care.  
Aimee##imported-begin##Aimee OBrien##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 01:15 AM



“ I knew Jody only from the pyramids league she belonged to. She was a wonderful person to have in the room, I feel so lucky to have known her. She will be so greatly missed. My heart sincerely goes out to you, her family and her friends. Try to remember instead of what you've lost how much you have gained from having had her in your life and keep her love in your hearts.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cheryl (screen name Disty)##imported-end##

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August 09, 2005 at 01:01 AM



“ Alex, Max, and Sam - I am very, very sorry to hear of your loss. I first met your Mom when I was swimming in high school in Louisiana around 1980. My coach knew her coach in Mississippi, and as a result, we got to be friends while seeing each other at meets in Arkansas and Florida, and later at Junior National competitions around the country. We then went on to swim for A&M together, where I had the good fortune to become great friends with your Dad, Jim, as well. I have always been very fond of your mother, and want you all to know how proud both she and Jim are of all of you. Your mother was always kind, funny, caring, and compassionate, and it is no surprise to me that she excelled in her career of teaching. I hope that you all truly cherish all of the great times that you have had with her - and I pray that those great memories will carry you through hard times.##imported-begin##Clark McDonald##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 11:35 PM



“ Alex, Max, Sam, and Jim,

*I had the pleasure of teaching fourth grade with Jody at B.B. Harris from 2001-2003. I learned so much from Jody and truly enjoyed working with her. She was not only a colleague, but a mentor and friend. She was an excellent teacher and a wonderful person. Jody will be missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Erin Judkins*

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August 08, 2005 at 11:33 PM



“ Dear Jim, Alex, Max and Sam, I am so sorry for your loss-and all of our loss. Jody has always, and will always, hold a special place in my heart. I pray that God replaces the hurt and loss in your hearts with peace and acceptance. My thoughts are with you. Love,  
*Lee*

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August 08, 2005 at 10:48 PM



“ Dear Jim and Family,

*We are truly sorry for your loss. Too many times we have looked back in time and thought of the great experiences we have had with friends and teammates at Texas A&M. The grueling workouts and long trips which made us forever like brothers and sisters even in the absence of being able to continue such close relationships. We too have felt the loss and a void which now passes into fond memories of her beautiful spirit. Jody could light up any room as she entered and could lighten our mood when we were down. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers and that we are most frustrated and saddened that we could not be there in person. What we both wish to give you most is a simple hug and let you know we care. Jody was a special person to both of us and we are certain that God has provided a special place for her in heaven. May God bless you and keep you sheltered during Jody's passing. Please know that we are here anytime you need us. Love Eileen and Rick*##imported-begin##Eileen and Rick Walker##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 09:29 PM



“ I already miss Jody. The classroom we shared, that I now teach 3rd grade in, seems different somehow. I look in my files and see so many things that she gave me, and I wonder how many ideas I won't be able to steal from her now. She was so creative - always sharing new ideas and fun things to do with the children. Each day I teach something or use a technique that Jody shared with me. I will always remember to SLOW down when talking - she was always telling me I talked way to fast. She was a good friend and confidant, and I wait patiently to the time when I can join her at Home.##imported-begin##Amy Vitale##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 08:29 PM



“ Dear Amy, Joey, Alex, Max, Sam, James, and Joyce: My heart is with you during this time. We wish we could be there in person with you. Amy, may the joyful memories of your dear sister burn bright within you now and always. I love you and am here for you.##imported-begin##Tracy, Cort, Cameron, and Alex McClaren##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 08:01 PM



“ Never a better smile to light up the room than Jody's.##imported-begin##Dara Moran##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 05:02 PM



“ I have known Jody since I was 12 years old from the Columbus (Ms) Swim Team. Jody was an excellent swimmer and great friend. Later she became a gifted teacher, mother of three, and gave swimming lessons to youngsters. She was a generous and close friend to my family and especially my wife Anna. We feel an enourmuos loss in Jody's passing. She will be missed, but we will strive to remember the good times over sorrow. She would want that. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family in this difficult time.

John##imported-begin##John F. Sanders##imported-end##

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August 08, 2005 at 02:37 PM



“ *The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And give you  
peace.##imported-begin##Sam Proctor, BSA Milton District,  
RRC##imported-end##*

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August 08, 2005 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jody - we will miss you and your smile! Jim and Sam- all our love  
goes out to you now (and the rest of the family) - do not hesitate to  
call if you need anything - Barb and Nic May##imported-  
begin##Barb and Nic May##imported-end##*

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“ *Jody will be greatly missed at B.B. Harris Elementary. She was such  
a master teacher and loved her kids in her classroom. She was  
always willing to do whatever needed to be done to "get" to her  
students. I know how much she loved her boys and family too. We  
talked often about what fun it was to raise boys and watch them  
grow up. She has inspired all of us to live our lives each and every  
day to the fullest. We will miss you Jody.  
Anna##imported-begin##Anna Jones##imported-end##*

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“ Alex, Max, Sam, and Jim,

*I desperately wish I could be there. I am there with you in spirit. I love her so much. I also love you.*

*You know Jody was my best friend. She would want you boys to remember her laughing, telling jokes, singing "catchy" campfire songs :), playing board games, cooking wonderful meals, teaching swim lessons, being a devoted teacher, reveling in your academic success, shouting from the roof tops your praises, being a faithful wife, and loving mother.*

*Remember her hands so small :) and her feet, too! How DID she stand up? Remember the "LaLa's", her Texas A&M swimming record (that she STILL holds!), and that she wanted nothing more than your happiness and well-being. She loved you all very much.*

*She was the wittiest person I've ever known. Her eyes were the most gorgeous crystal blue I've ever seen. Her hair was so extremely soft and beautiful (LaLa's :) ) and you kids have so much of her beauty and intelligence. She used to tell me constantly how proud she was of her kids (each one with their own talents). She loved Jim with all her heart. She was always looking for the next vacation spot with such eagerness. She loved Switzerland this past Christmas! She loved the trip here to Hawaii, too. You are welcome here with open arms anytime.*

*I share in your sadness, and I am so extremely sorry and frustrated that I'm not there with you.*

*I love you all very much.*

*Anna##imported-begin##Anna Wilson Sanders##imported-end##*

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August 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ JIM, ALEX, SAM, MAX, JOYCE, AMY AND JOEY- SORRY, WE CANNOT BE WITH YOU, BUT OUR PRAYERS AND SWEETEST THOUGHTS WILL GO WITH YOU DURING THIS SAD TIME. I WILL REMEMBER JODY AS BEING THE MAGNIFICANT COOK AND HOSTESS AT THE MANY THANKSGIVINGS I SPENT AT HER HOUSE AND THE EASTER WEEKEND SHE AND THE BOYS SPENT AT OUR HOUSE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. DOES MAX REMEMBER THE GRASSHOPPER PIE WE MADE? WE ENJOYED THEM SO MUCH. WE LOVE YOU ALL AND HOPE TO VISIT YOU SOON. WITH MUCH LOVE, JUDY AND DOUG REVIS##imported-begin##DOUG AND JUDY REVIS##imported-end##

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August 07, 2005 at 08:45 PM