

Ayzlee McCarthy, 3

Dec. 16, 2011 - Dec. 29, 2014

ELK HORN — Ayzlee Maeliana, daughter of Jim and Amber (Cunningham) McCarthy, was born December 16, 2011, at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic. When she entered the family, her special "McCarthy number" was 89. Ayzlee lived with her family in Elk Horn and attended Cheryl's Daycare, where she played with one of her many best friends Kenadie.

Ayzlee was a "girly girl" with a big smile, an ornery streak and an infectious excitement for life. She was proud of her big girl bed and her completion of potty training. Ayzlee was a fan of Frozen, Doc McStuffins, Sophia and Dora The Explorer, as well as popular songs like "Let It Go", "All About That Bass" and "Shake It Off." Even when she was very sick, she showed a caring for others beyond her years.

Following a brief illness and a diagnosis of Influenza A and B with sepsis, Ayzlee was transferred from Atlantic to Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. She died there a short time later on Monday, December 29, 2014 at the age of 3 years and 13 days.

Ayzlee is survived by her parents Jim and Amber McCarthy, brother Easton (age 10), and sister Irelynd (age 7), all of Elk Horn; grandparents: Dave and Connie Cunningham, Afton; Phillip McCarthy and Priscilla Olsen, Avoca; and Kathy and Arnold Haynes, Hancock; great grandmothers: Dona Booth, Afton; Marie McCarthy, Omaha; and Helen Stevens, Carroll; aunts and uncles: Carrie and Gale Kiesel, Avoca; Terry and LeAnne McCarthy, Walnut; Anne McCarthy, Council Bluffs; Adam Cunningham, Afton; Aric and Erin Cunningham, Earlham; numerous great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Memorial donations in Ayzlee's name will be used to fund local activities that she enjoyed, such as park equipment, swimming pool and the library.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn with Rev. Keith Menter officiating. Dan Phillips was the speaker. Musical selections were "Let It Go" Idina Menzel, recorded music from *Frozen*, "Dancing in the Sky" recorded music, "The Lord's Prayer" with Rev. Keith Menter, vocalist and Janelle Hansen, pianist. Casket bearers were Gale Kiesel, Dylan Kiesel, Terry McCarthy, Aric Cunningham and Dan Phillips. Honorary casket bearer was Adam Cunningham. Interment was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery, Elk Horn.



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