



Jessica L. Elder

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Jessica L. Elder was born on April 6, 1992 in Portland, Oregon to Robert & Elizabeth Daley Elder.

She died in a motorcycle accident in Hillsboro, OR. on July 23, 2009 at the age of 17.

Jessica was to start her senior year at St. Helens High School where she was very active in volleyball, swimming, dance and track & field teams. Member of the National Honor Society. Previously she was a member of the St. Helen's Sea Lion Swim Team, Junior Soccer League and Columbia River Gymnastics Club. She was previously an Alter girl at St. Frederic Catholic Church.

Survivors include: Parents: Robert & Elizabeth Elder of Warren; Sister: Ashlee Elder of Warren; 1/2 sister: Danielle Elder Allmand of Spokane, WA.; 1/2 brother: Robert Elder, Jr. of Vancouver, WA.; Niece: Kylee Neveau; aunts, uncles, cousins from the US and Canada; preceded in death by: both sets of grandparents: 1/2 sister: Venus Elder; Uncle: Paul Carlsen; Cousin: Meaghan O'Dell.

Celebration of Life: Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 1:00 PM at St. Helens High Auditorium.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions would be appreciated and made to the SHHS Volleyball and Swim Teams.

on-line condolences may be made to the family at www.columbiafh.com

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Anonymous posted:

Jessica has never left my mind. I knew her for 10 short days in Boston when we attended NYLF together. I told her she looked just like Megan Fox! And she did, even prettier i'd say! Shes the first person i knew at my age to die and i think of her often although i didn't know her well. I study the bible often about death because the truth about it is so important to me. I know i will get to see Jessica again when John 5:28&29 is fulfilled. I absolutely cannot wait until that wonderful time.##imported-begin##Kaitlyn Krofchick##imported-end##

December 30 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jess, Even Though We Had Lost Touch, I Still Think About You Like Crazy. Everytime I See Your Pictures Or Hear Your Name A New Memory Pops Into My Head. Like The Other Day I Was Looking at Your Picture And My Dad Called. Well That Made Me Remember That Time When We Were Rushing Around To Do All The Chores Before My Dad Showed Up. We Had Like Ten Minutes Before He Got Home, And We Agreed I Was Going To Go Fill The Dishwasher And You Were Going To Mow. Well After I'm Done Doing The Dishes I Look Out The Front Window To See If Your Done, I Will Never Forget What I Saw, You Were Mowing The Front Yard Like A Mad Man. It Was Totally Unsafe And My Neighbors Were Just Starring. It Was Shocking That A Girl As Small As You Could Push A Mower That Fast haha I Will Never Forget The Innocent Fun We Had Together. I Miss You And I'm Sorry We Never Stayed Good Friends. Your In My Thought Jessica And My Prayers Go Out To Your Family. I Hope Everyone Who Loves You can Find Peace With What Has Happened. RIP

July 21 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I loved showing up to wrestling practice knowing you would be there. The only other girl who threw them boys around with me. I remember in high school in P.E. every time the gym teacher told me what record I had to set to beat the highest record it was always yours. You ever had a time in your head replay over in over in random times? mine was in wrestling class with kids like 5 and up the coach looks at you and says alright Jessica when you were like 8 how many push ups we doing today ... you pause for second look at the coach and say a hundred like it was no big deal everyones laughing....the coach says we know you can do a hundred but lets do something like 10. I also remember I was going to church with you and your family the next morning after are last wrestling tournament, and you all drove me to my house to get shoes for church and it was like my first time ever going I just run inside and grab my shoes and when I got back to the car you just look at me and say "sneakers?" I was so embarrassed. I always look back and laugh at that. I realize this is absolutely long and probably to long for this ,but everyone misses you and loves you and we could probably go on forever about you. You were an amazing girl with an amazing heart. Ill keep you and your family in my prayers forever! They had a million people they can call for anything, including me! love holly mccartney###imported-begin###Holly McCartney###imported-end###

June 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry to hear about Jessica passing i will always remeber her family in my prayers i can't wait to see her in heaven.your turlyJohnathan Tainter St.helens Oregon Jan 8,2010###imported-begin###Johnathan Tainter###imported-end###

January 7 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I didn't know Jessica well. I had seen her around school a lot and she seemed like a very bright beautiful girl with a lot of potential. I'm sad I didn't the chance to know her, with hearing all these stories and memories a lot of people had with her, makes me sad that I can't share a memories about her. She is a very beautiful young lady. But I am glad she is pain free and with Jesus now, shes more happier than she could ever be down here. Everyone just remember you will see her again one day. Though her death was a complete accident, shes more happy than you could ever imagine. She is watching over all her friends and family, her school peers, her volleyball team, swim team, she is looking over everyone.I will meet you one day Lady J.But until that day, I can only imagine.R.I.P Jessie.###imported-begin###Chelsea###imported-end###

December 22 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Jessica, Thank you for lighting up the world with that bright smile of yours. I Will always have fond memories of our volleyball days. Our tournaments were especially the funniest. You taught me how to be a better athlete, person, and friend. You have inspired many people to pursue their hopes and dreams. Out of those short seventeen years you truly made an impact in this world, and I know that's what you wanted to do in life. My thoughts are with you and your family everyday. Everytime I step foot on that court I know you with the team smiling looking down, rooting us on. Oh ya I can't ever forget our good luck handshake \=Love you.##imported-begin##Kelsie##imported-end##

December 22 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I didn't know Jessica all that well, other than she was one of my sister's best friends and had been dating my cousin for a significant amount of time. I unfortunately was in Korea during her accident and couldn't physically console my family during their grieving. I happened to call at 11:30pm that night, and I know it was for a reason. Jessica was a very spunky, wonderful, loving, talented girl. I would see the relationship her and my sister would have during swim practices my senior year their freshman year and watched it continue to grow as they got older. I was always envious of her amazing butterfly stroke. Words can't describe how touched I am by her attitude and ambitions even today. My heart and prayers are always with your family and there isn't a day I don't doubt that she's watching over us all.##imported-begin##Kari Gainer##imported-end##

December 5 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our kids, Ben Gremaux and Tasha Sharp were friends with Lady J and I can tell you that not a day goes by in our household where Jessica and your family is not thought of. Your daughter will be missed by many and our thoughts and prayers are still with you and will continue to be with you as days and years go by. Sincerely, Trina Gremaux and Brent Sharp##imported-begin##Trina Gremaux ##imported-end##

December 2 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Elder family What a beautiful girl!! am sorry for the loss of your daughter. We lost our 22 year old son on Sept 22 I feel your pain! Dineen Family##imported-begin##Dale Dineen##imported-end##

October 13 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We just wanted you to know your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We hurt with you.##imported-begin##Jim and Lucy Frost##imported-end##

August 10 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Liz, Bob, and Ashlee Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. Deepest sympathy, Myra, Michael, Mike, Vince and Dan##imported-begin##The Bennett family bovaire##imported-end##

August 10 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Liz We are deeply sorry to hear about your daughter Jessica, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, we pray that you find comfort thru memories and strength in knowing that so many care.##imported-begin##Burke Family##imported-end##

August 6 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jessica, Thank you for always volunteering and helping us out with fund-raisers. The last time I was with you was in June 2009 when you helped me with a car wash for the Women's Resource Center. You never complained and worked so hard. I am so sorry this world has lost you. My daughter Ally will always have you in her heart as I. My prayers go out to all the lives you have touched and the people you loved. I wear your bracelet everyday and think of you often. May you be at peace and with God up in heaven.##imported-begin##Cheryl Bonner##imported-end##

August 5 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To Bob, Liz, Ashley, and Jessica's many heartbroken friends: We didn't know sweet Jessica very well. But we remember that her passion for life was so strong; and that she had such a palpable joy. Only God can answer the question: WHY? But in your loss, may this very same God, the LORD, be your source of abundant comfort and abiding strength. Nahum 1:7 "The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in him."###imported-begin##The Hart Family##imported-end##

August 3 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember Jessica from soccer when she was in middle school. She always had an all go no quit attitude. My prayer is that her wonderful spirit will be carried forward by her family and friends so that she will never be forgotten and we can live with the same zest for life that she always seemed to have. Her life was cut short, but we can honor her by living the way she would have wanted us to.###imported-begin## anonymous##imported-end##

August 2 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Liz, & Ashlee, I cannot imagine the pain you guys are going through. Jessica was a beautiful girl with so much spirit and love. I know she is in heaven watching over you guys right now. I will truly miss her. She will always be in my heart.###imported-begin##Kamrie Pillar##imported-end##

July 30 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Liz & Ashlee, We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Jessica was such a beautiful girl, looking at her reminds me so much of you Liz. My heart aches for each of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love Always, Paul, Ethel & Dale###imported-begin##ETHEL, PAUL & DALE HARRISON##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathies in your time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tina, Art & Family##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob and Liz and familyOur deepest sympathy to you both and to your family.May God bless you and give you the courage and strength as you go through this time of great grief. Our prayers are with you at this time.Tom and Sandra Moran##imported-begin##Sandra Moran##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Liz, May God bless you with faith, strength and love from those who are thinking of you and your Family with great sorrow today. The heartbreaking loss of your Daughter is a heavy burden and hopefully with the support and love of your friends and family they will bring you some comfort and peace.With sincere and heartfelt sympathy,Diane O'Brien and Chris Hewitt##imported-begin##Diane Hewitt##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your lost. We are the couple that bought your pathfinder from you. I heard the story and instantly remembered you...I really hope that you and your family cant stay strong in this time of tragedy.##imported-begin##Jalyn and Shane Wilbert##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Liz & Ashlee,I am so sorry about the loss of your beautiful, talented and intelligent young daughter. You all meant so much to me at St. Frederic Church. You have had such a difficult year. Just know that God walks with you, and grieves with you. I do too. I hope we have some time in the near future to visit personally and share. May God console you, shower you with His love and peace. With my love, Heiko##imported-begin##Heiko Junge##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family, you all will be in our thoughts and prayers. My daughter went to school and remembers your daughter well even though they weren't friends, she said you'r daughter reached out to everyone with her bright smile and kind heart, they had a science class together and your daughter was so nice and willing to help others. So May God Bless You at this difficult time and with time I pray that it gets easier and she will always be in your hearts.##imported-begin##serena mcurdy##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

my deepest sympathy to you and everyone whom this tragedy will affect. she was a beautiful girl and will be greatly missed by so many##imported-begin##Rachel##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I can't begin to imagine how your hearts ache right now. Such a beautiful, vibrant young woman. Although we don't know your family we are fellow parishioners at St. Frederic's and please know our heartfelt prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. God bless and keep you!##imported-begin##Donna & John Bucar##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

dear,jessica's family i am very sorry for your loss. jess was a great friend we had alot of good times together.she is a very beautiful talented girl i am going to miss her deeply.##imported-begin##katie bancroft##imported-end##

July 29 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Liz, Bob and Ashley, "The heart hath its own memory, like the mind. And in it are enshrined the precious keepsakes. Even though you are far away in miles, please know our hearts are there with you.##imported-begin##Jody, Jennifer Sean and Patt##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Liz, Bob and Ashlee, My heart breaks for all of you at the tragic loss you are enduring. I will always remember Jess as a girl with an infectious spirit that left an imprint on your heart long after being in her presence. Her mark will be left on all who knew and loved her. Please know that you will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Shannon and family
XOX###imported-begin##Shannon O'Dell Boucher##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



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XOX###imported-begin##Shannon O'Dell Boucher##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I work at the Safeway deli. During the school year Jessica came in for lunch. She was always a delight to serve. Very well mannered and polite. We will miss her this next school year. You should be very proud of her, as I know you are.##imported-begin##Kathy##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Jess at NYLF. She was so much fun, and a great person! I will miss her!##imported-begin##Kate Morris##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bob, Liz and Ashley.... The news hit our family hard, and we immediately started remembering just how special, funny and outgoing Jess was...we remembered all the fun swim meets, the volleyball days and the days in Columbia City when we just all hung out in the neighborhood....Jessica will always be remembered as one of the most spirited and outgoing young ladies who was not only extremely intelligent but an avid athlete.... We will all really miss her.##imported-begin##Merrie, Courtney & Dallas##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob,Liz and Ashlee,I am so sorry for your tragic loss. My heart breaks when I think of how precious this girl was and I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of her religious education and youth group at St. Frederics' Parish. Not only was she a server but she sang in the youth choir, she read at church services and was active in the services for the youth.My heart aches for each of you and you will in my thoughts and prayers.Love to all,Patti Huson##imported-begin##Patti Huson##imported-end##

July 28 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Liz, Bob, and Ashlee; We are so sorry for your loss. We wish we could be there with you guys. You are in our prayers. We love you so much.Uncle Lamb Chop & Lyndsay##imported-begin##Liam & Lyndsay##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Family and Friends,Although i do not know your family, i am a friend of a friend of Leo's. When i heard the story i was really saddened. I lost my father this year, and i want to let you know that each day does eventually get better, and i am so sorry you had to lose someone who meant so much to you. She was a beautiful girl, and i am so sorry for her sister. Please accept my deepest condolences, and i am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers##imported-begin##Anonymous##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Elder Family,I remember coaching Jessica when she was just a little girl and had joined the youth wrestling team. She was a tough young lady that no boy wanted to mess with! She wasn't afraid of anyone! I am truly sorry for your loss and you are in our thoughts & prayers. I will remember her always!##imported-begin##Dan Redding##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Words can't express the sorrow my heart has for Jessica's family and friends. I only got to know her through her story when I went to check on registration for my daughter. What a treasure of memories and thank you for sharing them with us all. I hope that this will give you a measure of comfort. Rev 21:3,4. I lost a son many years ago. This scripture helps still to this day.##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I just helped Jessica and one of her girlfriends out at the redbox 2 weeks ago. Always a lovely and cheerful girl. To Bob and the rest of the Elder family, My thoughts and heart felt sorrow be with you. Please know that we are here for you whenever you need it.##imported-begin##Scott Hendricks##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss.May God be with your family.##imported-begin##anonymous##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I did not know Jessica personally,I had met her once, and she was the sweetest young lady I had ever met. My brother Bob Holt, his wife Maria Holt, and their daughter Taylor Holt knew Jessica very well. I know how close they were to Jessica, and she will be missed. Your family are in our thoughts and in our hearts in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mary##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jessica was a wonderful person who was a bright spirit to all at SHHS.##imported-begin##Mrs. Susie Hall##imported-end##

July 26 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know my son, Jon, enjoyed her friendship and will be thinking of her during the swim season and throughout their final days at SHHS. My daughter will miss her on the volleyball court and has fond memories of their many hours shared in the gym at the gymnastics academy. She was a beautiful girl both on the inside and out.The Beeler Family##imported-begin##Ken, Tammy, Jon and Kayla Beeler##imported-end##

July 26 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Liz and Ashlee,My fondest memories of Jessie are when all of you spent that special Christmas with Paul and I many years ago in Albuquerque. Big brother, Liz and Ashlee my prayers and love are with you. I'm sure Paul has his arms wrapped around Jessie right now.With much love, Claudia##imported-begin##Claudia Carlsen ##imported-end##

July 26 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Elizabeth and Ashlee,On behalf of Aunt Rita and the Blanchard family, we wish to express our deepest condolences and let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##The Blanchards##imported-end##

July 26 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob, Liz & Ashlee, We are so very sorry for your loss, we can't even begin to imagine what you must feel. Just remember you have many friends, including us, that will always be there whenever you call. God bless to you. You are in our thoughts and prayers everyday.Love you, The Fristads##imported-begin##Mark, Patti & Spencer Fristad##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Elizabeth, Bob & Ashlee, I am so very sad. I don't know what to say except that I love you all and I am praying for you. I hope you find some consolation in the love that surrounds you.
Patti##imported-begin##Patti Daley##imported-end##

July 25 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I cant belive your gone.. : this shoulnt happen to anyone. You will be missed dearly/##imported-begin##chels##imported-end##

July 25 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Such a tragedy to happen to such a beautiful talented young lady. my thoughts and prayers are with all of you##imported-begin##Rachel##imported-end##

July 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My heart goes out to Jessica and her family.##imported-begin##Stephanie##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Words cannot express my sadness for your family at the loss of your lovely daughter Jessica. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Terri Terra's Mom##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You will always been in my heart.##imported-begin##Cheyenne##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

my thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of jessica. what a beautiful and talented young woman she was. she will be dearly missed, the things she could have done.##imported-begin##Leslie##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jessica by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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