



Sarah Ellen Fillner

April 29, 1952 - February 16, 2007

Beloved wife of Douglas. Dear mother of Stephen, Melissa (Jon) Munson and Eric. Dear grandmother of Caleb and Bethany Munson. Loving daughter of Morton and Bettie Schroeder. Dear sister of Susan (Tom) Towner, Marc (Mary) Schroeder, Robin (Patricia) Schroeder and David (Karen) Schroeder.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
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Service

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
61095 Campground Road
Washington Township, Mi

Tribute Wall



“ I am very grateful that I was able to travel to Michigan to be with my family during this time of sorrow. But at the same time rejoicing that Sarah is now with our heavenly Father!##imported-begin##Amy Towner##imported-end##

February 26, 2007 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Filner Family,

Losing Sarah was such a loss to us all because she was a beautiful, joyful and loving person. She was a motivated and caring teacher, a thoughtful and giving friend and devout Christian.

God blessed Sarah with a home in heaven and strong faith in God. Though our hearts are filled with sadness, we know that Sarah is happy and healthy with her beloved Savior.

We wish love, healing and God's Blessings to the whole Filner family.

We keep you all in our prayers.

With warm regards, The Jones Family##imported-begin##Sandi, Jason and Jenna Jones##imported-end##

February 24, 2007 at 01:05 PM



“ Dear Fillners: I thank the Lord for knowing Mrs. Fillner and having been blessed by knowing her. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers at your loss. I know that the Lord and Mrs. Fillner are watching over you until you meet again in heaven.

Sarah, Jeff, Alivia, Carley, and Lucas##imported-begin##Sarah (Olson) Lamborne and family##imported-end##

February 22, 2007 at 11:55 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss of Sarah. A few scriptures that have encouraged me when I've lost a loved are John 5:28,29, Revelation 21:3,4 and Isaiah 33:24. May these also comfort you in this difficult time. Bethanie##imported-begin##Bethanie Duncan##imported-end##

February 22, 2007 at 08:17 AM



“ Doug, Stephen, Melissa, and Eric,
Please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your wife, Doug, and mother Stephen, Melissa, and Eric. We were saddened to read of Sarah's passing. Even though we lost contact after Chris graduated from Martin Luther, we have very fond memories of Sarah. May God Bless all of you with the assurance that Sarah lives and that you will all be reunited one day in heaven.##imported-begin##Dave, Barb, Matt and Chris Leasia##imported-end##

February 21, 2007 at 08:46 PM



“ It is truly a blessing to have had Mrs. Fillner in my life. She is in some of my earliest memories! She will be greatly missed. May God give you comfort in this difficult time as you find peace in knowing she is with Jesus. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Becky##imported-begin##*Becky Olson*##imported-end##

February 21, 2007 at 05:10 PM



“ We pray that God will continue to be with all of you at this time. We will miss Sarah greatly. The peace of God be with you all.##imported-begin##*Jan & Ken Munson (Jon's parents)*##imported-end##

February 21, 2007 at 03:22 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your precious memories give you comfort in the days to come. We rejoice in the hope of reuniting with our loved ones whom God holds in His keeping.##imported-begin##*Gus & Nan Hill (Jon Munson's godparents)*##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 05:46 PM



“ Dear Fillner Family, May God's peace bring you comfort, may His promises bring you hope, may His grace bring you joy during this time. We send you our prayers and love, Ben and Jess.##imported-begin##*Ben and Jessica Washburn*##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 03:22 PM



“ Dear Doug, Stephen, Melissa and Eric, Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. Sarah has impacted countless young lives with her many years of Christian ministry. It was a great privilege to know her. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief and comforts you with memories of a life well-lived.##imported-begin##Steve and Karen Wolfgang and kids ##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 01:52 PM

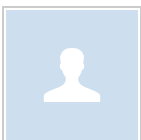


“ Sarah has "Run in such a way as to get the prize"1 Cor 9:24 and has acheived the goal we all aspire to.

Our family has been richly blessed by your family, both in the school, and as friends.

May our Lord and Savior bless your family as you continue here without your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother.##imported-begin##Eugene Olson##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear Doug and Family,
It has been my privilege to have know Sarah more closely over the last year. What a joy she has been for me. She spoke so freely of her faith and trust in Jesus, her concerns and her hopes. I count myself bless to have known her. As you mourn her loss, may you find comfort in the sure and certain knowledge of our hope in Christ Jesus.

God be with you,

Marie Herbon##imported-begin##Marie Herbon##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 12:53 PM



“ Doug, Stephen, Melissa, and Eric,

My thoughts and prayers have been with you and will continue to be with you. May the thoughts of a perfect reunion in heaven give you comfort as you grieve.

God bless you during this difficult time.

Joel##imported-begin##Joel Towner##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 12:10 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family in this sad time. Sarah had a great impact on hundreds of children over her years of teaching.

Her legacy is the christian values and teaching that all of her students carry with them and hand down to their children. She will be greatly missed, but GOD has other plans for her.

Sincerely,##imported-begin##Kristen Pruder-Venadam##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 12:10 PM



“ Dear Mr. Fillner, Stephen, Melissa, and Eric, I just wanted to let you know how blessed I feel to have had Mrs. Fillner in my life. She was never actually my teacher, but she did teach me so many things as a friend. I will treasure all of the memories I have of her...and there are many. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we all wish we could be there with you to remember her on Wednesday. To God Be The Glory! Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy (Aita)

Meyer##imported-end##

February 20, 2007 at 11:49 AM



“ We wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Seth and Kelli Schroeder##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 11:46 PM



“ My heart goes out to your family during this time of grief. May God's love enfold you and may He grant your hearts and souls peace and comfort in knowing that Sarah is celebrating life with Jesus.##imported-begin##Kristal Meyer##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 11:45 PM



“ Our prayers were with you as your mother struggled with her earthly life. We celebrate now that she has entered her heavenly one. Our prayers are with your family to help you heal and be strengthened by this experience.

Love,

Steve and Jill

(college friends of Stephen)##imported-begin##Steve and Jill

Prahl##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 10:05 PM



“ Doug & family:

Obviously, our prayers are with you, as they have been for the last year or so. This is a time of mixed emotions, joy that Sarah is with her Lord, and this horrible empty hole deep inside your heart. Over time, the size of the hole will shrink, but it will probably never go away. As Christians, we try to focus on the knowledge that we will be reunited in eternity and that joy fills the void, at least partially. Then, our human side takes over again and the hole is back. I have, fortunately, not had to deal with the death of a spouse. I have lost both parents, and the loss of my father over 10 years ago still leaves a big hole in me, never to be completely filled. Thank God for our Savior! Without him and the promise of our life with Him in eternity, this life would indeed be void and hopeless.

Here's hoping, and praying, that the void inside you will quickly diminish.##imported-begin##Dave Edson##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 09:49 PM



“ Doug and Family, Sarah will always have a special place in our hearts. She will be missed by so many. May God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. The Malinowski Family##imported-begin##John, Ann and Steven Malinowski##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 07:23 PM



“ *To Doug -Stephen-Eric and Melissa
Both of us hope that God sends you his loving comfort and heals
you during this hard time.
We have wonderful memories of both of you during your Muskegon,
Mi years at Grace.
Barbara and Amy send their love as well.##imported-begin##Fritz
and Hannelore Reichert##imported-end##*

February 19, 2007 at 07:07 PM



“ *Dear Fillners,
I pray the Lord continues to guide, comfort, and keep you during this
difficult time. Of course, we also rejoice with you that Sarah is now
enjoying new life with her Savior.*

May the peace of Christ rule your hearts.

*-Shaun Luehring##imported-begin##Shaun Luehring##imported-
end##*

February 19, 2007 at 06:28 PM



“ *Dear Sarah,
I will miss you always.*

Your Trucker Buddy,

Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Meiborg##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 04:06 PM



“ Dear Fillner family,
All of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time of loss. Yet we know that our loving Father will strengthen and sustain you as He holds you in His arms. May you find comfort and joy in knowing that Sarah is enjoying her victory celebration with Jesus. We feel very blessed to have Eric as part of our "family" here in San Jose. God's love and peace to you all.##imported-begin##Doug and Dayna Stubalt##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Doug, Stephan, Melissa and Jon, Eric, and family.
What a joy and privilege to have known Sarah. She was an inspiration, mentor, counselor, and faithful friend not only to us, but many others. We will miss her wonderful smile and infectious spirit but also rejoice in the knowledge she is safely seated at Jesus's feet and finally resting in peace. We love you all and pray the Lord give you strength and comfort through this difficult time.
Love, Bruce and Ann White##imported-begin##Bruce and Ann White##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Doug and Family, Sarah was such a shining definition of 'Sister in Christ', and your family has always been a wonderful Christian example for the rest of us to follow. Our deepest sympathy and prayers - the upcoming days will be a trial, but for Sarah all the troubles are over. See you in heaven, Sarah!##imported-begin##Andrews Family##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 02:07 PM



“ Doug, Stephen, Melissa & Eric - the last time I saw Sarah, around Christmas time I was amazed by the eminent peace in her, a peace that can only come from strong faith and the Lord, God himself. While it is so hard to bear the loss here on earth its a reminder to me that Heaven is our home. I will miss her and will look forward to the day that I'll see her again! Until then I will recall Sarah and some of the fond memories I have of her. You remain in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Suzanne Marquardt##imported-begin##Suzanne Marquardt##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Mr. Fillner, Stephen, Melissa, and Eric, we are truly sorry to hear about your loss. She has touched so many people over the years. God will continue to watch over you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Heather, Eric, Lexi, and Lauren McKinney##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 12:59 PM



“ Doug and Family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your wife and mother but what a comfort knowing she is in the arms of the Lord and her suffering is over. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##The Schneiders##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 11:19 AM



“ May God comfort all of you in these trying times.##imported-begin##John Barenz##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 10:14 AM



“ We will truly miss Sarahs loving smile and kind and gentle spirit. But we rejoice in the thought of her dancing around the throne of God. She was truly an inspiration to us.##imported-begin##Julie and Jesse Grabowski##imported-end##

February 19, 2007 at 08:32 AM



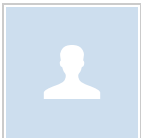
“ The Lord has truly blessed our family with the whole Fillner Family. To loose such an important part of that is heart wrenching. We praise God for allowing Sarah to be part of our earthly home. We lift our voices and hearts in praise that she is now with Jesus. I'll miss her and confidently know "We'll meet at Jesus feet!"##imported-begin##The Koppals##imported-end##

February 18, 2007 at 10:48 PM



“ Dear Doug, Stephan, Melissa and Eric, So deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Sarah has left an imprint on so many lives. As we reflect back on the many memories, we rejoice knowing she is in the savior's arms. Our deepest Sympathy.##imported-begin##Pamela & Amy Pruder##imported-end##

February 18, 2007 at 07:53 PM



“ Praise to our gracious Lord that He has welcomed Sarah into His everlasting kingdom. We pray He will sustain and keep you, the family, strong for the remaining years He has planned for your sojourn here on earth. Sincerely, Bruce and Nancy Winkler and family##imported-begin##Bruce and Nancy Winkler##imported-end##

February 18, 2007 at 06:29 PM



“ God has blessed and will continue to bless you and your family. Thank you for your friendship.##imported-begin##Mike And Shellia Fillner##imported-end##

February 18, 2007 at 01:24 PM



“ I have been truly blessed to have known a woman, like Mrs. Fillner, who has graced God's earth with such integrity, beauty, and love. Her strength and courage through this battle was admired by all. May God continue to keep her family in the palm of His hand and she was so closely held. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.##imported-begin##Regan Zacharko##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 11:51 PM



“ May God's strength and peace be with you all during this difficult time. Sarah will be greatly missed, but we are glad she is now with our Lord & Savior; free from pain and disease. We will be with her again when our Lord calls us home.##imported-begin##Jeff, Dana, Nick & Katie (Cook)##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 03:28 PM



“ Doug and Family,
We rejoice with you in Sarah's going home to be with our Lord. Remember Jesus' words in John "Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" Our prayers go out to you and your loved ones.##imported-begin##Sale Family##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 02:23 PM



“ Sarah was such a blessing. She taught us all so much. I will never be able to view a beautiful piece of art without thinking of Sarah. She was a great teacher and friend. We will all miss her deeply and hold her in our hearts forever. Our prayers are with your whole family during this difficult time. May you know peace.
Chris, Bridget, Fiona, and Henry##imported-begin##Theodoroff Family##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 02:13 PM



“ Doug, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Although we did not know Sarah personally we have heard what a kind, gracious, warm person she was and that she touched everyone she met. May you find happiness and comfort in all of the wonderful memories that will be with you forever.##imported-begin##Gary, Carmel & Ryan Hartwell##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 12:04 PM



“ Dear Doug, Stephen, Melissa and Eric,
So many good memories..Bless Sarah as she celebrates eternal life with Jesus!And Bless all of you and Sarah's whole family. May God hold you softly and may your faith bring you great comfort in the coming times. Our love, Linda and Wayne##imported-begin##Linda and Wayne Nichols##imported-end##

February 17, 2007 at 08:07 AM



“ Dear Doug, Stephen, Eric and Melissa,
I am so sad for this loss but share the joy of Sarah being with Jesus. Sarah has been a true inspiration to me. Sarah was also my 'second mother' while I lived in MI, even though Sarah said she was my sister. Miles may separate us, but you are each with me in my prayers. I love each of you.##imported-begin##Natasha Judkins##imported-end##

February 16, 2007 at 11:42 PM



“ Mr. Fillner, Stephen, Melissa and Eric,
I'm so happy I had the privilege of having Mrs. Fillner as my teacher. She really did inspire me. I sympathize with your loss, but rejoice with you that she has left this veil of tears and rests securely in our Savior's arms. As always, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Amy Biedenbender##imported-end##

February 16, 2007 at 11:22 PM



“ We feel truly blessed to have known Sarah since 1995. What a wonderful blessing it is to know that Sarah is now with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven. Our hearts and prayers are with Sarah's family during this difficult adjustment.##imported-begin##Jeff, Debbie, Carl and Jacob Bozeman##imported-end##

February 16, 2007 at 11:08 PM



“ Dear Doug, Stephen, Melissa and Eric,

We were so sad to hear of such a great loss. Sarah was such a kind-spirited person and we will miss her deeply. We will be keeping you all in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##Scott and Julie Engel and Kids##imported-end##

February 16, 2007 at 10:05 PM