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April 28, 2003 - July 21, 2014

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Urbana, IL - Piper Gwynne Britton, 11, of Urbana, Illinois, loving daughter, sister, grand-daughter and niece, died tragically on Monday, July 21, 2014, in an automobile accident. Her beloved mother, Kimberly Kristine Britton, 43, also died by her side.

Piper was born April 28, 2003, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois, the daughter of Timothy Jonathan Osburn and Kimberly Kristine Britton.

Piper was a brilliant light in this world, and a sponge who absorbed every piece of life around her. Piper's sense of wonder, charm, diligence, determination, and imagination drew those around her into whatever creative story, quest or mission she engaged with. Piper's intuitive wit would surprise us in often times unexpected ways. Piper had a special connection with animals – at the zoo, she would stand for hours and observe their interactions and actions—we called her the animal whisperer. She spent as much time as she could caring for her dog, her cat and her guinea pig. Her thoughtfulness for others was reflected in the plays and puppet shows she would perform for her classmates, the gifts she made them, like the dragon eggs, and her desire to bring every wild animal she could find into her home to care for and nurture them.

We are deeply indebted to everyone who loved and cared for piper for helping her direct and focus her enthusiasm toward her creativity and learning, and for helping her to find and share her inner beauty with us all. We will miss her beyond measure.

Surviving family members include her father, Timothy Osburn; a step-sister, Paige Osburn; a step-brother, Joel Osburn (Wife Tricia Berg, children Morgan and Sabrina); Grandparents Robert and Arlene Britton; Uncles and Aunts Jim Britton (Jane), Wendy Britton, and Randy Britton (Wife Melissa, Children Olivia and Benjamin); and cousins Nicole Pelletier (Husband Bobby, children Jared and Sydney), Alie Fazio; and Kirt Perry.

Funeral services will be private. A public celebration of Kim and Piper's lives will be held on Sunday, July 27th, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, at Meadowbrook Park Garden Pavillion, 2808 South Race Street, Urbana, IL. Casual attire is welcomed.

The family asks that donations be made to the Urbana, Illinois School District #116, designated to the special needs program at Yankee Ridge - in memory of Piper Britton, in lieu of flowers. Please write checks to Urbana School District #116 Piper Britton fund.

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