



## Tay L. Leonhardt

November 10, 1970 - May 29, 2011

Tay L. Leonhardt, age 40, of LaFontaine, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday (May 29, 2011) at her home.

Tay was born November 10, 1970, in Elyria, Ohio, the daughter of Larry J. and Denise E. (McDaniel) Brewster. She graduated from Huntington North High School in 1989 and then received a Certified Medical Assistant's degree in 1994 from Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne. Tay married Joe A. Leonhardt, Jr. on October 12, 1997, in Huntington.

Tay worked in the Medical Transcription Department at Huntington Memorial Hospital. She was also self-employed as a Regional Distributor for Gold Canyon Candles for many years and received numerous awards for being Top Distributor. Tay was a member of the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Gold Canyon Candle National Prayer Child Foundation for children with medical conditions and was given the first award for Prayer Child Contributions. Tay supported LOVE INC. Christmas families in need and deeply cared for the less fortunate. She was a loving wife and mother and loved her cats and dogs. Tay enjoyed working in her flower gardens and loved to fish and camp.

Survivors include her parents - Larry J. and Denise E. Brewster of Huntington; her husband - Joe A. Leonhardt of LaFontaine; one son - Cody Merick

(Kristen Alexander) Leonhardt both serving in the United States Navy; one daughter - Shana Lynn Leonhardt at home; and her grandmother - Margaret Brewster of Oberlin, Ohio. Grandparents - Doc and Eileen "Mimi" Bannerman, Henry C. Brewster and Ray Leonhardt; father-in-law - Joe A. Leonhardt, Sr.; cousin - Scott Brewster; and aunt - Arlene Kane preceded her in death.

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday (June 3, 2011) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday (June 4, 2011) at the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church, 6383 West 600 South, Huntington with Rev. Sam Pagette officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shana's Educational Fund, Cancer Services for Huntington County, LOVE INC. or the Wabash-Miami County Hospice in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Etna United Methodist Church  
6383 W. 600 S.  
Huntington, IN

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I always remember Tay Brewster, she was a great friend I knew from school (1983-1989) I had no idea she passed, just thought of her as I sometimes do and looked her up online. What a rare special caring person Tay was, I have known many many people in my 51 years now, but i have not forgotten Tay, a GREAT person in my eyes who really stood out from the crowd! I miss her and wish to send my condolences to her family, TAY WAS AWESOME! -Matt Shumate 1515 Riverside Dr. Huntington Indiana 46750

Matthew R. Shumate - May 06, 2022 at 03:11 AM

SB

“ Tay is, was, and always will be a Bright Beautiful Smile!! May her candle forever burn!!!



Shari Brinneman - June 15, 2011 at 10:33 AM

BD

“ *Brian Douglass lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



**Brian Douglass** - June 04, 2011 at 08:45 AM



*Joe - We are thinking of you during this very difficult time. We are so very sorry for your loss. Tay will be missed by many. - Brian Douglass and Family*

**Brian Douglass** - June 04, 2011 at 08:48 AM

JW

“ *Jerry ( J.j. ) Williams lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



**jerry ( j.j. ) Williams** - June 03, 2011 at 09:51 PM

KF

“ *Kristy Brewster And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



**Kristy Brewster and Family** - June 03, 2011 at 11:48 AM

UL

“ Uncle CJ And Aunt Linda lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Uncle CJ and Aunt Linda - June 03, 2011 at 11:46 AM

HK

“ Heather Karst lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Heather Karst - June 03, 2011 at 07:59 AM

JL

“ Joey Leonhardt sent a virtual gift in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Joey Leonhardt - June 03, 2011 at 05:15 AM

JL

*As I woke today, the sun was shining. When i stepped outside a breeze brushed against my face. as i went for a walk early this morning , birds were singing along an electric wire. I realized it was you Tay talking to me. For the sun shining was a smile from you, the breeze was you whispering,telling me you loved me. And the birds singing, was you telling me that being with our family will help me get through those hard days to come while I am missing you. Thank you Tay! For being with me this morning. It sure was nice to know your always with me ! Love you always, Joey*

Joey Leonhardt - June 03, 2011 at 05:27 AM

KL

“ *Kristen Danielle Leonhardt lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Kristen Danielle Leonhardt - June 02, 2011 at 12:46 PM

SK

“ *Shukhrat Kasymov lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Shukhrat Kasymov - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 PM

AM

“ *Denise and family,  
I am praying for you during this difficult time.  
Tay was such a beautiful person inside and out. No mention of "Aunt" Amy in the obit. :)  
Signed Your sister Amy*



Amy Miller - June 02, 2011 at 10:35 AM

KB

“ *Kathy Bumgardner lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Kathy Bumgardner - June 02, 2011 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ *Julie L Brommer lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Julie L Brommer** - June 02, 2011 at 09:40 AM

AC

“ *Tay~ Your candle will remain lit in the lives of the hearts you have touched by so many. Praying for your family. May God comfort your hearts with joy, peace and love. We will miss you! Amy Crase from your Gold Canyon family*



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**Amy Crase** - June 02, 2011 at 08:55 AM

PC

“ *Tay's family is in my prayers.*

*Patricia Carbajal*



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**Patricia Carbajal** - June 02, 2011 at 08:46 AM

SC

“ *Sandy Curtis lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Sandy Curtis** - June 02, 2011 at 07:32 AM

GS

“ *Gladys & Georgia Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Gladys & Georgia Schroeder** - June 02, 2011 at 05:21 AM

LY

“ *Leta A. Young lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Leta A. Young** - June 01, 2011 at 10:27 PM

KB

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers are with all of Tay's Family. I know she is with her Heavenly Father and family that have gone before her. Life on earth is short -we'll all be able to see her again soon. I'm so grateful for the friendship I had with Tay. I feel so blessed to have known her! I met Tay in 1999. I was her DSR at Gold Canyon. For the first year I only talked with Tay on the phone, I loved her voice! I remember telling her -If I were in a large room full of people I could pick her out just by listening for her voice. She had a Beautiful Voice! I was so excited to meet her in person for the first time! What a lovely person! Inside and out! She truly had a heart of gold.



I remember many years ago Curt Waisath let me rent a limo for the evening to take some of the Distributors out for a night on the town. Tay and all of us girls had so much Fun! I have so many wonderful memories of Tay! As do many other Gold Canyon Demonstrators and workers. What a Good Sales Rep she was for Gold Canyon! Always thinking of her candle business -even at the hospital. My heart goes out to her sweet family. Please know that our thoughts & Prayers will continue to be with you. We will miss our Tay Dearly.

Karen Badousek

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**Karen Badousek** - June 01, 2011 at 09:59 PM

CH

“ CARRIE HARRIS lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**CARRIE HARRIS** - June 01, 2011 at 09:41 PM

DN

“ *Debbie Naab-Owens lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Debbie Naab-Owens** - June 01, 2011 at 09:14 PM

AS

“ *Alayna Stiffler lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Alayna Stiffler** - June 01, 2011 at 09:10 PM

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*Tay will be missed in our Gold Canyon family. Hugs and peace to her family. She will always be remembered. Love Alayna*

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**Alayna Stiffler** - June 01, 2011 at 09:12 PM

TH

“ *Tiffani Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Tiffani Hutchison** - June 01, 2011 at 07:10 PM

GA

“ Genny Allgood lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Genny Allgood** - June 01, 2011 at 06:15 PM

GA

*I lit a Gold Canyon Candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt.*

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**Genny Allgood** - June 01, 2011 at 06:16 PM

JZ

“ Our thoughts are with Tay's family....may you find comfort at this difficult time. Tay will always be a an inspiration to her Gold Canyon family.



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**Jody Zavala** - June 01, 2011 at 04:37 PM

JC

“ Jodi Cleer lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Jodi Cleer** - June 01, 2011 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ *She always cared and gave her all.... you will be greatly missed Tay Love you r.i.p.* ”



Teresa Bolinger - June 01, 2011 at 04:13 PM

Gold Yingling

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Tay. L. Leonhardt* ”

Gold Yingling - June 01, 2011 at 03:54 PM

Paula Huffer

“ *Paula Huffer lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt* ”



Paula Huffer - June 01, 2011 at 02:25 PM

KR

“ *Kathryn Rohrig lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt* ”



Kathryn Rohrig - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace Tay! You are in God's loving care now! You will be missed!



Mary Stock - June 01, 2011 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Carol Brown lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Carol Brown - June 01, 2011 at 11:51 AM

HW

“ Heidi Woloshun lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Heidi Woloshun - June 01, 2011 at 09:55 AM

KF

“ Kylee Francescon lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Kylee Francescon - June 01, 2011 at 08:12 AM

KF

*My families Prayers & thoughts are with your family, Tay. For I know you are in paradise. Love Always, Kylee*

Kylee Francescon - June 01, 2011 at 08:13 AM

NP

“ *Nona Persons lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Nona Persons - June 01, 2011 at 07:56 AM

TM

“ *To my oldest and dearest friend. I have known you since your first day in Huntington when you got off the bus at my house. We have been through so many things together and I have so many wonderful memories that I could fill a book. I am sure your Mom and Dad would like to forget a few of them (lol). I am so thankful to have known you and your family and to have been apart of your lives. You were truly a blessing. I love you and know I will see you again. Fly with the Angels my beautiful friend!*

Tamara Motycka - June 01, 2011 at 07:28 AM

RL

“ *ROCHELLE LEWALD lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



ROCHELLE LEWALD - May 31, 2011 at 11:16 PM

LT

“ *Lianna Taylor lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Lianna Taylor - May 31, 2011 at 11:00 PM

LT

*Tay will be missed by our Gold Canyon family, such an amazing lady. Our love and prayers go out to your family.*

Lianna Taylor - May 31, 2011 at 11:02 PM

DM

“ *Denise Molitsky lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Denise Molitsky - May 31, 2011 at 10:51 PM

DC

“ *Dawn Cueto lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Dawn Cueto - May 31, 2011 at 10:43 PM

DC

*Tay, you were an inspiration in more ways than you know. You will be deeply missed.*

Dawn Cueto - May 31, 2011 at 10:44 PM

LG

“ I will be making a donation to the Prayer Child Foundation in memorial of Tay.  
Lorina Gudmundson, Gold Canyon  
Independent Manager, Edmonton, Alberta,  
Canada



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**Lorina Gudmundson** - May 31, 2011 at 10:29 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bosley lit a candle in memory of Tay  
L. Leonhardt



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**Jennifer Bosley** - May 31, 2011 at 10:22 PM

LA

“ Lucille St. Amand lit a candle in memory of  
Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Lucille St. Amand** - May 31, 2011 at 09:10 PM

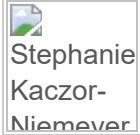
LW

“ Laurie Wilton lit a candle in memory of Tay L.  
Leonhardt



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**Laurie Wilton** - May 31, 2011 at 09:08 PM



Stephanie  
Kaczor-  
Niemeyer

“ Lighting a candle for you...how appropriate. Candles brought us together over 11 years ago. You have been one of the most amazing friends to me. You were always there for me and always knew what to say. Sometimes your positive attitude would tick me off when I didn't want to hear it, but you knew it was what I needed to hear. You had a knack for knowing when I needed you. It never failed during those times I would get a pick-me-up card in the mail from you. I can only hope that I was at least half the friend to you that you were to me.



*I selfishly wish that you were still here with me, but I watched you fight this for 10 years. I'm so thankful to know that you now have a healthy, pain-free body.*

*Thank you Tay for friending me so many years ago. You have been a true blessing in my life. You are an awesome woman with the most amazing strength and positive attitude. I hope you know how much your friendship meant to me. I love ya dearly lady and will forever miss you!!*

*P.S. Good job raising your kiddos. You did an A job. You are so proud of those 2 and have every right to be. I know they will continue to make you proud !!*

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**Stephanie Kaczor-Niemeyer** - May 31, 2011 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ Jody L (Williams) Stafford lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Jody L (Williams) Stafford** - May 31, 2011 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ Jody L (Williams) Stafford lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Jody L (Williams) Stafford - May 31, 2011 at 08:06 PM

SG

“ Sally Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Sally Gilbert - May 31, 2011 at 08:05 PM

MW

“ Michelle Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Michelle Wolfe - May 31, 2011 at 08:05 PM

JB

“ Janice E. Baker lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Janice E. Baker - May 31, 2011 at 07:10 PM

KS

“ Karen Strahan lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Karen Strahan - May 31, 2011 at 07:03 PM

JC

“ Jacki Petty Gold Canyon lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Jacki Petty Gold Canyon - May 31, 2011 at 07:03 PM

CD

“ Cyndee DeLong lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Cyndee DeLong - May 31, 2011 at 06:52 PM

CD

Tay was one of the first Candle Sister I met~ whenever I saw Tay~ she ALWAYS had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. Angels are singing to you Tay~ we miss you and will always.

Cyndee DeLong - May 31, 2011 at 06:53 PM

KR

“ *Kelli Rogers lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Kelli Rogers** - May 31, 2011 at 06:23 PM

KR

*Tay was such an inspiration to me and so many within our Gold Canyon Family. So sad to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family!*

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**Kelli Rogers** - May 31, 2011 at 06:26 PM

DV

“ *lit a candle in*



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**Donna Versola** - May 31, 2011 at 06:06 PM

JD

“ *Jeri Duncan lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Jeri Duncan** - May 31, 2011 at 05:24 PM

RR

“ Roseann Reed lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Roseann Reed - May 31, 2011 at 04:48 PM

DD

“ Dan And Cheryl Dominquez lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Dan and Cheryl Dominquez - May 31, 2011 at 03:51 PM

DM

“ Debbie Moran lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Debbie Moran - May 31, 2011 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ Janell Burnau lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



Janell Burnau - May 31, 2011 at 11:28 AM

CB

“ Joe, Cody, and Shana:

*You are in our thoughts as you find your way through this. Lean on your family and friends for strength, and always remember how much you all are cared about. We love you all. Let Jesus take the wheel, he will provide you with love and guidance. Our hearts are overflowing with love for all of you. Joe, please know you can call upon us at any hour we will be there for you and the kids. Love you all!*

*Sending our love,*

*Chris, Rachel and Hannah Brown*

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**Chris, Rachel, and Hannah Brown** - May 31, 2011 at 10:35 AM

TM

“ Twyla Mabie lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Twyla Mabie** - May 31, 2011 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ I first met Tay back in 2000, as a Gold Canyon Candle Distributor. I thought right away what a terrific lady she was, and really enjoyed the time I spent with her over the next 7 years having candle parties for her. She was very dedicated to the company and was a great salesperson. I got to know her husband and children from making lots of trips to her home. She inspired me to join the GCC team and become a demonstrator myself.

I am very sad to know she lost her battle, but I am glad to know that the Lord has her in his arms right now.

All my sympathies to the families as they go thru this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Mia' Ty Miller

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Mia' Ty Miller - May 31, 2011 at 10:10 AM



“ you taught me I was beautiful, i know I look just like you.

you taught me I was strong, I know it's from watching you.

you taught me so much and I will forever be grateful to have the most amazing, caring, loving, beautiful mother anyone could have. I love you with all my heart Tay Lynn Leonhardt. your daughter and sugar fry,

Shana Lynn



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joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 09:16 AM



“ Joe Leonhardt lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 09:11 AM

UV

“ *Uncle Alan & Aunt Vicki lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



Uncle Alan & Aunt Vicki - May 31, 2011 at 07:58 AM

AP

“ *Angela D. Pepp lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



angela d. pepp - May 31, 2011 at 07:32 AM



“ *Joe Leonhardt lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 07:23 AM



*to my loving wife. a candle will always burn till we meet again! love you  
Joey*

joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 07:25 AM



“ Joe Leonhardt lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 07:23 AM



“ your husband



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joe leonhardt - May 31, 2011 at 07:13 AM



“ Tay was the most generous person I have ever known. She always made sure that we sponsored at least 5 needy families every Christmas. She helped so many local children through the Gold Canyon Prayer Child Foundation and she could not pass a homeless person without making sure they had a meal. She saved so many abandoned animals by nursing them back to health and finding them good homes. She lived the phrase "No matter what you have, it pales in comparison to what you give"

*She is my hero, and I will keep her giving spirit alive! Praise God she is pain free.*

*I am so very proud to be her mother.*

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Denise Brewster - May 31, 2011 at 06:00 AM

BR

“ *Bob And Beth Romero lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Bob and Beth Romero** - May 31, 2011 at 05:59 AM

C(

“ *Cyndi (scheiber)crews lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**cyndi (scheiber)crews** - May 31, 2011 at 01:56 AM

AW

“ *April Funderburg Weinley lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**April Funderburg Weinley** - May 30, 2011 at 10:34 PM

AS

“ Joey, Cody, and Shana,  
I hope this can offer you some peace. All of you are in my thoughts  
and prayers.  
We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again

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**Andrea Schlemmer** - May 30, 2011 at 09:09 PM

AS

“ *Andrea Schlemmer lit a candle in memory of  
Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Andrea Schlemmer** - May 30, 2011 at 08:55 PM

CB

“ *Chris Brown lit a candle in memory of Tay L.  
Leonhardt*



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**Chris Brown** - May 30, 2011 at 07:36 PM

MD

“ *Michelle And James Duckett lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Michelle and James Duckett** - May 30, 2011 at 07:27 PM

CB

“ *Craig Baker lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Craig Baker** - May 30, 2011 at 07:22 PM

YM

“ *Your Loving Mother lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Your Loving Mother** - May 30, 2011 at 07:12 PM

RM

“ *Rich And Debbie McHenry lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt*



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**Rich and Debbie McHenry** - May 30, 2011 at 05:18 PM

TH

“ Tom And Diana Hartley lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Tom and Diana Hartley** - May 30, 2011 at 12:29 PM

JK

“ Janet Kennedy-Fry lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Janet Kennedy-Fry** - May 30, 2011 at 10:06 AM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about Tay's passing. Her beautiful smile, personality and loving heart will always remembered.

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**Janet Kennedy-Fry** - May 30, 2011 at 10:04 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Warner lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt



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**Cheryl Warner** - May 30, 2011 at 09:43 AM

CW

“So sorry to hear about Tay's passing. No more suffering, no more pain, she can rest now. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers!”

*Charlotte Wagner*

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**Charlotte Wagner** - May 30, 2011 at 08:01 AM

KH

“I was so sorry to hear of Tay's passing. Such a beautiful spirit, such a young life. My thoughts are with you.”

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**Kay Hoch** - May 29, 2011 at 07:54 PM

KH

“Kay Hoch lit a candle in memory of Tay L. Leonhardt”



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**Kay Hoch** - May 29, 2011 at 07:51 PM