



Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong

July 2, 1998 - September 25, 2023

Miss Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong, age 25, of Bath Township, went home to be with the Lord on Monday September 25, 2023. She is survived by her parents: Allan and Alicia Hartong; her siblings: Zak (Erica), Titus (Alison), Rachael (Joshua), Nathan, Maggie, Lincoln, and Augustus; her grandparents: David, Ray and Marilyn; and many loved ones near and far. She is preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Dorothea. Gretchen was born on July 2, 1998 with multiple, severe disabilities. Although she could not do many of the things most of us take for granted, she lived life fully, her way. She created her own language affectionately known as Gretchenese, communicating with her big, beautiful eyes, smiles and scowls, grins, grimaces and groans. She was even known to sound like a cheerful Wookiee at times. She was lovingly also known as Gretch, Gretchie, Little Pearl, Gretchen-Girl, Gretchie-Love, and Lovebug. She loved being near her family, eating pie, wearing the color purple, being read to or sung to, listening to music, keeping secrets, holding stuffed animals (especially Sammy the Sloth), and getting hugs and kisses. She was known for her gentleness, patience, and excellent listening. Gretchen was a joy to her family. She struggled with health issues at the beginning and the end but was a fighter all her life. She taught us to appreciate each and every day. She is dearly loved and greatly missed. Gretchie, give Jesus a hug for us. We love you!

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grand Heights Baptist Church
1611 Armstrong Road
Fairborn, OH 45324

Funeral Services

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I pray that you are now running free with Jesus
I love you Gretchen.*

Elizabeth A. Friedlander - November 02, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.*



September 30, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.*



September 28, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the
family of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.*



September 27, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.



September 27, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gretchen Elizabeth Hartong.



September 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM