

TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STAR

When I was asked to speak on behalf of Katy's Dance Family, It was the most difficult thing to start. Not only because it is so sad she is gone, but also because she has so many people in her dance family I didn't know where to begin. Then as I was thinking of so many great memories it hit me what Katy would want me to say. One thing Katy hated was not to be productive, and with that I know she wants us to celebrate her life.

Katy was so full of energy she challenged and inspired us all. I remember at the beginning of this dance year, I met with Katy to make sure she was not doing too much, and she assured me she could do it all. And she did. From school work, to drama and choir, to numerous dances, and of course her social life Katy made it seem easy.

In our Dance Family Katy was an excellent student, mentor, secret star, teacher, dancer, and most important a best friend. We feel so fortunate to have had Katy in our life and I know what she has taught us all will be with us and inspire us forever.

We just got back from Vegas recently where she was able to dance at Diane's new studio and visit UNLV. Every morning she would call me bright and early and say, are we going to Dance today? Then we get home and you would think she would need some rest, but she continued to come by the studio to dance or help out the junior starz.

The last time we saw Katy she came to help Kansas City with a car wash. She got out of her car and we all stopped to stare. She was so cute with pink shorts, pink tank top, pink flip flops, a pink purse, and oh yes even a pink drink in her hand. This color is so uplifting and happy and I truly know Katy wants us to continue to "THINK PINK".

This day last year we were in Hollywood with Katy, celebrating Miss Sally's B-DAY. Papa Chris, Mamma Sally, sisters Arica, Shelyn & Amy, Brother Joey, and I wish had moved up from Sister to Aunt Cami-completed one of Katy's many dreams, take classes at the Edge, work with the wonderful Kieth Clifton, and see the Stars.

Katy has lived such a full life. Shared lots of traveling and adventures that some of us have yet to or may never experience. She showed so much enthusiasm for life evident by her brilliant smile. She was a performer in her soul and loved every moment on stage. She had her dreams in sight. Along with being smart, she displayed maturity beyond her 17 years. As so many others I have been touched by Katy's life and consider our relationship a true blessing. Katy wanted so bad to be a star herself. I never visioned it would be this way, but Katy IS the most beautiful star out there, dancing in the heavens with Gregory Hiens.

*On behalf of your Dance Family we Love you Katy
and we will continue dancing for you!*

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