



## Jayme S. Power

May 9, 1984 - February 18, 2014

Jayme Sheriee Power passed away on Tuesday, February 18, at the age of 29 in her hometown of San Antonio, Texas, due to complications from an appendectomy. Born May 9, 1984, to James Buster and Lana Alexander Power, Jayme was a beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin - double cousin - and friend to many.

The youngest of four girls, Jayme was never the "baby" of the family. She was fiercely loyal to and protective of anyone she cared about, but she never wanted anyone to fuss over her. This selflessness is probably what most of her loved ones will remember her by. She gave of her time and resources freely and without condition - unless you count a smile and a hug as payment.

Jayme cherished her two families - her natural family and her church family. She served as choir director at Sheltering Arms Full Gospel Church for ten years, never failing to spot a willing recruit among visitors and new members. Singing was her gift and her craft, and she shared her voice in the church, at nursing homes and on the river barges at Christmas time. She never shied away from a performance, whether it was a solo, a duet with her daddy or a quartet with her sisters. Beyond singing, she showed her creativity in other ways as well - baking cookies or trying out new recipes - often to the detriment of her mom's kitchen.

Her two nieces held her heart in their hands, and she theirs. She was their buddy and a playmate that they could confide in. She would show up on a whim for brief visits with Eilie at daycare or plan special one-on-one outings with Corenne. She knew how to make each of them feel special and loved.

She was a character with a sense of humor that brightened every room. As an especially hungry toddler, she once bit her aunt's leg to get the message across. She made an impression on Santa by singing her favorite song and talking his ear off for three minutes - an encounter that we thankfully caught on video.

Let's be honest, anyone who knew Jayme experienced how exasperating she could be. She had a fierce independence that sometimes got her into trouble. When she was four years old and not willing to wait for mom to get dinner started, she took it upon herself to pull a package of raw chicken out of the fridge, rip it open and almost take a hearty bite before she was caught red-handed. In September of 2012, Jayme narrowly survived a car accident involving an 18-wheeler when her left front tire blew out as she merged onto the highway. She liked to keep her guardian angel on its toes!

Most people who knew her would say that Jayme challenged them to be a better person. The words "nice", "gentle" and "sweet" don't truly describe her temperament. She had no guile, no malice; she never said a bad thing about anyone. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her and will be desperately missed. She was the closest thing to an angel on earth, and she's undoubtedly saving each of us a spot in the choir.

Jayme recently aspired to earn her commercial real estate license after gaining three years of experience as an executive administrative assistant with her current employer, G/PAMCO. Jayme was a very intelligent person, and William Campbell, her supervisor and the owner of G/PAMPCO, jokingly

refer to her as his "technical advisor". She had a flare for computers and electronics, and completed several years of study at A&M Kingsville and San Antonio College.

Jayne is survived by her parents, James Buster and Lana Alexander Power, her grandmother Betty Alexander, her three sisters and their families, including: Jennifer Power Anaya, Richard Anaya, Corenne Anaya, Rebecca Power, Frank Horvath, Brittany Power Tradup, Eric Tradup and Eilie Tradup. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and double cousins, including: Diana Alexander and Gus Dunbar, Kathy Alexander and Patrick Michael Power, Robert and Pamela Alexander, Charles and Patsy Young, Michael and Dawn Verlander, Adam Verlander and his son Christopher Verlander, Megan Power and her son Liam New, Patrick Power, Erin Power, Michael Tungol, Amanda Alexander, Robert Alexander Jr., Christopher Alexander, Brian Young and Tamera Young Embrey. Jayme is preceded in death by her grandfather Robert Franklin Alexander, grandmother Nora Lee Ledbetter and step-grandfather Joe Ledbetter.

A visitation will be held at Sheltering Arms Church 926 Steves Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78210 on Sunday, February 23 at 1-3pm, followed by memorial service and reception at 3pm. A burial service will be held on Monday, February 24 at 1pm at Old Rock Baptist Cemetery in Somerset, Texas. All services are open to the public.

Jayne's passing was sudden and unexpected. If you would like to make a donation to help the family with funeral expenses, send a check to Sheltering Arms Church or donate through <http://www.gofundme.com/remembering-Jayne-Power>. Please send flowers to Mission Park Funeral Chapel South