



Rachel Grace Cutler

June 19, 1985 - November 17, 2015

Rachel Grace Cutler, 30, of Sheridan, and a missionary to the orphan children of Lesotho, Africa, unexpectedly went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 following injuries sustained in an automobile accident while in South Africa.

She was born June 19, 1985 in Bloemfontein, South Africa, a daughter of Gary and Mary (Smith) Cutler.

Rachel graduated from Union Bible Academy and College in Westfield, earning an Associate's Degree in Missions in 2010. She felt a calling to the work in Lesotho in 2008 and first went as a missionary there in 2011. She was most recently appointed as a missionary under the ICHA, International Conservative Holiness Association. Rachel had a warm and winsome smile and her life revolved around loving and caring for people, whether they were her friends here in America or orphaned children living in poverty in Africa.

Those left to forever cherish Rachel's memory are her parents, Gary and Mary Cutler of Sheridan, her siblings, Philip (wife: Ruby) Cutler of Pangasinan, Philippines; Matt (wife: Cameo) Cutler of Carmel, Anna (husband: Nathaniel) Forto of Sheridan; 12 nieces and nephews, her maternal grandmother, Ruth Smith of Fairfield, IL and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Rosalie Cutler and Ralph Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Union Bible College, 434 S. Union St., Westfield, IN, 46074, with Pastor Ron Stevens officiating. Burial will follow in Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the funeral Saturday at Union Bible College.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

The family would prefer memorial contributions be made to ICHA Missions for the work in Lesotho. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles Family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rachel Cutler.

Cemetery Details

Spencer Cemetery

8200 North County Line Road
Sheridan, IN 46069

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

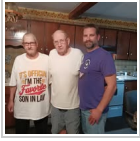
Union Bible College
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Westfield, IN 46074

Service

NOV 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary and Gary,
Jeff and I(Robin Rogers)were talking about you all and I searched to find you all on Google.How sad to see that you lost your beautiful daughter in 2015.You all had a great start in our Christian walk.Prayers for you all*

Robinmarie Bushrogers - January 26, 2024 at 04:37 PM

KM

“ *I will never forget Rachel. I first met her when I was in 4th grade at UBC. I latched on to her immediately and we became buddies. Through my growing up years, she would always ask me how I was doing. She always cared for me and I loved her big smile. I will miss her so much! Anna was always there for me as well and so was her mother. I love you both dearly and I am sorry for you're loss.*

*Love,
Kristy Meek*

Kristy Meek - November 29, 2015 at 03:53 PM

KS

“ *On a cold rainy day, the world seemed a little darker. But I imagine that Heaven is a little brighter because of Rachel's smile. We're going to miss her.*

Kevin & Paula Shaw - November 28, 2015 at 05:35 PM

MS

“ *The Cutler Family is in our prayers...*

Mark Stetler Family & Faith Mission Church

Bedford, IN

Mark D. Stetler - November 28, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rachel Grace Cutler.*



November 28, 2015 at 10:15 AM

MS

“ *What fond and pleasant memories we have of Rachel! It seemed she always had a smile and a positive attitude. Her love and concern for others was so evident. Our hearts our heavy and sad, yet we rejoice in knowing that Rachel is enjoying her heavenly home.*

Rev. Monte & Mary Stetler

Monte & Mary Stetler - November 27, 2015 at 08:39 PM

RF

“ *Those FCA cooking class's in her home with her mother's help.*

Rose Fry - November 27, 2015 at 02:42 PM



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Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 27, 2015 at 06:56 AM



“ I USED TO SEE YOU AT UNION BIBLE SCHOOL WHEN JAMES WAS THERE. YOU WERE VERY NICE TO HELPHIM OUT. I CARE FOR YOU AND THE CUTLER FAMILY. LOVE YOU ALL LINDA HOWENSTEIN

Linda Howenstein - November 26, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Rachel Grace Cutler.



November 25, 2015 at 12:53 PM



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Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 25, 2015 at 10:48 AM

DU

“ *"Loving to Live and Living to Love". That is how I am remember Rachel.*

Duschania - November 25, 2015 at 07:12 AM

DF

“ *Darlene Woy and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rachel Grace Cutler.*



Darlene Woy and family. - November 24, 2015 at 04:35 PM

BW

“ *I went to school with Rachel. During those middle and high school years when everyone is basically unbearable, I doubt you could find anyone with a bad thing to say about her. She was always kind and friendly, and would do anything for anyone. She loved Jesus and I am thankful to have known her.*

Brent Waggoner - November 23, 2015 at 11:20 PM

SW

“ I enjoyed my June 2014, trip to Lesotho with Rachel. She had a great influence on the people there. The children loved her and she certainly loved them. I have many wonderful memories of the two weeks with her and loved to watch her sing, "I love you tooo much, I miss you tooo much," to the children she met. I last spoke to her a few days before she left for Lesotho in October, never guessing it would be my last time on earth to her voice and feel the smile in it. By God's grace, I will see her again some day. Maybe she will be singing, "I love you tooo much," to some children in Heaven. I pray God will raise up several people to take her place in ministry.
Sherry Wood

Sherry Wood - November 23, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Rachel Grace Cutler.



November 23, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JT

“ *Jerry Thompson Debbie Thompson* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Rachel Grace Cutler.



Jerry Thompson Debbie Thompson - November 23, 2015 at 09:40 AM

Gera
Latham

“ Praying for all the Cutler family!!! Rachel was one of my very best friends and the most sweetest ..caring...loving... giving... person I have ever known... I will never forget her encouragement to me when I was going through some real struggles... she was such a blessing to me... and she would say Gera keep encouraged in the Lord he will help you through and she would pray with me.... I loved that girl sooo much and my heart is broken ... but I know that she is in a better place than I and Oh the rejoicing in Heaven that she is experiencing... I can't even imagine the time she is having there praising and adoring the one she served so faithfully... She truly had a beautiful heart! I will miss her beautiful smile and friendship....Rachel you were like a part of our family and I am going to miss you so much...I will forever be grateful to God for letting our paths cross...Until we meet again... I love you Rachel...



Gera Latham - November 23, 2015 at 08:43 AM

GS

“ I didn't know Rachel but my thoughts, prayers & sympathy are with her loved ones. I am friends with Barbara Moore in OKC. May God continue to give you comfort & strength as only HE can do!
Sincerely,
Glenda Schwartz



Glenda Schwartz - November 23, 2015 at 12:05 AM

VA

“ I am blessed to have pleasant memories of having Rachel in classes at UBC and taking her with a group into China. What stands out to me most about Rachel is that I never knew a more selfless person. At times like this, one cannot avoid that big, aching question of "Why?" We so desperately need young missionaries. Why would God choose to take one? Humanly speaking there are no answers. The only way I can come to terms with this is through the figure that was been given of God weaving a great tapestry. Because I see it only from the underside, it appears to be a tangle that is meaningless. But I find peace in the knowledge that God knows very well what He is doing; and, no doubt if I could see what He sees, I would understand better as well.

Verne Asbury

Verne Asbury - November 22, 2015 at 10:04 PM

RR

“ I met Rachel little over a year ago when she prayed with me and I gave my life to the lord I always remember her and that smile never seen her without smiling she would always watch my son in church services so I could listen to the gospel I am truely going to miss her and her smile my heart hurts for the Cutler family but we know she is in Gods hands now and to the Cutler family sorry for your loss she is a angel now flying high



Rebekah ramos - November 22, 2015 at 09:31 PM

AD

“ So thankful that God allowed us to be touched by the life of Rachel. She was such a sweet, selfless person, who radiated God's love wherever she went. I have some great memories of our friendship together. We had some fun times with lots of laughs, and also enjoyed going out for Chinese. Our church was privileged to have her for a service the Sunday before she left for Lesotho. She won the heart of our oldest daughter instantly. She talked to her and showed a great interest in what my daughter had to say. She will be greatly missed but her legacy will leave a lasting impression on our hearts.

Amanda Davis - November 22, 2015 at 07:30 PM

AS

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Annetta Sykes - November 22, 2015 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ We appreciate the opportunity that we had to labor on the mission field with Rachel. She had a unselfish heart for the people of Lesotho, especially the children. From the phone calls and text messages that we have received, Rachel's big heart and love for the people here will be a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. Darrell and Tonda Miller

Darrell Miller - November 22, 2015 at 03:04 AM

HD

“ *I am sorry. I will be praying for the family. She will always be in my memory. She was a good friend.*



Helen day - November 21, 2015 at 10:17 PM

HD

“ *Sorry for lost. Rachel was a very good friend. I miss just spending time with her I will always remember her.*

Helen day - November 21, 2015 at 09:56 PM

SP

“ *Words cannot describe the heartbreak that I feel for losing such a wonderful friend. Our hearts go out to Mary, Gary, Anna, Nathan and the rest of the family. Her sweet smile will be missed in the services!! Such a wonderful selfless, caring, compassionate, and loving person. We will truly miss her, but we have much more to heaven for now than we had a few days ago! Love to the family, Jon and Shirley Parmelee*

Shirley Parmelee - November 21, 2015 at 03:30 PM

OA

“ I will always remember the school-year I was Rachel's mentor at UBC. She had desires, just as any young girl would, but she wanted God's will first in her life. The thing I remember MOST about her was her smile. She was always smiling!. She helped us once babysit our 2 daughters when they were much younger, and Verne and I had to take a trip over some time when the girls were in school and couldn't go with us. She was always ready to lend a helping hand. You are all in our prayers during these very difficult days.

As a counselor, who listens to the heartache of people day after day, I can't help comparing how blessed you are to have only pleasant memories surrounding Rachel as compared to the sad and heart-wrenching trail of tears and selfishness which so many parents have in regard to their children whose lives are wrecked by drugs, alcohol, and divorce. There is so much bitterness and anger which follows a person who lives for the devil. BUT--with Rachel there are only loving, happy memories of a life well-lived for her Lord. May you find comfort in knowing that your dear one is forever safe!

Verne and Olive Asbury

Olive B Asbury - November 21, 2015 at 02:29 PM

DR

“ I met Rachel a couple of years ago while she was helping in the kitchen at UBC. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever met. She never had an unkind word to say about anyone and I remember when she would talk about her work in Africa her face would just light up! She really loved those orphan children. Rachel will be missed. I'm so blessed to have met her!

Dracinda Robbins - November 21, 2015 at 12:17 PM

DD

“ My heart goes out to the Cutler Family in the loss of such a wonderful person and friend. I love her. She was such an inspiration to all that met her. Oh how I will miss her smiling face at church. She will truly be missed. Donna J. DeArmond

DONNA DEARMOND - November 21, 2015 at 12:05 PM

LW

“ I will always carry the memory of this young lady in my heart. She was such a blessing in the Learning Center and throughout her life. Always a sweet smile and she always made it a point to talk to you wherever she saw you. She had a concern for all her friends. So glad for the last time I saw at Missionary Service at our church. Glad to hug her and tell how much I appreciated her. Her greatest desire in life was to serve the Lord and answer her mission to Africa to minister to the children. Thank you Cutler family for allowing us share in the life of Rachel Cutler. We love and pray for all.

Logan and Nancy Westrick - November 21, 2015 at 11:13 AM

AS

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Annetta Sykes - November 21, 2015 at 10:54 AM

GC

Thank you so much for sharing this video. Precious memories. Gary & Mary Cutler

Gary Cutler - November 22, 2015 at 12:32 PM

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Annetta Sykes - November 21, 2015 at 10:49 AM

RK

“ *I remember Rachel as a sweet little girl running around campus when I was Dean at UBC. My wife and I are so sorry for you loss. God bless your family.*

Robert keep - November 21, 2015 at 10:16 AM

 James Howenstein

“ *James Howenstein sent a virtual gift in memory of Rachel Grace Cutler*



James Howenstein - November 21, 2015 at 09:46 AM

 James Howenstein

“ *She always knew how to cheer a person up and she lived the real conservative holiness lifestyle. She followed her dream of being a missionary. Which brings conviction to my heart to pick up where I left off to follow my dreams. She was smart and kind.....she was a child of God. Praying for the family.*



James Howenstein - November 21, 2015 at 09:45 AM

JT

“ *Mary & family, I am so sorry to hear of Rachel's passing. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Jenny Tharp (previously from CASC) and family

Jenny Tharp - November 21, 2015 at 09:00 AM

JV

“ *Rachel was a reflection of her mothers love and caring ways. Her tender manner and joyful spirit was felt in our home when she visited my daughters. I always knew she would become an angel of mercy to those around her. So glad to see she followed her hearts path and lived life to the fullest. Rest in peace Rachel.....*



judi vore - November 21, 2015 at 08:44 AM

CM

“ *My condolences to the Cutler family. Rachel was God fearing and loved everyone so much, i will never forget her smile. I have so many good memories of her because we were best friend*

Connie Matsaba - November 21, 2015 at 08:12 AM

RC

“ *I never heard Rachel complain or speak evil of anyone--even when in school. Mary, Gary, and family we are praying each of you. The one consolation is we can meet her again. Reed and Betty Cooper*

Reed and Betty Cooper - November 21, 2015 at 07:58 AM

EW

“ It was my privilege to become close to Rachel during her China trip, and I appreciated her sweetness and servant heart. I, like many, often fail to speak compliments in time, while the person is still alive to be encouraged. My daughter wrote words that moved Rachel nearly to tears, and knowing these were words that were in time to bless Rachel, I want to share a paragraph from Annelisa's Letter: "Have you had fun telling all your friends and family of your many adventures in China??? I sure miss having you around, but hope I will see you again soon. I wish you the best in fulfilling your call to South Africa. I know that God has a great plan for your life. He can always use kind, unselfish, and caring people like you, and He Already has. You have been, and will be, a great blessing to all those around you, especially in poorer countries like China and Africa. "

Evonne Wu


Evonne Asbury Wu - November 21, 2015 at 06:34 AM

ER

“ I did not know Rachel well, but she did touch the lives of my children and me in a recent visit to our church. I remember her sweet spirit and that beautiful smile. Praying for you in your time of loss. I'm sure Rachel is playing with and showing love to all the babies and children in Heaven! - The Ranards



Elaina Ranard - November 21, 2015 at 06:14 AM


Elizabeth
Banes

“ So sorry for your loss...i loved Rachel so much. I will fondly remember our trip to AYC and camp outs. So sorry we will not be able to attend the service, but our thoughts and prayers are with you

Elizabeth Banes - November 21, 2015 at 02:52 AM

EJ

“ We have had many good times with Rachel. She did a couple Vacation Bible Schools at our church and was loved by kids there. I was able to see her just shortly before she went back to Africa this last time and I'm so thankful to have that memory. She was loved and will be missed. We are praying for your family.

Eric, Jessica, & Cassie Jude - November 20, 2015 at 11:59 PM

DH

“ Rachel was a definite bright light in this dark world. It was our privilege to know her and see Christ through her life. May God give the strength and help needed in the days and months ahead.

Daniel & Regina Hellmann - November 20, 2015 at 09:23 PM



“ I Remember Going With Rachel And Another Girl To Her House For Her Sisters Birthday Party While I Was Visiting Union Bible College. She Was a Good Christian Girl. I Also Read About Her Being A Missionary To The Orphans In South Africa In Hope International Missions Newsletter The Orphan Update. I Know She Is In Heaven Now With Jesus And Other Friends And Loved Ones.

Raymond Howell - November 20, 2015 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ I first met Rachel when she was a shy, young girl at youth camp. I saw a sweetness & honesty in her then. As the years went by I could count on a warm hug at IHC, bus convention or whenever we'd meet. I remember clearly the year I saw her & realized she'd changed: she had found her purpose & she beamed. I admired her from afar & was delighted when I saw her prayer card on a friend's fridge. I was so sad to hear of her too-soon passing. My prayers are with all her family.

Liz Stetler - November 20, 2015 at 09:08 PM

JR

“ You are in our prayers. Rachel always had a friendly smile. I'm sorry we can't be there for the service. Jamie

Jamie Rauschenberger - November 20, 2015 at 08:31 PM

JT

“ To the family of Rachel Cutler: We are so sorry to hear of Rachel's passing. We are remembering the family in our prayers.

Judy Thomas - November 20, 2015 at 08:28 PM

B(

“ My deepest sympathy to your family at this time of tremendous loss! Rachel was one of the sweetest, most self-less ladies I have known. She was truly beautiful inside and out! I'll never forget the friendship and care she extended to me when our family faced our tragic accident and the loss of my sister in 2004. Can only imagine her joy and excitement in heaven! Heaven gained a beautiful angel Tuesday! Praying for peace, comfort, and healing as you face the difficult and exhausting days ahead! When all you can do is cry, remember: "Tears are a language God understands!"

Bethany Hartley (Brewer) - November 20, 2015 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ *Seldom do you meet a kinder, gentler young lady full of purpose and passion for Christ. Rachel lived her life with "no regrets." Our deepest sympathy to the Cutler Family. May her memory inspire a generation to service for Christ.*



James and Marie Plank - November 19, 2015 at 02:09 PM

CA

Rachel was a wonderful girl ! Always had a smile on her face! And she really love the Lord I am praying for the Cuttler famiy!

Cindy Arndt - November 20, 2015 at 08:47 PM

TS

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Tom Sproles - November 19, 2015 at 01:44 PM