



## Candice Marie Hopes

November 24, 1987 - February 18, 2025

Candice Marie Hopes of Churchill, PA was born on November 24, 1987 at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She was the daughter of Timothy and Lydia Marie (Easley) Hopes and came home to her “Forever Family” on May 28, 1988 and legally adopted on November 17, 1988.

Candice was preceded in death by her grandparents, Columbus Calvin “Johnny” and Lucy Mae (Wall) Easley and Charles Wesley Sr. and Queen Ella (McLean) Hopes.

She attended Sacred Heart Elementary School in Shadyside, PA where she played on the girls’ basketball team beginning in the 3rd grade through 8th grade. Then she attended Woodland Hills High School in Churchill, PA where she played on the girls’ basketball team, was in the Marching Band playing the flute and tuba, involved in Performing Arts and high school musicals and graduated in June 2006. Also, she attended the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville, PA and Community College of Allegheny County.

Candice was baptized at the age of six and became a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBC), McKeesport, PA. She participated in the following ministries – Sunday School, Junior Usher Board, Mime, and Inspirational Chorus. Over several years, she served as a youth volunteer representing BBC at Lott Carey Youth Seminars.

As a teenager, Candice attended diabetes Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock, PA; and Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, Ohio. In addition, in Columbus, Ohio, she attended Summer Law Camp at Franklin University and Science Camp at

the Center of Science and Industry (COSI).

For two years, Candice was in charge of youth activities for the Pittsburgh Diabetes Expo hosted by the American Diabetes Association at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. She was supported by several members of BBC that volunteered to assist her with this endeavor.

Over a four-year period, a Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh had Candice speak to pre-med students about diabetes and how it affected her life.

The summer after her high school graduation, Candice worked as a cashier at Lowe's in Monroeville, PA. After attending college, she worked as a supervisor at Dial America Call Center in Robinson. Later she was employed as a Medical Records Clerk at UPMC's Montefiore, Presbyterian, and Children's hospitals.

The love Candice had for her daughter, Calon, whom she affectionately referred to as "Biscuit", resonated in every fiber of her being. Both of them shared a love of all things Harry Potter, music and musicals, cooking, baking, Anime, Kennywood and Sandcastle.

Candice was an avid lifelong reader of a variety of genres, also enjoyed audio books, cooking shows and dancing even when she had her cast and/or medical boot on.

Loved to help people, outgoing, kind, generous and loyal are qualities for which Candice will be remembered. She once again demonstrated her kindness by being an organ donor to help extend a life – Center for Organ Recovery (CORE).

Our family would like to extend our grateful appreciation to the staff at DCI Oakland Home Dialysis for the care and treatment Candice received.

Additionally, we want to also thank the staff in the ICU Unit at Forbes Hospital in Monroeville for the exceptional and compassionate care Candice received and the kindness shown her family by everyone.

Candice's memory will be cherished by her beloved daughter, Calon Meziah

Garth (her "Biscuit"), parents, sisters, Tanya Hopes, Monica Hopes, Felicia "Lisa" Daniels and Timika Cook; nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, a host of other loving relatives and friends and so many whose lives she touched and they hers. And we cannot forget her cats, Ava and Rose, so lovingly cared for by Jessica Ray's uncle and her parents. Special mention to her dear friends, David Greve and his family, and Jessica Ray and her family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(412) 462-6466  
lisajohnson@tuniefuneralhome.com  
<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

## Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
716 Walnut Street  
McKeesport, PA 15132

*viewing prior to funeral service 9:00 AM funeral will be live on the church facebook page. [www.Bethlehembaptistchurch.com](http://www.Bethlehembaptistchurch.com)*

## Interment

MAR 1 (ET)

McKeesport & Versailles Cemetery  
5th Ave  
McKeesport, PA

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *OMG Candice... no more pain. i had no idea. i was wondering why i haven't seen or heard from you on FB. get your rest baby girl*



shanika somerville - April 13 at 10:47 PM

CL

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss you have my deepest condolences. Candice daughter goes to school with my granddaughter. Sending prayers from Greenville SC.*

Cynthia Ledbett - March 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Candice Marie Hopes.*



February 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Candice Marie Hopes.*

February 28, 2025 at 04:14 PM

HR

“ *Candice and I met as stand partners in ninth grade concert band. We became friends and did marching band and musicals together. My heart goes out to her daughter, family and close friends. Candice I wish you peace and comfort. I look forward to sharing a stand with you again one day.*

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**Hilary Ray** - February 27, 2025 at 06:18 PM

VL

“ *Valerie Graham and Jessica Lopresti purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Candice Marie Hopes.*



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**Valerie Graham and Jessica Lopresti** - February 26, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JE

“ *Jeanie lit a candle in memory of Candice Marie Hopes*



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**Jeanie** - February 26, 2025 at 01:56 AM

CO

“ *To the family of Candice Hopes; You have my sincere sympathy. My fondest memory of Candice was when she was a little girl who visited with her auntie, my neighbor. Candice would watch me working in the garden and she was full of questions and had such joy in her heart.*

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**Carmen Osborne** - February 25, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JR

“ I'll miss you my beautiful friend. One year we decided we were going to face our fears together. One of mine was the steel phantom at Kennywood. We were in line. She asked are you ok? I said yes just nervous. I still love you, but I don't like you right now. We get on, and I grab her hand. As we go up the hill slowly. With each click I held her hand tighter. Jess you are ok, and doing great. Me I still love you, but I don't like you right now as we both laughed we reached the top. I screamed my lungs out, probably blew her ear out. We get off, and are walking. I ask like a little kid in the candy store. Can we get in again can we can we. LOL these memories I'll forever hold inside my heart, and soul.

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**Jessica Ray** - February 24, 2025 at 02:58 PM

CL

“ Candi and I met at marching band practice in ninth grade. Neither of us had attended band camp that summer, so we spent the season helping each other play catch up with the drill and the music, and formed a friendship that lasted through high school and college. I still remember her smile, how much she loved to laugh, and how much she loved Calon. We didn't talk much in recent years, but I still counted her as a friend and will miss her dearly.

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**CJ Levine** - February 23, 2025 at 06:31 PM

SG

“ I will always remember Candice's true love for her daughter. They had a bond that was beautiful to witness. Im so glad to have known her. Sending love to her family. Candice, I know you're watching over Calon from above, I promise I'll watch over her here on Earth. Love, Sasha Glenn and family❤️

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**Sasha Glenn** - February 23, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MH

“ *I first met you Candice in at that time, the Phar Mor parking lot with those famous brand name tennis shoes. My heart aches for you. I will miss you. Ms. Melton*

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**Melton Hardy-Powell** - February 22, 2025 at 08:30 PM