



Mrs. Hilary Kathleen Welch Blount

April 10, 1983 - November 15, 2013

Hilary Kathleen Welch-Blount, 30, passed away November 15, 2013, at 12:26 p.m. from a brain hemorrhage following complications from surgery. Public visitation will be held at the Davis Family Funeral Home on Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 1-8 p.m. with the family present Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. to receive friends. Services for Hilary will be held at 2 p.m.

Wednesday November 20, 2013 in the Community Hall of the Bartlesville Community Center with Jason Elmore officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to a fund which is being set up at Arvest Bank in her honor.

The Richter Scale has no measurement capable of registering the impact of April 10, 1983, when Hilary burst forth at Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Academia and discipline proved minor obstacles as she conquered Bartlesville High School in 2001 as a National Merit Scholar with a 4.0 G.P.A. and a full ride to college. At University of Tulsa, she reigned with the terror of a tyrant over her fellow students as Assistant Resident Director, and graduated with an honors degree Summa Cum Laude and with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a minor in Philosophy.

Not to retire at 22, Hilary began working for Nevus Outreach, playing music professionally for churches and private functions, teaching piano, guitar, flute, and voice lessons, and serving on the boards of numerous non -profits including Westside Community Center and Musical Research Society. She

was the dynamic conductor of the First Presbyterian-based Belk Bell Ringers. She was an influential member of Toastmasters where she had to be restrained during public speaking as not to scare off new members with her sesquipedalian sentiments. At the time of her passing, she also served as the Executive Director of the Bartlesville Allied Arts and Humanities Council.

Hilary was active in her own realm. She was a fierce adventurer and left no parts of the Pathfinder trail unfound, nor any playground unplayed. She was the patron saint of lost animals and played foster mom to many a wayward kitten and puppy. Empathy, education, and equality were the capstones of her adult life. These views manifested in political progressivism for human rights especially the LGBTQ community. She felt animals were friends, not food, so she lived as a vegetarian for nearly a decade. In her final months she also began exploring one of her childhood dreams of becoming an author - she joined the WordWeavers writing group and self-published four books.

Not all of Hilary's meticulous planning went as calculated, and she ended up doing something she once swore never to do. In a feat of accomplishment he still can't believe he pulled off, Michael Blount and Hilary Welch wooed each other and they began to date in October 2011. Together they organized a peaceful counter-protest to Westboro Baptist Church, engaged in a heated battle of poetry over ragweed, won a Halloween contest as a pair of pirates, visited numerous state parks, and even braved the Caribbean. Hilary proposed to Michael on Thanksgiving Day 2012. Four months ago they were wed on June 29, 2013. Hilary readily proclaimed the past two years as some of the happiest, most fulfilling, and best times of her young life.

Hilary Welch is survived by her immediate family of husband Michael Blount, her parents Jim and Sue Welch, her in-laws Kent and Julie Blount, her grandfather Robert Kelly, her grandma-in-law Shirl Wastlund, her siblings Tim and Jeremy Welch, her sisters-in-law Annie Welch and Cassie Blount and her

brothers-in-law Brandon and Keegan Blount and her German Shepherd Ty. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Ella Kelly and her dog Indy.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and everlasting tributes may be left at www.davisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Celebration Of Life Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Hilary Kathleen Welch Blount*



Davis Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

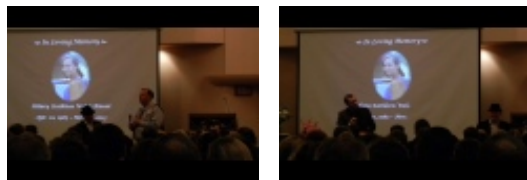
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“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, it is at times difficult to receive the comfort we search for. In times like these I know I can find comfort in God's word. In John 5:28,29 He tells us " Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." As the God and Father of tender mercies, He wants you to find comfort in Him through prayer (2 Cor 1:3).*

Dan Lawrence - April 29, 2014 at 04:54 PM

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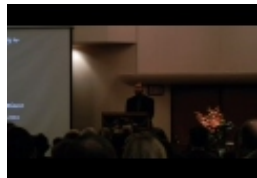
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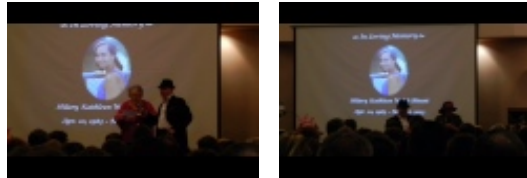
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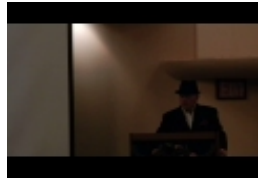
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Irene Chang - November 23, 2013 at 01:46 PM

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Irene Chang - November 23, 2013 at 12:13 AM

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Irene Chang - November 23, 2013 at 12:09 AM



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Irene Chang - November 21, 2013 at 10:59 AM



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Kenneth Gallaher - November 21, 2013 at 07:42 AM



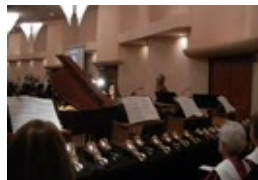
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Kenneth Gallaher - November 21, 2013 at 07:40 AM

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Irene Chang - November 20, 2013 at 09:57 PM

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3 Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, Susan Mueller

Irene Chang - November 23, 2013 at 04:40 PM

AI

“ *Hillary, I'm sorry I won't be at your memorial service. There's no doubt you were an amazing person. Growing up in Bartlesville, you were one of the few people I knew who was open-minded, compassionate, and so very intelligent. I will miss you. God bless you and your family.*

Aisha - November 20, 2013 at 01:46 PM

NO

“ *Hilary was my guitar teacher. I had left her teaching in the 6th grade to move to different extra curricular. I am currently in the 8th grade and when hearing about her passing made me come to tears. She was one of the greatest teacher and was always very humerus. I loved her as a teacher and a friend. Me and her would sometimes stop and just talk about people at my school or the recent events. Her and I had one inside joke that we always discussed which was angry pirates. She has one day asked me if any angry pirates had attacked me when trying to get to lessons (I was late) and it just built up from there. I even wrote a story about it. She was loved so dearly and will be missed,*

Noah - November 19, 2013 at 05:57 PM

LY

“ I am so sorry to hear of Hilary's passing. I went to school with Hilary in Pre-K and Kindergarten and when we moved from Bartlesville I was so sad to leave such a good friend. She made an impression on me even at such a young age and I have always remembered her fondly. She was a warm and loving person even. I am so sorry for your loss.

-Laura Scharf Yamamoto

Laura Scharf Yamamoto - November 19, 2013 at 10:05 AM

RG

“ Hilary was our grandson Connor's first piano teacher. She instilled a love of music in him which he still has today and he always looked forward to going to his weekly lessons. In his words, she was "just fun". Hilary was a talented young woman and it was our privilege to have known her. Sue, Jim, Timothy, Jeremy, Michael....our hearts go out to you...prayers and hugs to all.

Ron and Bev Gisi

Ron and Bev Gisi - November 19, 2013 at 09:47 AM

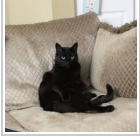
MA

“ Sue, Jim, Tim and Jeremy. It is hard to say how sorry we are for your loss and the loss for the community. She is a testament to the great parents she had. She accomplished more in her short life than most can even imagine. .

Michael, I did not know you but grief for you as well. You must be quit a guy for her to have chosen you..

Mike and Blake Ashenfelter

Mike Ashenfelter - November 18, 2013 at 11:19 PM



“ Hilary,

You were my friend and confidant through out my teen years, even if we were limited to the confines of the internet and handwritten correspondence.

Thank you for the hours and hours of near daily chat about Enjolras, Assassins, Sondheim, Musical theater, Gone With the Wind, Music, Band, Cute boys, Instant Messenger RPGS, Religion, Morality, and all the problems of growing up. Thank you for the years worth of letters and livejournal correspondence which I plan to reread to say good bye to you.

Thank you for your understanding, your encouragement, for always matching me in effusion and whimsy (or maybe we were just both crazy), and for making me feel accepted, intelligent, and appreciated. Thank you for your collaboration on projects for the les miz club, back when that was a thing.

You were always so much fun. I loved trying to match creativity and word play with you (but you were really always smarter than me...) and I'm not sure I can truly appropriately express how much your friendship meant to me back in those days.

It was important to me beyond our teen years though our contact became less frequent with added time constraints. And it is still important to me and I wish I had been in a little better contact the past few years and we had spoken beyond a few comments on doctor who on facebook (though, don't get me wrong, Dr. Who is pretty awesome).

Unfortunately, time has run out and the only thing left to do is say Thank you for everything Hilary. Thank you for sharing some of that time with me. I think everyone who has posted here will agree that we were all pretty lucky to have the privilege.

-Mollie MacKenzie

Mollie MacKenzie - November 18, 2013 at 10:17 PM

TH

“ So sad to lose such a talented lady. No mention of the plays she took part in. She was energetic. *Thoral Haskell*

Thoral Haskell - November 18, 2013 at 08:51 PM

IC

“ Losing Hilary is a big loss to the entire community, especially everyone involved with the arts. Thank you for inspiring us and setting a memorable example. Your flame burned bright, pure, and all too briefly.



Irene Chang - November 18, 2013 at 08:25 PM

BA

“ The entire Weatherly family will miss her very much!!! Prayers to the family!!!



Barb - November 18, 2013 at 05:33 PM

LQ

“ I've only known Hillary for three years but I must tell you how much I enjoyed her friendship. She was so funny, so organized. She was a lovely person. Her loss has left a huge hole in the Bartlesville community. I, like all who knew her, can't imagine she won't be at the next meeting of whatever group she shared with us. My heart is broken for her family. God rest her soul.

Linda Quinn, Musical Research

Linda Quinn - November 18, 2013 at 03:47 PM

WH

“ Hilary proved herself as a great coach and mentor to many people. She helped and encourage me in Toastmasters. Her dynamic energy was contagious, and always urged me to do more ... partly (and in vain) as an attempt to keep up with her incredible pace. I will miss your voice, your attitude and your presence. Jan and I send our condolences to you, Michael, and to all of Hilary's friends and family! Fare Well on this next adventure, Hil!

Walt Hansmann - November 18, 2013 at 03:31 PM

JW

“ Hilary taught my four Bartlesville grandchildren how to play a musical instrument: Henry, guitar; Jack, piano; Liza, piano, flute and voice; and Max guitar. We went to all the recitals and you could tell that Hilary loved what she did and that her students loved her in return. Before they began, she gathered the kids all together in the corner for a pow-wow, in which she whispered words of encouragement and helped them calm their nerves. Yes, she left us way too soon, but she left her students a deep and ever-lasting gift. She gave them the gift of music and that will last them all their lives. She made a difference. Is there anything better than that?

Joe Williams - November 18, 2013 at 02:37 PM

JM

“ A rose candle to represent the love Hilary had for life and those she encountered. The flame of that love is eternal. - John Mallet



John Mallet - November 18, 2013 at 01:12 PM

JL

“ Dear Michael, I am so sorry to here of your wife's passing. Congratulations on getting married by the way (didn't know that either). You and both families are in our prayers!!!

Judy B Lankford - November 18, 2013 at 01:02 PM

LB

“ Our "Wahzhazhe: An Osage Ballet" family is saddened by the loss of a gifted youngster. We send our condolences to her families, and know that she is safely in God's hands -- in His time.

Lou Brock - November 18, 2013 at 10:25 AM

CW

“ Hilary,
I cannot begin to list the thousands of memories, from just hanging out at the lab to black Friday craziness and writing and singing zombie musicals. I will forever love you, I will forever miss you. Carina's and my lives will forever be blessed because of you.

Chrissy Whiting - November 18, 2013 at 09:15 AM

RC

“ Hillary was and is a inspiration to everyone who she met. She had a deep understanding of what it takes to help, care, lead, to be a friend. She was my mentor for Toastmasters, and she wanted the best for me as much as she wanted it for herself. Speaking was only one of her amazing talents. God gained a loving Angel Friday. She will continue shining light on the darkest of times, only from a place much better than here. I miss her. Thank you Hilary. You're wonderful.

Rachel Clump - November 18, 2013 at 08:42 AM



“ Hilary had the most wonderful combination of heart, wisdom, and wit. I remember long conversations with her and her brother moving from all things musical and artistic, to philosophy and religion, and all the way back around to slap-stick sarcasm. I will miss her questions. Her ability to care deeply about things that so many people pass by. Hilary made me a better person. I think she made everyone around her a better person. The world has lost a tremendous light and for that I mourn. But what a life to celebrate! And what a profound legacy of a life lived so fully poured out for others. Rest in Peace Hilary.

Will Kallhoff - November 18, 2013 at 08:36 AM

LG

“ A favorite memory: sitting and talking about our favorite words; words to say, a word's definition... didn't matter. And yes, we laughed about it all!

Lee GrothOlson - November 18, 2013 at 07:53 AM

 Jarrod Elmore

“ Hilary, there was no more loyal friend than you. There was no one more brilliant. No one more intelligent. And no one with a stronger command of language. I will forever remember our friendship. And I will never forget our hours and hours and hours of conversation about God and becoming conscious. I have never hurt over death like I hurt over yours. All I have lost are grandparents who died in a timely way. I have never lost a close personal friend. Oh, how I will miss you. I will pray for your husband every day. He lost the world when he lost you. I am so glad that God has you in his hands now. You beautiful person. You beautiful person. I will write that again. You...beautiful...person. Rest in peace, my sweet, sweet friend.

Let us all praise Hilary's name. Let us all sing her praises forever.
Amen.

-Jarrod Elmore

Jarrod Elmore - November 18, 2013 at 01:39 AM

KH

Sue, Jim and Family - The Pawhuska days are far away and we have not kept in touch but I send my love, prayers and sympathy for the loss of Hilary. I cannot imagine what you are going through with the loss of your beautiful daughter but having just lost my husband I know the waves of grief you are experiencing. I have confidence that they are in a better place and it's our job to continue their legacy of love. - Kim Harris Hurst

Kim Harris Hurst - November 19, 2013 at 12:36 PM

IL

“ Hilary & I played oboe together in the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra. She was vivacious, talented, articulate, energetic, funny, and so, so smart. She taught me to say that I was coming to Da Ville and all about vegetarian zombies. Hilary was absolutely vibrant and will be sorely missed.

Ingrid Lobaugh - November 18, 2013 at 12:54 AM



“ Hilary,
*I never did get a chance to know you well but, I always loved your spirit and your love for the people around you. You had such a heart for people and it showed in everything you did.
The music will never be the same without you.
Rebekah*

Rivkah Gambles - November 17, 2013 at 11:36 PM



“ Hilary, others may attempt to take over the various things you did around town, but you cannot be replaced. Your geeky humor, your love of language, your exuberance were reflected in all you did. Your handbell choir will forever try to "release the kraken" as you instructed us. Thank you for singing in the choir when needed, and for being such a wonderful colleague. I am so grateful for your life. I miss you terribly. - Kathy

Kathy Stewart - November 17, 2013 at 08:36 PM



“ Hilary was part of the last Sunday School group I was actively engaged with at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, years ago. I'm not even sure we had a name for the group, but it featured old guys like me, young people like Hilary, and an associate pastor that has since moved on to Florida. I have sung with Hilary, and had fierce debates with her. She was a true joy and had a fiery spirit that even when I disagreed with her, was awesome to behold. Her passing is a loss to us all.

Chris Nulf - November 17, 2013 at 08:33 PM

FR

“ *Friend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hilary Kathleen Welch Blount*



friend - November 17, 2013 at 08:26 PM

FR

“ *For some reason, a memory I have with Hilary involves Daisy Girl Scouts and making a mat out of dark blue yarn, some type of blue plastic covering, and some type of filler--maybe grass. We attended the same school from elementary through high school, So I have various memories from school land, primarily from Ranch Heights and Mid-High/High School.*

Anyway, I think I always admired her--her wit, her silliness, humbleness, and serene confidence quality about her.

God shone through her in the way only God could through her. Whether she'd want to admit it or not, Light was palpable in her gaze.

One of my last 'good' conversations I was blessed to have with her revolved around peace, compassion, integrity, differences, and similarities. I am grateful for the time we shared and look forward to feeling her presence once again.

friend - November 17, 2013 at 08:25 PM

AB

“ *Allied Arts & Humanities current and immediate past board purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mrs. Hilary Kathleen Welch Blount.*



Allied Arts & Humanities current and immediate past board -
November 17, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DC

“ *As a parent I remember helping with the high school band and getting to know Hilary. Those were fun times and many happy memories.*

Deb Cook - November 17, 2013 at 04:09 PM

MB

“ *2 files added to the album Hilary's Wedding*



Michael Blount - November 17, 2013 at 11:41 AM



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Kenneth Gallaher - November 17, 2013 at 09:50 AM

JE

“ Among many things, I'll always remember her obsession with *Les Miserables* and the French revolution and how badly she wanted to travel back in time to meet the revolutionaries. She also had started writing songs for a zombie musical we had been planning. While backstage at the BCC, she tried tirelessly to open a locked door with a lock pick set only to find there was nothing in the closet. Several of my stage play scripts have Hilary's artwork all over them. Hilary was certainly very passionate about that which she believed was right. Including proper grammar.

Jason Eaton - November 17, 2013 at 09:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Wedding*



Kenneth Gallaher - November 17, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SB

“ Hilary had a talent for making everyone feel special. she had a sense of humor that was contagious. the times that we shared bowling she was full of encouragement and funny as all get out. she will be sorely missed.

susan bradley - November 17, 2013 at 07:36 AM

SK

“ I didn't know her well, but in every memory I have of her, she was smiling. My thoughts and condolences to her friends and family.

Stephen Krigbaum - November 16, 2013 at 11:57 PM

JB

“ Hilary, I am grief stricken that I will never have the opportunity to know you better. I am so sad that you and my son will not have the long happy life together that the two of you planned. This sort of thing is NOT supposed to happen to a 30 year old newly wed.

Julie Blount - November 16, 2013 at 11:56 PM

KL

“ Hilary was such an asset to our community and it was my pleasure to serve on the Allied Arts & Humanities Board with Hilary as our executive director. She will be so missed by all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with the family as you mourn her passing. She was very much loved by all.

Kay Little - November 16, 2013 at 11:13 PM

BS

“ i am so sorry and sad to hear of Hilary's death. i was fortunate to have Hilary in my first grade class at Ranch Heights. She was special.

Becky Stark - November 16, 2013 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album Hilary's Wedding



Michael Blount - November 16, 2013 at 10:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hilary Kathleen Welch Blount.



November 16, 2013 at 09:27 PM



“ Hilary, it's a bit of a cliché but in every life, what ultimately matters is the dash, not the start and end dates. You lived it well and blessed Bartlesville and so many of us. May we honor your life with the way we live ours. I will miss our occasional oddball conversations. Jacqi Davis

jacqi - November 16, 2013 at 02:54 PM