



Molly Claire DeWitt

June 10, 2016 - July 4, 2025

Molly Claire DeWitt, age 9, of Houston, Texas, passed away on Friday, the 4th of July 2025.

Molly was born on the 10th of June 2016, in Houston, and in her short time on Earth, she lived with extraordinary heart, color, and compassion.

Molly had a heart as expansive as her imagination. From a young age, she was drawn to those on the margins—refugees, kids who felt different, people without homes. Her instinct was always to notice, to care, and to extend kindness. She gave freely of her time, her heart, and even her belongings, and she taught those around her what it meant to love without hesitation.

Molly was also endlessly creative—a vibrant, artistic spirit who loved to draw and design like her mom, dance with abandon, and dream up stories and ideas. A voracious reader, she could often be found lost in books that matched the depth of her imagination. She was insatiably curious, always eager to learn more and understand how the world worked—its people, its beauty, and even its heartbreak. She found joy in movement too—playing soccer, running freely, and sharing in the energy of sport and friendship.

She was spunky and strong-willed, just like her father—unafraid to speak her mind or stand her ground, always with that spark that made her unmistakably Molly. She lived with a kind of divine certitude—a confidence rooted in her

deep and unwavering faith in God. It was this faith that shaped her heart and guided the way she loved others—with sincerity, generosity, and grace beyond her years—a faith she first saw modeled in her sister Annie, and then made her own.

Molly was radiant—stunning in a way that went far beyond appearance. Her beauty wasn't just seen; it was felt. Her expressive face told stories of joy, mischief, compassion, and light. Her vivid blue-green eyes held remarkable depth, connecting especially with those who felt unseen. She made people feel known—not just with her words, but with her presence. Molly's beauty was most powerful because it reflected the love and empathy she carried within.

Molly's presence brought joy and inspiration to everyone who knew her. She lived generously, loved deeply, and left a lasting impression on hearts far and wide.

Molly is lovingly survived by her parents, Ryan and Elizabeth, and her beloved sister, Annie. She is also survived by her paternal grandparents, Chris and Mary Anne DeWitt, and maternal grandparents, Max and Vicki Garrett. Molly was deeply loved by her extended family, including her aunts and uncles: Sean and Trudy DeWitt and their daughters, Reagan and Riley; Brendan and Virginia DeWitt and their children, Adelaide and McAllen; Kevin and Natalie DeWitt and their sons, Henry and Conor; Tyler and Abby Garrett and their children, Audrey and Davis; and Charlotte Garrett.

The family will gather for a celebration of Molly's life at 2:30 in the afternoon on Friday, the 11th of July, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. All who were touched by her light are welcome.

In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, the family invites you to honor

Molly's memory through a gift to The Molly Claire DeWitt Legacy Fund <https://ghcf.kimbia.com/themollydewittfund>, which will be directed to causes that mattered deeply to her.

Though her time here was heartbreakingly short, Molly's legacy of empathy, wonder, and unfiltered joy will live on in every act of kindness done in her name.

Previous Events

Mass Of Christian Burial

JUL 11. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception to Follow Service

JUL 11. 5:30 PM (CT)

Lakeside Country Club
100 Wilcrest Dr.
Houston, TX 77042

Tribute Wall

RD

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Ross Dettling - July 21, 2025 at 02:15 PM

HG

“ I am sorry about the little girl I sure wished they would
Have found her soon I am a lady in my sixty's and I was a mystic
camper for 1
Years my name is Holli Palestine Tx

Holli Gragg - September 03, 2025 at 01:21 PM

SS

“ I am a Mystic Mom. I listened to the testimony today. My daughter is
a 13-year camper. She and I are devastated by the events of July 4. I
simply wanted to share with you how wonderfully you described
Molly. I can't wait to share with her Molly's desire to become an
interior designer. My daughter is a senior interior design student,
and I know that would mean the world to her to share that passion
with Molly. We will forever think of Molly and her cabin mates.
Thank you for your testimony.

Stasie SMith - August 20, 2025 at 02:04 PM

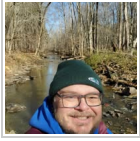
KT

“Molly is an example of how a limited interaction can leave a lasting impact. I feel fortunate to have been one of her softball coaches for one season. I knew her family was special from having Ryan previously serve as Katherine's soccer coach, and I was thrilled to see Molly's name on our roster. From the first practice to the last game of the season, Molly showed up every time ready to give 100% with that bright, beautiful smile. She was an absolute joy to coach, always ready to work, always with a joyful exuberance, always there for the team. I remember telling Elizabeth how precious she was, and she will forever have a little place in my heart where her legacy will be that even at that young age, she remains an example to me to waste nothing - she brought life and purpose to everything that she did, every interaction, with a maturity far beyond her years.

Ryan and Elizabeth - everything good in Molly came from you. God chose you as her parents knowing you would honor your roles as her mother and father and pour His love and purpose into her so that it could overflow to anyone around her. Watching your strength, grace and faith at her service was nothing less than inspiring and the most beautiful display of what is possible through Jesus. When you were challenged with the most painfully difficult circumstances imaginable, you did not give in to anger and instead reflected a faith that I can only hope to mirror when I am challenged. You honored Molly through your response, and it is my prayer that anyone watching who does not know Jesus personally will be drawn to Him through you and the deep love and spiritual understanding Molly already had. The way that you designed the reception was such a selfless act of love. Every time I saw Annie, she had a smile on her face - you gave her, and all of the other children, that gift during a time of immeasurable grief. You are a living, walking testimony so it is no wonder that your daughter already was as well.

We are praying that the Lord will continue to hold and sustain you and allow you to feel His deep love, peace and presence.

Karen Turilli - July 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM



“ *To Ryan and Family. I want to say that I'm so sorry to read of the loss of beautiful Molly. She sounds like an Angel and was loved. I pray for peace for the entire family and her friends. Peace be with you all.*

Ben Garrido - July 17, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LH

“ *Our family is heartbroken for the loss of your beautiful daughter Molly. What has been very moving for us, as we have read about the lives of all the girls who were lost from Bubble Inn, is they all had an unwavering love for Jesus! And because of that.....this story is NOT over and I'm sure that a sweet reunion awaits all who loved Molly. Prayers in the coming days and weeks as your family tries to move forward. Jesus will be there. Rick and Lisa Hash Broken Arrow, Oklahoma*

Lisa Hash - July 16, 2025 at 04:11 PM

AM

“ *My deepest condolences to the DeWitt family. Sweet Molly, rest in peace. God bless you all.*

*Allison Marich
(Stratford parent)*

Allison Marich - July 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

RD

“ Our hearts are aching over your loss. You are a special family, one that sets an example of what it is to love. Molly’s service was a beautiful testimony to the beacon of light she was. We offer our condolences and unwavering support. Peace be with you. Love, the Dunkins

Reagan Dunkin - July 13, 2025 at 05:03 PM

AN

“ What a beautiful selfless soul Molly was. Her kindness touched the lives of so many. May God bless her and her family, and may He carry you through your grief. Her light and love will live on in all who knew her.



Anonymous - July 12, 2025 at 10:06 PM

BW

“ Our hearts are heavy, and we send deepest sympathies and condolences. You have honored Molly beautifully. May your many memories serve to bring you joy and may our Heavenly Father provide strength and peace. You are in our prayers. The Wittenmyer Family, former Perthshire neighbors

Betsy Wittenmyer - July 11, 2025 at 11:01 PM

HC

“ We are praying for your family and send our sincerest sympathies. Caroline sends her love and prayers to Annie. Madeleine will always remember Molly as "a very nice person." Your daughter impacted mine and she only met her on the playground at school in January. Though her time here was short, her impact is BIG! Your Loving Neighbors, The Conrad Family

Holly Conrad - July 11, 2025 at 10:32 PM

GP

“ When Molly was in my first grade faith formation class, there was one day I asked for a volunteer to close us in prayer (cause I didn't like the one in the book). Molly's hand shot up. (Molly was one of the kids I could count on to read and have answers to questions, so I expected a perfectly executed Our Father or Hail Mary.) The class made the sign of the cross and I told Molly to go ahead... “Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts.....”. I was not expecting that prayer to be her prayer of choice! Now I think of her every time I say it before meals, and more importantly, it shows the love you all had as a family! Molly WILL do great things in Heaven!



Gavin Pilkinton - July 11, 2025 at 08:28 PM

DW

“ Denise Waller lit a candle in memory of Molly Claire DeWitt



Denise Waller - July 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM

TS

“ We Praying for your family without ceasing and sending love and support your way. We are so very sorry for your loss of your precious Molly.
With love, Tip & Megan Strickland

Tip and Megan Strickland - July 11, 2025 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ *The Horie Family lit a candle in memory of Molly Claire DeWitt*



The Horie Family - July 11, 2025 at 11:42 AM

AG

“ *Praying for each of you, I have no words but keeping your family close in my prayers and thoughts!*

Alissa Mcpherson Gass - July 11, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SH

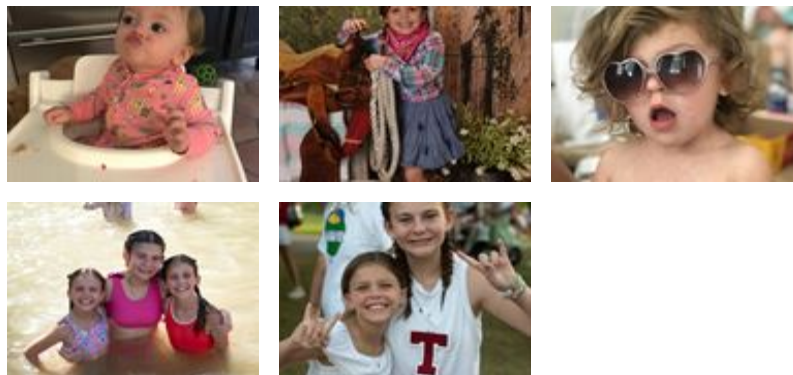
“ *We send our deepest condolences to the entire family*



SidseI Dyrholm Holst - July 11, 2025 at 02:59 AM



“ *1032 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - July 11, 2025 at 02:14 AM

SW

“ I had the blessing of being Molly’s Kindergarten teacher in CCE at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. She was a truly special and faith-filled little girl. During our prayer time in class, when I invited the children to offer their intentions, Molly would lovingly pray for her parents and her sister—always thinking of others with such a pure heart. Her kindness and devotion touched me deeply.

Please know that I am lifting you all up in my prayers during this time of sorrow, and I ask God to surround your family with His comfort and peace.

Love, Sandra Wiegand

Sandra Wiegand - July 10, 2025 at 10:25 PM

AN

“ Molly was a joyful person who had unlimited happiness. She always found a way to include others and she was an amazing friend to me. I will always remember her.

*Love,
Avery Nguyen*



Avery Nguyen - July 10, 2025 at 05:51 PM

KC

“ Karen Casillas lit a candle in memory of Molly
Claire DeWitt



Karen Casillas - July 10, 2025 at 05:28 PM

JD

“ Max and Vicki
As a fellow grandparent, I wanted to reach out to you all and your
families to offer my condolences for beautiful Molly. I can't imagine
what you're experiencing right now and wanted to let you know that
I was thinking of you.
Joan Grigassy Dentler

Joan Grigassy Dentler - July 10, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KA

“ Molly was a bright light of love and her life reflected God's beauty in
the purest way. She is now safe in the arms of Jesus, where there is
no pain, only peace. We hold on to the hope of heaven and the
promise that in heaven love never ends.

*May Molly's light remain within all of us forever and always be a
reminder to love deeply and live with deep enduring faith.*

*We love you DeWitt family! Love, Sam, Betsy, Kristin and Rob
Anderson*

Kristin Anderson - July 10, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MF

“ A beautifully written tribute for a beautiful girl! May her sweet and kind spirit continue to inspire those who had the privilege to know Molly. There are no words to properly express my condolences but know that continued prayers for your family remain. I am so very sorry.

Melissa Meyer Fletcher - July 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM

MH

Maria Hinz (ChaCha)
I'm deeply heartbroken for the loss of your sweet Molly 💔!
May the Lord give you comfort in the cherished in the memories you shared together in the short time she was here , I hope her beautiful smile and her beautiful heart bring peace in this irreparable loss 💔🙏

maria hinz - July 10, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MF

“ Marguerite Fleener lit a candle in memory of Molly Claire DeWitt



Marguerite Fleener - July 10, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JW

“ Jennifer Walsdorf lit a candle in memory of Molly Claire DeWitt



Jennifer Walsdorf - July 10, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SS

“ We will always remember Molly with her big, beautiful eyes and shining smile as a bright light in our community. We are praying for your entire family and sending our love, compassion, and support. -
The Stratmann Family

Shelby Stratmann - July 10, 2025 at 08:07 AM

CS

“ Molly was such a beautiful girl, inside and out. We never saw her without a huge smile on her face that carried to her beautiful eyes. We are so incredibly heartbroken for your family and pray that you will find comfort in knowing the impact she has had on so many people in her short life. Evelyn will cherish every memory that she has with Molly, as will so many others in our community. May you feel God's presence in the coming days, months, and years.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

*Praying for you all without ceasing,
Evelyn and the Sherrill Family*



Challie Sherrill - July 09, 2025 at 10:24 PM

MB

“ There are no words for this sorrow. Your beautiful girl will be a shining light forever more.

Meredith Bland - July 09, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JW

“ I hope you can find peace in knowing you have a guardian angel. She may be physically gone but she will always be with you. Xoxo


Julia Woods - July 09, 2025 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ My deepest condolences to the DeWitt family.



Lynn Sermons - July 09, 2025 at 05:12 PM

 Michael Pasternak

“ We're so saddened for your loss. Our deepest sympathies and condolences. May God give you strength, love, and peace.

Michael Pasternak - July 09, 2025 at 04:04 PM

AM

“ Sending love and strength to the entire DeWitt family. May Molly's colorful life fill your souls. Andrea Margolin

Andrea Margolin - July 09, 2025 at 02:00 PM

MW

“ God bless beautiful Molly and all of the DeWitt family. Praying for comfort, peace, and strength.
Mark & JoAnn Williams

Mark Williams - July 09, 2025 at 11:28 AM

AM

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers for the DeWitt family during this time.* ”



Andrea Moody - July 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM

MN

“ *My deepest condolences. May God grant you comfort and eternal peace for Molly.* ”

Margarita Nielsen-Palacios - July 08, 2025 at 03:46 PM

MD

“ *Mona Duna lit a candle in memory of Molly Claire DeWitt* ”



Mona Duna - July 08, 2025 at 03:09 PM