

Guest Book for  
**Alyssa Barbiero**



December 16, 2004

- ✠ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to the parents of Sabrina and Alyssa. I do not know you, but I read your story and could not hold back the tears. My prayers are with you through this difficult time, and God bless you and your two little Angels. Kristina

**Kristina Blowers (Wynantskill, NY )**

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December 16, 2004

- ✠ Dear Bella&Jerry,  
I want to express my most heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your beautiful daughters. I met you both with Alyssa at John&Tammy's wedding. What a beautiful, special little girl. There are no words to truly express the sorrow I feel for you both.  
God Bless them and take care of them. They are very special little angels. Bless you and your families.

renata tiseo

**renata tiseo (montreal, QC )**

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December 15, 2004

- ✠ Sabrina and Alyssa were lucky to have parents who were so devoted and loving. You made their lives happy and put smiles on their faces each day. As parents, our sole role is to provide our children with the best life possible, and you succeeded in doing that so admirably. You raised 2 beautiful girls who have touched hundreds of lives, something most people never even dream of doing in a lifetime. God bless Sabrina and Alyssa and God bless you both.

**Anna & Aurelio Calabretta (Toronto, ON )**

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December 15, 2004

- ✠ As one of Alyssa's counselors this past summer at Double H Ranch, it was my pleasure to have been able to get to know that special girl. Alyssa was a princess, and I loved asking her questions and waiting for the ear to ear smile, and the YEAH that followed. She will always have a special place in my heart.

**Heather Minto (Ballston Lake, NY )**

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December 15, 2004

- ✠ To Bela & Gerry. Our sincerest & deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your beautiful daughters. There are absolutely no words that can be said to console you, but we are thinking of you & your family & send our deepest sympathy. Stay strong. With all our love, William & Leni Passarelli & family

**William & Leni Passarelli (Perth, Australia)**

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December 14, 2004

- ✠ There's so much you can say about Alyssa. So many things to think. She was so sweet as a "first time camper" at Double-H, missing her mother so much. The love Bella feels for her shone through when she checked

up on her hourly that first day. But her young, girlish self began to break through when she would watch movies with the other girls in the cabin, smiling at the craziness 8 year old girls can bring. I think she was at her ultimate beauty as a disney princess, in her beautiful dress. And who can forget her glee when her dad brought her pup to see her at camp. I look fondly on my time spent with Alyssa and see her time with us as one of God's gifts to the world.  
My prayers, as well as all of Double-H's prayers, are with her and her family.

**Elizaebth Sullivan (Goshen, CT )**

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December 14, 2004

- ❏ As a staff member of the Double H Ranch (a magical summer camp which Alyssa attended), please accept the condolences, thoughts, and prayers of the entire Double H family. We send our love and support to you and yours through this difficult time. Alyssa's memory will forever be found in the laughter and smiles of the children of Double H.

May her light shine down upon you this holiday season.

With much love and sympathy,  
Heidi

**Heidi Schumacher (New York, NY )**

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December 13, 2004

- ❏ I was a counselor at the double H Hole in the Woods Ranch this summer and was lucky enough to have Alyssa as a camper in my cabin. She brought true joy to the other campers and counselors-- her visit came at the end of the summer when all counselors were exhausted after a long hard summer, but Alyssa was a model camper. Her condition limited her in some ways- but her smile worked, and worked often. She laughed and laughed at camp, we played dress up and put make-up on her and she looked stunning. Alyssa, Double H thanks you for your presence and for reminding all of us why we chose to return every summer.

**Amanda Marshall (burnt hills, NY )**

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December 13, 2004

- ❏ I'm deeply sorry for your loss, I worked at Double H Ranch this summer, and I know she will not be forgotten. Your daughter was amazing, and I was lucky enough to have briefly met her.

**Daniel Kent (Abington, MA )**

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December 13, 2004

- ❏ Dear Bella & Gerry,  
My sincerest and deepest sympathies for the loss of your two beautiful girls. I saw the extraordinary amount of love that you both had and always will for your children and the love that they both had for you. You both have so much strength it is incredible. I hope as time goes by your pain will lessen knowing that they are together once again.  
Lynn Heard & Gary Mendelsohn  
**lynn heard (montreal, QC )**
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December 12, 2004

- ✚ I have a lot of sympathy for you. It is very hard to have such sweet girls and then years later they receive death. If they were to be reading this, I would be overjoyed. I am very sorry about this story. It is very upsetting. I can feel your pain, even though I don't know you.

**Jenna (NY)**

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December 12, 2004

- ✚ The story about your daughters broke my heart. I don't know you but I send my deepest sympathy. This is going to be a rough Christmas & my thoughts & prayers are with you. Janet
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December 11, 2004

- ✚ I truly wish there was something I could do for you even though I don't know you. This is truly a nightmare that nobody should have to live-it's unfathomable to me. God Bless your whole entire family

**Chrissy Gamache (Niskayuna, NY)**

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December 10, 2004

- ✚ For what little time I knew Alyssa, she touched my heart in many ways. You are very lucky to be the parents of two beautiful daughters. They are finally back together again, looking down on all of us. You are truly the strongest two people I have ever met and am grateful for the strength you have shown.

**Heather Ralbovsky (Schenectady, NY)**

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December 10, 2004

- ✚ I am sorry for your loss. I don't have any words to describe my pain for you guys. There is nothing I can say to ease your pain all I can tell you is I grieve with you.

Ermelindo

**Ermelindo Calado (MONTREAL, QC)**

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December 10, 2004

- ✚ Dearest Gennaro and Anabela,  
Our heartfelt sympathies in your time of great sorrow.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.  
We met Alyssa at her uncle and aunt's wedding (John and Tammy) a few months ago, and will never forget how beautiful she looked. When she danced with her uncle she was bursting with pride and joy. We fell in love with this little girl and you, her family. Your little angels are together again, forever.

**Tsenta & Michael Spiliadis-Zarbatany (Brossard, QC)**

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December 10, 2004

- ✚ I'm a big, burly middle-aged guy, but this was the first newspaper story

I have ever read which brought me to tears. As the father of an eight - year old girl, my heart goes out to the family.

I am appearing in a community theater play at the Hilton Center in Albany which is opening tonight (Friday December 10, 2004), "A Radio Christmas Carol." After rehearsal last night several of the actors were staying behind finishing painting at the back of the set a view out a window at a happy Christmas scene. We were also discussing the Times Union Sabrina and Alyssa story while we painted, a few in tears.

We decided to paint the small word "SABALY" into the viewscape. While the audience won't be able to see it, as we're performing our hearts out tonight, we'll know it's there.

**John (Jacob Marley) (Albany, NY )**

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December 10, 2004



**Adel Homsy (Montreal, QC )**

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December 10, 2004



I am so sorry for your pain. I hope you find peace knowing your beautiful girls are now in the arms of the angels together. When I hug my own daughters today we will think of your girls and pray for your peace. May god bless you, and give you the strength to carry on.  
**Charleen (Schenectady)**

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December 9, 2004



I want to express my sorrow for your loss of two beautiful young ladies. Their love for life and each other should be an inspiration to us all. I hope you take solace knowing they have each other forever.  
**Bill Gumaer (Saugerties, NY )**

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December 9, 2004



I pray God will pour His mighty grace upon you both and comfort your broken hearts and fill your minds with peaceful memories of your wonderful daughters. Deidra and Damon have told me often of your beautiful girls (Damon is my son). Both your daughters have touched many lives in their short time on this earth. I pray you will find some comfort in the fact they are now restored to perfect health and reunited as sisters and with our Savior. I'll keep you in my prayers. God bless you both.  
Sue Coffman  
**sue coffman (leesburg, FL )**

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December 9, 2004



Children are a precious gift from God. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your children are safe and are looking down on you with love. Give hugs to the puppy. God Bless you and your family.  
**Heather (wayne, NJ )**

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December 9, 2004



Thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Your little angels are now looking down on you and you will forever have the

memories within your heart. Bless you.

**Heather (Waterford, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I am so moved by your story. I will pray for you & your 2 angels.

**Gia (Schenectady, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I am so sorry for your lost. I just read the article about your beautiful children. My heart goes out to the both of you. I have children also, so I could imagine your pain. I send my deepest sympathy

**Tanya (albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I read your story this evening and just want you to know that you are in my prayers. I have one child a son who is 29 years old and I can not imagine losing him. I'm an early childhood educator and I know that children are precious. Our Lord and Saviour keep you strong and will help you through the holiday!

**Dianne Herbert (Florence, SC )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ "There will come a day  
when the tears of sorrow  
will softly flow into tears of remembrance...  
and your heart will begin to heal itself...  
and grieving will be interrupted by episodes of joy...  
and you will hear the whisper of hope.  
There will come a day  
when you will welcome the tears of remembrance...  
as a sunshower of the soul...  
a turning of the tide...  
a promise of peace.  
There will come a day when you will...  
risk loving...  
go on believing...  
and treasure the tears of remembering

This was an entry for Dave Fisher's family in Watervliet, I hope you find comfort in it.

My prayers are with you both; as a parent my heart aches for you. May God Bless you both. Take solace in knowing your girl's are with each other watching over you both; free of pain. Feeling of total joy and peace. The Lord has created two more beautiful angels.

**A Mother (Watervliet, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I read your story this morning in the times union and it brought tears to my eyes. I hope it makes you feel better to know that there are so many people out there that are thinking of you in this difficult tragedy you're going through. God Bless those sweet angels and the 2 of you. I truly hope they didn't suffer too much--it's heartbreaking to me. I've been thinking about this all day-I hope you can be strong for each other and

find the strength somewhere to help you through this.

**Christine Ayers (Niskayuna, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I saw the obituary in yesterday's paper and wondered what happened to your baby. After reading today's article about your girls I'd like to offer you my most heartfelt condolences. I have two girls also although there is quite an age gap between them. I cannot imagine how you must be feeling and pray that I never have to know for myself. I am SO VERY SORRY for your loss and know that your angels are together again and are not suffering anymore.

**Patricia Hymes (Schenectady, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ Your story has touched my heart. I started to cry. May God Bless you and your family. Just remember that those two little girls are looking down on you and always will.

**Kathryn Cowin (Schuylerville, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ Our hearts & prayers go out to your family in this holiday season.

**terry rickard (schenectady, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ God bless you...my heart breaks as I read all about you and your loss. How does one cope with so much? I pray for your strength, and the knowledge that these beautiful girls are now whole within Gods arms.

**Cathy Hotaling (Clifton Park, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ This story broke my heart and I wish I could take away some of the pain you and your family is experiencing. My deepest sympathy to both of you!!!! Always know that "your angels" are watching over you and are close to your hearts. "Emmy" wont forget them either....I have a black and chocolate lab....and what smart dogs they are! Your girls spirit will always be w/ "Emmy".You will both be in my thoughts and prayers especially during this difficult Holiday season.

**Sheri Persico (Amsterdam, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ While I have never met your family I was moved by the courage and strength that your daughters and your family have been able to maintain through this terrible time. I am calling my little sister to let her know how much she means to me. I send heartfelt condolences to you all and prayers for the sisters reunited as angels.

**Tracy (Albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ My deepest sympathies go to the Barbiero family. I have tears in my eyes after reading this story. It is extremely touching. May God comfort

you and bless your 2 little girls in heaven.

**Rich Bartolotta (East Moriches, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ✘ I just finished reading about your two little girls and I am so very sorry for your loss. I can not even begin to imagine how you must feel. I do believe that your sweet girls are together again. Two angels back together once again. May your memories and faith help you carry on.

**Allyson**

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December 9, 2004

- ✘ I am so very sorry for the losses that you have endured. The article that I read today was absolutely the most heart wrenching story I have ever heard. No words of sorrow can ever heal the pain that you must be going through. I do not know you and you do not know me, but I will pray for you and for your daughters. Please believe that they are together now. You have to beautiful guardian angels who will always surround you with love. May god bless you..

**Robin Ramundo (Albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ✘ My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family during your time of bereavement. I am a mother myself and I can't imagine losing one child, but to lose two children in less than a year's time to me is unimaginable.

Your bundles of joy are in Heaven now rejoicing with God and the other angels, but they will always be watching over you, Mommy and Daddy as well - they will never leave you. Cherish your memories and be assured that God will give you the strength that you need to continue your efforts in your daughters memory.

God Bless

**Mae Sydnor (Albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ✘ i lost my daughter 45 minutes after her birth to trysomy 18. not that i could ever feel the same agony you do today, but maybe i can give you hope that someday your grief will ease and the thoughts of your angels watching over you from heaven will give you some form of peace.

**billy cunningham (bristol, CT )**

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December 9, 2004

- ✘ Your story in the times union really made an impact on me. I am so deeply saddened by your loss but grateful that your two lovely daughters are joined together in eternity. It makes me realize just how much we dwell on simple inconveniences during our day to day routine. Your story, I hope, will make others realize what Christmas is all about and will not lose the true meaning in holiday traffic, crowded malls and financial difficulties. Nothing can be more unbearable than losing a child, let alone two. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult

time. I will always remember this story and share it with others.

God bless you and your family...

**Heather Yager (Ballston Spa, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- It is the job of mothers to never give up, to leave no stone unturned.

Mothers must believe well beyond all else, must hope all things and endure all things.

Must show the kind of faith that moves mountains.

~ Dr. Lewis Mehi-Medrona, author Coyote Medicine

I received this quote this morning through a support group for children with Infantile Spasms, a seizure condition that afflicts my 2yo son. It moved me and I thought how well it described your journey in the care of your daughters. I hope it might put your mind at ease, if only a little, to stop and remember all you have done for them and others afflicted with NBIA.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. May your daughters rest in peace, together.

**Jennifer Smith (Niskayuna, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- I was so sorry to read about your daughters in the Times Union. Three years ago this Dec. 29th I lost my niece and I know the heartbreak of losing loved ones in the holiday season. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

**Rachael Shevlin (Albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- My heart goes out to you and your family. I don't know you or your beautiful girls but I feel your pain. May God look over you in your time of sorrow. Bless you

**Tammy Shadwick (Little Rock, AR )**

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December 9, 2004

- I have just read the heart breaking article in the Times Union about the tremendous loss of your two daughters. My deepest sympathy to you. Please know that others care, even if they have not had the pleasure of meeting you or your daughters. May God bless you. You will all be in my prayers.

**Linda Miller (Clifton Park, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- Our sympathies to the Barbiero family. For those who haven't seen the story/photos in Thursday's Times Union, here is a [link](#) .

**Michael Huber (Albany, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ I just read the most touching story in the TU today about your little girls. God Bless you both. Your angels are together again for eternity. My prayers are with Sabrina and Alyssa.  
**(Selkirk, NY )**

December 9, 2004

- ☒ Oh, the story of your daughters has just touched my heart, and perhaps broken it some as well. I am very sorry that you have lost your little girls and although i did not know them (or you) I am very sorry for your loss. I will hold my little ones (kamryn 5 and nathan 3) a little closer tonight when i tuck them in and we will say a prayer for SABALY, that God will hold them close and that Santa will find them in heaven. I am so very sorry for your loss, but am glad that you were able to have so many wonderful years with your girls-they were just beautiful! They have touched my life in their deaths!

Cynthia

**Cynthia Hooper (Bradenton, FL )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ Golden hearts stopped beating  
Working hands put to rest  
God broke all our hearts  
To prove he only takes the best.

I'm so saddened to read your story in the TU today. May God give you the strength you need now to go forward. I will keep you in my prayers.

**Annette St. Andrew (Colonie, NY )**

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December 9, 2004

- ☒ No parent should lose a child, let alone 2. I can't imagine the pain you feel. I guess you have to thank god for the years that you had your wonderful children. God Bless you.  
**Terry Matthews (troy, NY )**

December 8, 2004

- ☒ Our thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow.  
**Consumer Directed Choices, Inc. (Albany, NY )**

December 8, 2004

- ☒ My heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your youngest daughter. I know it was only earlier this yr that your other daughter lost her battle with NBIA. I was a friend of Cheryl L. and her 3 afflicted children. I took part in the fund raiser walk that was sponsored a yr ago October. I met you and your beautiful daughters. My heart breaks for you. Knowing Cheryl's kids and about the nature of that horrible disease - I still can only imagine the heartache that your family has endured. I pray for your

family and that someday soon, a cure will be forthcoming. Your family and Cheryl are definately an inspiration. I lost Cheryl's phone # and trying to reach her to offer my sympathies to her as well. I am glad that you have had each other and I know how much you must have valued each others support. God bless your little angels, may they finally have the peace they so richly deserved. I just received the new issue of NBIA - at least you and Cheryl have been the champions of bringing this awful disease into the public's awareness. I pray the answer is found to the puzzle, and no child shall ever again suffer this way.

Love and prayers,

Terri Fischer

**Terri Fischer (Albany, NY )**

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December 8, 2004

- ☒ Our prayers are with you everyday.  
**Nadia & Leo Braia (Montreal, QC )**
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December 8, 2004

- ☒ I know of no words that can ease your pain at this time, may you be blessed with special memories of your little angel as she looks down on you
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December 8, 2004

- ☒ Gerry & Bella,  
I will miss seeing Alyssa swimming at my mom's pool, she was so happy there. Both your girls were very special to everyone they touched, and they both will be missed very much. I'm glad that my cousin Holly is there for you and she was also a great friend to Alyssa. Holly has told me many, many wonderful stories about Alyssa. My deepest sympathy to you and your families.

Jan Rechnitzer

**Jan Rechnitzer (Scotia, NY )**



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