

Tolin, Aaliyah M.

Aaliyah M. Tolin, 3, of Ruth, left our hearts, arms and family into the arms of Jesus at 12:45 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2006, at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. She was born October 29, 2003 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma without a brain and multiple medical issues. Aaliyah was what most would consider severely disabled. Yet she taught us so much! She taught us about love, strength, resilience and most especially that people with disabilities are not scary, but wonderful. Because of her influence, our family grew in amazing ways. She was keenly sensitive to the Spirit and had a direct line to heaven. She was given a grim prognosis at birth and was not expected to live more than a few days, but gifted us with 3 years and 12 days. She stayed with us through pain and difficulty over the first 3 years and has changed us all forever. How we will miss her! She is survived by her parents, Tim and Sue Tolin, of Ruth; brothers, Brent, Patrick, Sean and Gabriel, all of Ruth; sisters, Robyn, MaKenzie, Brianna, Kim and Heather, all of Ruth; Wendy (Jason) Ritter, of Minden City; Megan (Jason) Walters, of Warren; Bethany Tolin (Jerry Campbell), of Brighton; Katy (Robert) Staley, of Hazel Park; Mindee (Tommy) Dubrico, of New Baltimore; two grandmothers, Virginia Block, of Pontiac, and Joan Esposite, of Texas; godparents, the Rev. Michael (Betty) Quayle, of Burton; nine nieces; seven nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joey and Raphael; and three grandfathers. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. The Rev. Philip A. Parkin will officiate with cremation to follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Friends may call at the funeral home in Sebewaing from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, and from noon until the time of the service on Tuesday.