



Chelsea Alison Atherton

January 30, 1984 - October 25, 2010

Chelsea Atherton, 26, was born in Modesto. She died Sunday in Fresno.

She was a graduate of Sacred Heart School, Denair High School, and CSUS. In 2009, she entered Alliant College in Fresno to attain her Doctor of Psychology degree to become a Clinical Psychologist.

Chelsea was blessed with a caring heart, an infectious laugh, and genuine concern for others. She had a passion for animals, the great outdoors, and was happiest when she was with family and friends. She grew up with God, and her faith in Him never waivered. A visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 31 at Turlock Funeral Home, with a recitation of the rosary following at 6 p.m. (Halloween was one of Chelseas favorite days of the year.)

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 on Monday, November 1 at Sacred Heart Church.

A reception will follow at Turlock Memorial Park.

Interment services will be held in the DeFerrari Family plot at Divide Cemetery in Groveland on Tuesday, November 2 at 10:30a.m.

Survivors include Chelseas parents, Nancy and Scott Atherton, her sister Laura, and her grandmother, Mary DeFerrari. Also surviving are aunts and uncles: Alison (Gary) Wolz, Patrick Atherton, Carlo (Joy) DeFerrari, Mike (Lisa) DeFerrari, Berna Hilgers and many cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to: TLC, 207 McPherson St., Ste. H, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; NAMI, P.O. Box 4120, Modesto, CA 95352 and Sacred Heart School, 1225 Cooper St., Turlock, CA 95380.

Services entrusted to Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA 95380.

Tribute Wall



“ *Chelsea Alison Atherton*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ *Chelsea was like a butterfly, she was amazingly beautiful, incredibly sweet but very fragel. Like my daughter said to me "mom I think Chelsea was too sweet for this world". We believe that! Memories of our time that we got to spend with her will always be with us. When Amber and Chelsea went to Mexico to be chaparons for Shasta and her friends. People thought we was crazy to let such sweet girls like those two be chaparons. We are so glad that we did. Chelsea was Amber's best friend and we are greatful that she had her. Our hearts break for you and for everyone that loved her. WE DID AND ALWAYS WILL! The Steiners*

Mike and Lesa Steiner - February 09, 2015 at 02:24 PM

AO

“ *Chelsea,*

You are still loved and missed.

Andrea Ormonde - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *You are always in my heart even we are miles far apart.*

Cecilia - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *We just heard about the loss of your daughter, and just wanted to send our deepest condolences.*

David and Cassie Ilten - November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Scott, Nancy and Laura, At a time like this the words that come seem so inadequate. Please know that many thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and in the days that come. Carolyn and Jim Brown*

Carolyn and Jim Brown - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Scott, My Prayers goes out to you and your family in this time of need. I am so sorry for you lost. May god always be with you and your family.

Helen Goni - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ There's not enough words to express our sadness at the loss of the beautiful Butterfly that we called Chelsea.I bet she already has her wings... Ambers grandparents

Freida &Tom Kimoto - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Scott; So sorry to hear of your loss. all my best to and your family in this hardest of times. -Mike Handley

Mike Handley - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our heartfelt sorrow in the loss of your daughter, although now she is in the arms of the Lord.

Karen Loewen(Gann) & Sandi Cunningham(Gann) - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Scott and Nancy, Word can't express our sorrow but know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Chelsea had the purest heart of anyone I ever met. The smile on her face and the light in her eyes warmed all those who knew her. She touched all our hearts and made our lives better for having known her.
God Bless, The Cumberlands

Craig & Leanna Cumberland - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our deepest sympathies over the loss of your daughter. Nancy and Scott, you two are such wonderful, amazing people. We will be praying for you and Laura as you grieve. May the peace of Christ reign over your hearts and home.

Patrick and Jackie Hollcraft - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

B)

“ I send my condolences.

Barbara Stone (Silveira) - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family. May God's comfort bring you peace in the days ahead.

The Moss Family - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Scott, Nancy and Family, I am so sorry for your lose. It is so hard to know the right thing to say at a time like this....Being a Christian I kno this is only the beginning for those that believe in Jesus Christ, Your beautiful Chelsea is sitting at the right hand of God. The Athertons hold such a special place in my heart...I love all of you and am praying for the peace that only God can give. Jo Anne

Jo Anne Adams Kerr - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Scott and Nancy, We were so saddened to hear of the loss of your beautiful daughter. Our hearts go out to you, with prayers that you are surrounded with the support that you need as God comforts and sustains you and your family through the deepest of sorrows.

Keith and Donna Petersen - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ It is with shock and sadness that we send our condolences to you on the death of your darling daughter. We pray that Heavenly guidance and strength gives you and your family strength to walk this terribly sad walk together. Our hearts go out to you.

Joan and Andy Eshoo - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ My heart goes out to the entire Atherton family. I will always remember Chelsea as a happy and cheerful person, always there for her friends. Please accept my condolences at this sad time. Our shared faith, reminds us that Chelsea is with her Lord and like our Lord, experienced human pain but is now at peace and with her Father.

Eric Andersen - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ My Condolences to the Family and Friends. She is an Angle.

Loretta - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FZ

“ We were so very saddened to hear about Chelsea's passing. She was such a sweet and polite girl. She would never call me by my first name- it was always "Mr. Zumstein". She will truly be missed.

Fred & Cheryl Zumstein - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family today. So sorry to read of this very sad news. Peace to her memory.

Cindy and Bill Gibbs - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Chelsea was one of my classmates in graduate school at Alliant International University in Fresno, CA. I knew her for only 14 months, yet she changed my life forever.
She was constantly blessing me throughout this time. She was intelligent, kind, empathic, caring, loving, beautiful, honest, and sincere. She was most definitely a true 'gift' from God in my life.
I am a much better person having known Chelsea and know that God has different plans for her now and I am sure she is with Him! Words cannot express my sadness I feel. I pray that all of you will feel the healing love of Jesus as you progress through this most difficult time of mourning.
I thank you for sharing her with me and my fellow classmates. We have all been so blessed!

Marge Parker - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dearest Nancy, Scott and Laura, My sincerest condolences for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Chelsea's spirit was genuine, beautiful, and endearing. I have so many wonderful and happy memories of her gorgeous vibrant smile and sensible wit. Heaven has a new angel.

Meshell Cone-Harrington - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Luisa Barragan-Schmall - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Chelsea, You will be missed greatly. Although I too went to Stanislaus I did not have the pleasure of meeting you until Alliant. I will always remember your beautiful spirit & wonderful heart. I will remember you always with a big smile. You are happy in heaven, not of this world, but of heaven. My prayers are with your family. -Miracle

Miracle Goetz - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My daughter, Kristin Greenawald, attended school with your daughter at Alliant. She described her to me as "they type of person who only has good thoughts of others."
My deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family. I can only imagine your sorrow.
Shirley Carr

Shirley Carr - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Chelsea had such a beautiful soul. I felt like a better person just being around her.

Meaghan Riley - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ The Atherton family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

Joanne & Elisabeth Schendel - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Chelsea, you were my friend and my family. I will hold you in my heart always. The world will not be the same without your smile and laughter. I want to thank you for all the years of joy and send my love to all the Athertons, one of the most beautiful families I have been privileged to have as a part of my life.

Sarah Ward - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Chelsea,
I will miss your smiling face, your loving laugh, your tenderness, and your caring heart. I am sorry we were not able to be there with you. I love you and will remember you always.
Peace, Love, and Light,
Trisha

Trisha Satterfield - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and our families arms are circling your family at this time!

Lynn Lori Leatherman Krysti & Jenny - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ My dear sweet Chelsea, I am so sorry you left us at such a young age. You were the one girl that Ron and I truly enjoyed when you were a student at Denair High School. You're personality and special hugs made our days brighter. You were one of Darrin's favorite students. I'll miss your Christmas cards you sent yearly. Oh so many things I can say about you that I won't forget. I have a picture of you and I framed in my office after your DHS graduation. To the rest of the family, mom, dad and sister, thank you for sharing her with us. We loved her and you as well. Louisa and Ron Allen.....

Louisa Allen - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ May God keep you all in the Palm of His Hand at this sorrowful time. We will miss you Chelsea and your beautiful smile. Our condolences be with you.

Carol and Tony Cabral Family - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM