



Payton Rose Freeze

October 13, 1998 - February 10, 2016

As some of you already know, we lost our baby, Payton Rose, on February 10, 2016.

Payton was a smart, funny, beautiful girl, whose life was cut short by the effects of bullying. She loved life, but in the end, the bullying was too much for her heart to handle.

We all have a responsibility to make sure that no one else is made to feel the way that Payton did. We must guard our actions and be thoughtful in the way we treat one another:

"Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character for it becomes your destiny." – Frank Outlaw

Here are four things you can do right this minute that can make a difference:
Check your child's phone and social media use on a regular and consistent basis

Talk to your children about the importance of kindness and doing what they know is right - regardless of outside influences

Be present. At home, at school, at activities.

Don't be afraid to speak up - to parents, teachers and administrators, and other adults in positions of influence. One person can make the ultimate difference when it comes to preventing bullying.

If you see something or hear something, please, say something! And if you are being bullied, there is hope. Please reach out to someone you love and ask them to stand by you.

When we are strong, it is our duty to stand up for others, no matter how difficult. We should live our lives "dauntlessly" as author Veronica Roth writes:

"We believe in...denying fear the power to influence our decisions. We believe in ordinary acts of bravery. In the courage that drives one person to stand up for another. We believe in shouting for those who can only whisper. In defending those who cannot defend themselves."

We will be having my baby, Payton Freezes celebration of life service at Park Valley Church, 4500 Waverly Farms Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169 on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Interment will be private.

She is survived by her parents Brent and Kim Freeze, a brother Joshua Hollingsworth, a sister Kayla Berlin and her grandparents James and Kim Berlin and Bob and Lois Freeze.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

Park Valley Church
4500 Waverly Farm Drive
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Still thinking about my sweet friend. She was the definition of light and sunshine.* ”



Anonymous - October 02, 2025 at 06:41 PM

SW

“ *Silent Wanderer lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze* ”



Silent Wanderer - December 16, 2023 at 03:46 AM

AB

“ *Missing you baby girl .. love you always ..* ”
- Alexis



Alexis Battista - August 30, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DF

“ *Diane Fellenbaum lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze* ”



Diane Fellenbaum - April 03, 2016 at 08:09 PM

MH

“ *Maura Harrington lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Maura Harrington - March 21, 2016 at 03:08 PM

MH

“ *Brent,*

I just heard of the tragic loss of your daughter and wanted to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Maura Harrington

Maura Harrington - March 21, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.*



March 15, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ *Karyn Crouch lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Karyn Crouch - February 24, 2016 at 08:32 AM

JW

“ *RIP beautiful Angel. Shame on those who bullied her, and caused her to leave this world so soon*



Joann Woods - February 22, 2016 at 11:23 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Horne lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Sharon Horne - February 22, 2016 at 09:48 AM

KH

“ *Kim & Gwyneth Heseltine lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Kim & Gwyneth Heseltine - February 21, 2016 at 08:10 PM

KI

My daughter, Gwyneth and I send prayers to Payton's family.

Kim - February 21, 2016 at 08:15 PM

JW

“ *Judy White sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Judy White - February 20, 2016 at 07:23 PM

JW

Sending prayers for your family, from Kingsport TN, for healing to be with you as you travel this road. Payton, sweet angel, fly high your light still shines.

Judy White - February 20, 2016 at 07:28 PM

ZA

i'm a great friend of her cousin so i dint know her but god blesses her i'm sorry that this happened and just know that this is the fact of bullying so all the retarded bullies grow up because look at what you caused i don't know this girl but when i heard it i was upset because i know how she felt i was bullied to in the 4th grade and was not proud i just wanted to say we all loved you dearly Payton. In the memory of Payton Freeze.

WRITTEN BY: ZALIYAH PERKINS

zaliyah - February 22, 2016 at 06:29 PM

 Mattie Beverly

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss shes a beautiful Angel now*



Mattie Beverly - February 20, 2016 at 02:46 PM

JD

“ *Joseph Deel sent a virtual gift in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



joseph deel - February 20, 2016 at 01:10 PM

JD

“ *Joseph Deel lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



joseph deel - February 20, 2016 at 01:09 PM

MR

“ *Michelle Lampkin, RN lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Michelle Lampkin, RN - February 19, 2016 at 07:15 PM

TM

“ *Tonya Moretto lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Tonya Moretto - February 19, 2016 at 03:08 PM



Sandra
Cooper

“ *Sandra Cooper lit a candle in memory of
Payton Rose Freeze*



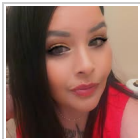
Sandra Cooper - February 19, 2016 at 01:33 PM



MD

“ *so sad to view this so sorry for the family, people need to be nicer to
one another, this should never happen to anyone, I dont know her
but it saddens me to read this, she is in God's protection now may
she rest in peace*

Maggie DeGeorge - February 19, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Laurie Fernandes lit a candle in memory of
Payton Rose Freeze*



Laurie Fernandes - February 19, 2016 at 08:17 AM

ML

“ I remember the first time we met Payton when she was 9..in the basement at the model home and she kept on telling us she's also Vietnamese.. She was a very happy little girl full of goals and ambition..one time she told me and my husband that she would be babysitting so she can save up and buy a jeep..and I remember when we let her try to go behind the wheels and start our car, she gave us this wide eyes excitement saying, "is it really ok?", so cute.. Brent and Kimmy, Know that we are here as a friend who cares for your family. We love you...
LAM Family

Mary Rose Lam - February 19, 2016 at 07:02 AM

HO

“ Hope lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze



Hope - February 18, 2016 at 11:10 PM



“ Never having met Payton, but listening to her peers re-count stories after stories about her, she was truly an Angel. It's clear that she treated every single person who crossed her path with kindness, respect and a happy lite spirit, that left everyone who interacted with her, feeling better about themselves. Knowing her Dad its no accident that she was such a compassionate person. Its so sad, that a bright light that her, had to leave us so soon.



Francis Contreras - February 18, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CS

I did not know this young lady, but from the comments, she was a wonderful person, so sad she had to endure such hurtfull heart ake and pain, rest in peace in heaven.

Carolyn Stinnett - February 21, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *Your daughter is beautiful and I am so sorry for your loss. May God's peace be with you.*

Melanie King - February 18, 2016 at 07:51 PM

SC

“ *SHARON CHURH lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



SHARON CHURH - February 18, 2016 at 07:18 PM

SC

I AM SO SORRY, I DIDNT KNOW PAYTON SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON, AND I HATE THIS HAPPEN, SO SORRY

SHARON CHURH - February 18, 2016 at 07:21 PM

BJ

“ *I didn't know this wonderful girl.. But God has her now and she is celebrating with Jesus.. Praying for comfort and God bless..*

buffy jones - February 18, 2016 at 07:11 PM

JB

“ *Josh Buskey lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Josh Buskey - February 18, 2016 at 06:30 PM

NG

“ *I don't know this family, but my prayers go out to you all. She is now a beautiful angel with no more pain. God Bless you all.*



Nancy garthright - February 18, 2016 at 05:46 PM

KM

“ *I only had the privilege of meeting Payton once when she was down visiting her Aunt Traci this past year. Words cannot express the sorrow this family must be feeling. I am so sorry for your loss, Kimmy and of that of your family.*

Kacie Melton - February 18, 2016 at 03:54 PM

KE

“Part 2 from Keith”

At 40 years old, one of my biggest struggles in life is to do something that leaves a positive impact on humanity, to know that I did something to make others lives better. Payton could do this with a simple smile! How powerful is that? I would say that Payton did more for others in her life time than many people do in a full life time. This is the merit that Payton will be judged on! In my humble opinion on the question of life being a test, Payton passed with flying colors. I have lost a lot of friends and family over the years, from sickness, drugs, accidents and suicide. To all of you I say this, never, ever speak about Payton in past-tens, as long as she is in your heart, as long as you remember her face, her smile, she is alive in all of you! Make her life mean something by taking the lesson you all learned from her, live by her example of loving and helping and sharing a simple smile, she will live on through you. In closing, as I said that I have attended many services and many funerals in my life, none have impacted me more or given me greater clarity than this one. I am sorry you all have to experience the pain of life at such a young age, the biggest delusion we have in youth is immortality. Just as now, in upcoming years you will all stress about work, money, relationships, achievement, how you look, what you have. It all means nothing! The only thing we truly have in life is the love in our hearts and those who love us. In the end that is the only thing we will have or be able to take with us. And although these ideas will be fresh in your mind for many weeks to come life has a funny way of dragging you back down in to the daily grind. Always remember Payton, and always remember to be kind and to help others when you can, try to remember to appreciate every moment when you can and be grateful for what ever it is you have. To Brent and his family, my heart is broken for you! Brent, I could not talk to you last night through the tears and pain I feel for you. A girl as amazing as Payton can only be a product of loving and caring parents, you are an amazing father and you will always will be. You have done your job and will continue to do so. This is not something that will get easier in time or go away,

but you will learn to incorporate it into your life and in time you will learn to live focusing more on the love than the pain. She is with you always, love cannot be snuffed like a candle, it burns like the Sun. Be well my friend, we are all here for you and your family.

Keith George.

Keith - February 18, 2016 at 08:45 AM

KE

“ I wanted to write to all of you what i would have said at Payton's Service last night, "Warning, Long Winded message"
My name is Keith, I worked with Payton's Father for several years and although I never met Payton in person I want to tell you how she was able to impact my life. Back in 2003 I started to work with Brent, it was my first real job, I was saving up to be able to marry my then girlfriend and I was also struggling to figure out how to the job I was hired for. One day Brent and I were alone in the Server room and we started to talk about family, Brent told me about his wife and her two children that he has loved as his own and then he talked about Payton. He talked about the day she was born and the feelings he had as he was pushing her in a cart to the room where Payton and her mother would be spending the night. He explained the impact and immediate love he had for her and he would make sure no one would ever hurt her, it was powerful how he explained this moment. On Brent's desk was a picture of him and Payton, it was one of the pictures displayed in the lobby showing Payton as a young girl hugging check to check with Brent looking at the camera. Seeing that picture after the conversation I had with Brent was the first time that the concept of parenthood was not frightening to me and I honestly looked at the picture every day that Brent and I worked at that location. When my first child was born and we found out she was a girl so many thoughts were speeding through my head, but the image of that picture and what Brent said to me was one of the more vivid thoughts. When I was wheeling my daughter to the room where her and my wife would be spending the night I repeated the same words that Brent had told me, "I will never let anyone hurt you!" But our ideas about how life is going to be and how it actually is are always very different. To you, Payton's friends and school mates, I want to share some insight and wisdom about life. I listened to many of you say that you wished you had made the opportunity to know her better, or you wished you had pressed her more about anything that may have been bothering her, what I am hearing is many of you in your own way are blaming yourself for what happened. Listen to me, this is not your fault, you were all friends with her, you all were there for her in your own way and to

the best of your ability at that given moment. Life is busy, its chaotic and at your age with school and preparing for the real world after graduation, you guys do not know what way is up or down. You are all angry inside, you are angry at the situation, you are angry at God and deep down inside you are angry at Payton! How could this girl who has the world going for her have this happen? There is going to be a lot of speculation as to why, but in reality only two people know the true reason why, Payton and God. As a person who has struggled with major depression my entire life I can only tell you that when you reach your limit all thoughts of logic and reason are gone. And I am not saying depression was the cause of this, I do not know, and no matter how much you all demand to know the answer to this question it still will never make sense. For those of you who believe in God, you want to shake your fist at him and ask him, "How could you let this happen?!" God gave us all freewill, the will to believe in him or not, the will to be good or be evil, the will to dedicate your life to helping others or lookout for yourself. Many say that this concept of freewill is the ultimate test from God to see if we are worthy of him, so did Payton Pass or Fail this test? Based on what I heard during the service, she constantly went out of her way to make her friends and total strangers happy, she was an involved person in learning and out going, she stood up for anyone she felt was being wronged, and she loved! " End of Part 1, take a bathroom break and read part 2"

Keith - February 18, 2016 at 08:21 AM


Deborah
Vincent

“ Deborah Vincent lit a candle in memory of
Payton Rose Freeze



Deborah Vincent - February 18, 2016 at 07:31 AM



Deborah Vincent

“ *Peyton was a student of mine on my bus during her middle school years. She was always smiling, happy and cheerful. The one memory I have of her is when she came on the bus with a birthday cake for me and sang happy birthday. I will never forget that.* ”

Deborah Vincent - February 18, 2016 at 07:31 AM

KB

“ *Karen Baker lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze* ”



Karen Baker - February 18, 2016 at 05:26 AM



“ *Kimberly O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze* ”



Kimberly O'Donnell - February 17, 2016 at 09:54 PM



Kerri Embree

“ *Kerri Embree lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze* ”



Kerri Embree - February 17, 2016 at 08:38 PM

GI

“ *Giovanna lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



giovanna - February 17, 2016 at 08:02 PM

CO

“ *Corey lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Corey - February 17, 2016 at 06:01 PM

NA

“ *I didn't know Payton but I'm a student at Battlefield and was so sad to hear about this. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.*

Natalie - February 17, 2016 at 03:15 PM

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Donna - February 17, 2016 at 03:00 PM

DE

I met you when you were 4 years old, just as cute as a button. You grew into a beautiful young lady. You will be missed! Love, Deanna Ebert

Deanna Ebert - February 17, 2016 at 04:07 PM



Madeleine Barrett

“ *You were one of first people to speak to me, ever, at Battlefield. On my first day you made me feel like I was already one of the gang. After asking me about my hobbies and interests, you asked me my favorite poem. I never knew my response would take on the meaning that it has now that you are gone.*

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leafs a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*



Madeleine Barrett - February 17, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.*



February 17, 2016 at 12:53 PM

RA

“ We didn't know this beautiful girl but our hearts go out to her parents and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. May God Bless you all.

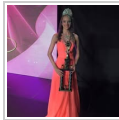
*The Coffeys
Manassas, VA*

Ray - February 17, 2016 at 12:30 PM

DB

I didn't know this young lady but my heart goes out to the family, may she rest in peace

Debbie Brummett - February 17, 2016 at 12:57 PM



We also did not know this young lady, but I feel like it could have been any one of the many young ladies in our lives. Our hearts ache for her family and friends. We wish her peace and them comfort in the days forward.

Mary Childers - February 17, 2016 at 02:29 PM

LE

So sorry for your loss. I knew of this lady through travel soccer. My heart goes out to her family and friends. Hugs to all!

Lesley - February 17, 2016 at 02:43 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca Foster lit a candle in memory of Payton Rose Freeze*



Rebecca Foster - February 17, 2016 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ *I Didn't know this sweet girl or the family but my heart goes out to this family
i am so very sorry
I am a member of PVC and I know we are all sending prayers up to our Father
God Bless You*

Barb Stapleton - February 17, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.*



February 17, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.*



February 17, 2016 at 09:10 AM

MA

“ Brent, Kim and family,

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to all of you. We cannot imagine the pain and suffering you are enduring at this time. Payton was always such a sweet and happy young girl, and we remember her as being just a big ray of sunshine. Our hearts were broken for her and for all of you. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. We are so very sorry for the loss of this bundle of sunshine..

Marianne and David White



Marianne - February 17, 2016 at 08:27 AM

BK

“ Brent and family:

Words cannot express my sorrow for you and your family. My deepest sympathies to all of you in this difficult time.

-Brian Kempa

Brian Kempa - February 17, 2016 at 07:39 AM

AB

“ *Payton baby .. love you more than any of these words could ever say. if there was someone who made me see the lightness in the dark it was you. i love you so so so so much. but i miss you even more. thank you for everything* 💙

alexis battista - February 17, 2016 at 06:53 AM

VL

“ I truly am at a loss for words. Payton was such a wonderful, caring, warm hearted, beautiful young lady. She was always happy and had such fun ideas and it was always fun to be around her. She defiantly knew how to shine some light on the bad days. It was such a pleasure knowing her❤️ My condolences to the freeze family and Payton's friends!



Victoria Leathers - February 17, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.



February 16, 2016 at 10:47 PM

AD

“ I didn't know her personally but whenever I saw her in the hallways she always had a smile on her face, she was and is a beautiful person and I hope you all can begin to heal from the pain, I'm sure she's looking over you all❤️



Aubrey Dosky - February 16, 2016 at 10:12 PM

SC

“ Payton was so beautiful, and knew how to have the most fun. She was one of my childhood friends and it was always a pleasure to spend any sunny day with her and Sarah. My mom was just reminiscing how she would wake up early in the morning, grab her bowl of oatmeal cereal and be coming down the street with the biggest smile ever to play with me and we would build forts with blankets.. and there just wasn't a time she wasn't happy. I'm so sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences go out to Paytons family..

Sameera Chaudhry - February 16, 2016 at 10:09 PM

KB

“ Payton Rose Was such a beautiful soul.❤️ She lit up anyone who came in contact with her, even if it was just a smile or a simple wave. She was one of the first friends that welcomed us to Va. Our hearts go out to you all during this difficult time and please know we are here for you all with anything you may need❤️ Please don't hesitate to reach out! With love, prayer and blessings, The Borders Family



Kim Borders - February 16, 2016 at 09:27 PM

TF

“ The Keeler Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.



The Keeler Family - February 16, 2016 at 09:19 PM

LW

“ *Lucretia & Karl Weiss purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.* ”



Lucretia & Karl Weiss - February 16, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.* ”



February 16, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.* ”



February 16, 2016 at 08:02 PM

SW

“ *Praying for healing and Peace* ”



Stuart Walsh - February 16, 2016 at 06:50 PM

JS

“ Your families are in my thoughts - I hope she has found peace.

Jennifer Slusher - February 16, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.



February 16, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.



February 16, 2016 at 11:26 AM

JC

“ Joseph & Lori Calloway purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.



Joseph & Lori Calloway - February 16, 2016 at 10:42 AM

PL

“ *Such a beautiful young lady. My heart aches for your family and you for the bullying you endured. I pray that the world's loss of one so young, beautiful and full of promise will cause those who chose to hurt you, to see the harm they have done and that they will commit themselves to work to end bullying forever.* ”



Pauline Jayne Leiter - February 16, 2016 at 07:02 AM

SP

“ *Steve, Tina, Trevor and Audrey Paddon purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.* ”



Steve, Tina, Trevor and Audrey Paddon - February 15, 2016 at 08:30 PM

NF

“ *Natalie Rosentel & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Payton Rose Freeze.* ”



Natalie Rosentel & Family - February 15, 2016 at 06:25 PM