



## Katarina Marie Goitz

January 17, 1994 - June 24, 2019

Goitz, Katarina M.

MISS KATARINA GOITZ Age 25 died on the morning of June 24th in Chicago in a motor vehicle accident. Beloved only daughter of Henry Goitz and Lorraine Armstrong. Sister of Ensign Dylan Goitz (US Navy). Born 1994 in Detroit, MI, attended Our Lady Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett high school (where she became fluent in Spanish thanks to Doctora Emory), and graduate of the University of Notre Dame (Chinese major, Economics Minor). Received Master's Degree in Theology also from the University of Notre Dame. Worked as youth minister, through the Notre Dame ECHO program for 2 years in a Hispanic community in Houston, and then began her first job in August 2018 as a youth minister, with Holy Family Parish in Galveston, Texas. She touched countless lives throughout her brief time in this world as others witnessed her honesty, purity, holiness, gentleness, generosity, kindness, service, caring and love to all! She was passionate about her faith, and found her peace in being in the presence of the Lord. She cared deeply for the unborn, human trafficking, prison ministry, and bringing others to God. She loved Irish dance, Texas 2 stepping, dancing at the Backer at Notre Dame, and caring for her pet cat Snickers, dog Cora, and hermit crab Penelope who is now 6 years old.

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KATARINA'S MESSAGE TO US ALL: taken from 'Faith ND Reflection' (August 26, 2016), written by Katarina, on New Testament parable scripture passage

(Matthew 25:1-12):

"... I need to focus on how I'm living today and not wait for a later day to make more time for God. It can't wait because I will 'KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR'...We know that death is inevitable, but do not know when it will come...What are our relationships like with friends and family? Do we strive to treat them with the love and patience that God would have? Are we spending enough quality time with God and others? Is prayer time pushed aside until bedtime when we are overwhelmed with school, work, or other activities?

Instead of despairing with the thought that we have no time, we simply need to create time intentionally and include God throughout our day with more constant communication"... this passage is a great wake up call to be more disciplined and wise in our everyday life... we need to prepare."

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Visitation: Friday, July 5, 4-8 pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (Metro Parkway, 16 mile) 586-826-8550.

Words and Reflections Written by Katarina 7 pm.

(Please also bring written memories and/or stories of Katarina to be posted on bulletin board and then saved and compiled in book for Goitz family— if unable to attend, please send: hgoitz1@gmail.com)

Funeral: Saturday, July 6, 9-10 am Visitation, 10 am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford St, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.

Will lay to rest: Monday, July 8, 1 pm Cedar Grove Cemetery, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

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Our beloved Katarina was uniquely gifted with joy in her vocation as a Youth Minister, a joy that shown unstoppably outward onto everyone who encountered her, most especially her students. So that we may all take part in continuing to encourage the joyful education of young people, on behalf of

Katarina, donate to: Katarina Goitz Memorial Fund,  
Holy Family Parish - Youth Ministry Program  
1010 35th St,  
Galveston, TX 77550

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Local Lodging (let hotel know in town for Katarina for bereavement rate):  
Hampton Inn, 33680 Gratiot Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035. Phone: 586-  
792-1500. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @  
WujekCalcaterra.com.

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Although I never had Katarina in one of my classes, I met her through her Brother Dylan and admired her confidence when she spoke at numerous school assemblies. Her tragic death took my breath away. She has remained on my mind because she was what this life personified. She lived each day to the fullest.

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**Jim Pujdowski** - December 03, 2023 at 09:43 AM

SK

“ My name is Sarah Krug and I am a friend of Katarina's from Notre Dame. I joined the Big Sister/Little Sister program in Breen-Phillips Hall my senior year and was lucky enough to be paired with Katarina as my "little sister". As I got to know her over the course of the year, I discovered that she was one of the kindest, most thoughtful people I have ever met. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.”

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**Sarah Krug** - October 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of traveling with Katarina and her Aunt Darlene in 2007 to South Dakota. She impressed me immediately as a thoughtful and intelligent young lady. I was saddened to hear of her tragic passing but her light shined brightly in this world and she will not be forgotten by those whose lives she touched with her kindness. Mark Bradley  
Travel Writer”

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**Mark Bradley** - September 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“Hello, I am Carol S. Borne, grandmother of one of Katarina's confirmation class students with Holy Family Parish. From time to time, I would chat with Katarina regarding the classes and events for the students. Katarina always made great remarks to me about my granddaughter, and would pick her as one the students to represent our parish for different events through out the year. This made me very proud, as I have raised my granddaughter Devon Sendejas since birth. We are so happy to have met her and so sad about her departure. We are comforted knowing she is in the arms of Our Lord. You have an exceptional daughter, beautiful inside and out! I thank her in my prayers, for always thinking of my beautiful granddaughter as she always did, along with several other students in her class. May god bless your family always.”

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**Carol Sendejas Borne** - August 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JG

“My Deepest Sympathy to Henry and the Goitz Family. There are no words that can describe the pain of the loss of a child. May God be with you always.”

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**Joseph Guglielmo** - August 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RL

“My sincere condolences to the Goitz and Armtroug families. Love to all.”

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**Robin Leach** - July 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“I still can't believe she is gone. My heart and prayers go out to Katarina's Family. Thank you for sharing your Angel with us all, the world is a better place because she touched all of our lives.”

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**Carla Cortez** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AT

“Goitz Family, you are in our thoughts through this terrible time. We are so sorry for your loss.”

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**ACL Research Team** - July 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“Words can't explain how deeply sorry we are for the loss of your dear Katarina. Caity and I send our deepest sympathies. The Russell's”

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**Cheri Russell** - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AN

“Katarina was such a kind and sweet soul who lived life with great exuberance and joy! She loved Irish step dancing and danced so beautifully for the Detroit St Patrick's Parade Mass. I served as a judge when Katarina competed to represent the Irish Community in the Court of St. Bridget. I remember I pinched myself in a vain effort to stop my tears when she talked so poignantly about the importance of faith in her life. That she chose to tell us about her love of God during this competition so deeply touched me and others that night. She loved representing the Irish community in the Court of St. Bridget, and she did so with such pride and enthusiasm. What a gift she was to us here on earth and she will no doubt enrich the heavens with her joyful presence! Lorraine, Henry and Dylan, we are so deeply sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers. Anne White O'Hara, Pat, Julia and Tom O'Hara”

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**Anne** - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LG

“I ache with lorraine and henry. She grew up to be a very special and wonderful person. the world shines a little bit more because she was here.”

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**Larry Gant** - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“*She was such a joy to her parents, and a beautiful spirit. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers to Lorraine Henry and Dylan, as well as to their families. Love, Kathleen Sullivan Sealey (friend) Miami, FL*”

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**Kathleen Sealey** - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“*Siento un gran dolor por tu partida de este mundo, te extrañaré por siempre. Desde que te conocí sentí una presencia angelical por tu forma de ser tan dulce por tu gran amor a Dios en todas tus acciones. Katarina no será fácil regresar a nuestra oficina que compartimos juntas, habrá un gran vacío es muy difícil pensar que ya no estarás ahí querida amiga. También extrañaré a tu gatito Snickers que con mucho gusto te lo cuidadaba. Rezo por tu alma que goces la presencia de Dios nuestro Señor. También por tus padres y tu hermano para que Dios les de la fortaleza y el consuelo que necesitan en este momento. Te quiero my girl descansa en paz. It deeply pains me to think about your leaving this world, I'll miss you forever. Since the first time I met you I felt an angelic presence from your sweet way of being, and your profound love of God. Katarina, it won't be easy returning to our shared office; there will be a great absence reminding me of that you won't be there anymore, dear friend. I'll also miss your gatito Snickers that I loved caring for. I pray that your soul will enjoy the presence of God, our lord; also, for your parents and brother, that God gives them the strength and consolation they need at this moment. I love you my girl, rest in peace.*”

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**Ana Boleman** - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM