

Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter

December 23, 1995 - June 20, 2014

Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter, 18 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died on June 20, 2014 in Gentry, Arkansas. Born December 23, 1995 in Moline, Illinois, she is the daughter of Allen Porter and Shawna Asencio-Porter. Sophia was a 2014 graduate of Gentry High School and was accepted to University of Arkansas Fort Smith Cheerleading Team. She worked as an instructor for the National Cheerleading Association and for McDonald's in Gentry.

She is survived by her parents, Allen Porter and Shawna Asencio-Porter of Gentry, Arkansas; two brothers, Allen Trevell Asencio-Porter and Jordan Lee Asencio-Porter of Gentry; maternal grandfather, David Asencio of Gentry; maternal grandmothers, Debra Wilson of Portland, Oregon and Cheryl Rosenberg of Colorado; paternal grandmother, Alice Marie Allen of Hollywood, Maryland; maternal great grandmothers, Irene Weldon of Gentry and Shirley Asencio of Galesburg, Illinois; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. until service time, Monday, June 23, 2014 at First Baptist Church, Gentry. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2014 at First Baptist Church, Gentry, Arkansas with Pastor Bruce Potter officiating. Burial will follow at Springtown Cemetery, Springtown, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Springtown Cemetery

Springtown, AR
Springtown, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Gentry
221 W Main St, Gentry
Gentry, AR 72734

Service

JUN 23. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ I met Sophia at cheer camp. She was our buddy instructor, but she meant more than that to us. She was like our big sister, and she called us her cheer babies! I remember the last day of cheer camp we didn't want to let go of her and we were all crying. She was such a special and sweet person. Her family is in my prayers. I love you Sophia. You were really young, and I know I wish you weren't gone. But, your in a better place now.

Brianna Perez - September 30, 2014 at 02:24 PM

MI

“ My Dear Brother Allen, Shawna, Tre, and Jordan,
Jo and I just returned from a camping vacation in Florida, having left on the 20th and today is the 27th. I heard your message on the phone just a few hours ago and have been searching for a way to reach out to you (I had an old number). I can't even begin to voice the grief Jo and I are feeling for your loss. We remember sweet Sophie so clearly from our visits from you and remarked every single time how beautiful she was and as time went on we saw how proud you all were of her many accomplishments. I am offering up my tears as I type this and pray for her immortal soul and for you, Shawna, Tre, and Jordan as you try to deal with this devastating loss. With much love and deepest condolences we are sharing your grief,
Mike and Joann Mead

michael - June 27, 2014 at 08:54 PM

KM

“ Allen, my brother (and Family), although I never had the pleasure of meeting your daughter, as you are family, so was she, therefore, I share your loss, wholeheartedly. And please know as a parent, I can only imagine the loss and grief that you are experiencing at this time. May you ALL find comfort knowing that she is in a better place, "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (2Cor 5:8). Look forward to seeing her again, in which we all rejoice. From your family in Lexington Park, MD, with much love!

Karen Thompson Miller - June 25, 2014 at 08:32 AM

AP

Thank you Karen, as a Christian I agree with and follow his word . As a parent I am crushed, as a believer I am going to do everything to see my baby girl again.

Allen Porter - June 25, 2014 at 09:18 PM

AP

“ Dear Family, We are thankful for the times we shared with Sophie (and Jordan.) So full of life and love, your family is an inspiration for many. Paige is heart-broken like everyone. Heaven received a gift. So very sorry for your loss.
Amy & Chuck Park

Amy Park - June 25, 2014 at 07:26 AM

JP

“ I was Sophia's third grade teacher. She was such a sweet and loving girl with so much talent! I am so saddened by this terrible event. Shawna, Allen, and Tre you are all in my prayers.

Jill Pisman - June 24, 2014 at 02:54 PM

SA

“ Every time I open my FB account, I see multiple pictures of Sophia, at all ages, with different kids. She was loved by so many. I was blessed to know her at Colona School, and to have her on my track team. Those memories are mine to keep, forever. I wish I understood why a young woman with so much to offer this world should have to leave so early. I do know that God is sad, right with us. My prayers are for your peace.

Shelley Atkinson - June 24, 2014 at 08:06 AM



“ I was a cheerleader with her when she lived in IL. She touched so many hearts and was just the sweetest girl. R.I.P Sophia. Gone but never forgotten. God took you to early but he said it was time for you to come home. ?? we all know you're looking down upon is.

MaKayla Oliva - June 24, 2014 at 05:12 AM

DM

“ Dear Allen & Shawna, I saw Sophia's obituary in the news paper and my heart was just deflated... I am so sorry for your loss as parents and for your entire family. Words seem so inadequate in expressing our sympathy, but please know it comes from the heart. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to "cast all our cares on Him for He cares for us." May God's grace be sufficient in this time of need in your lives, and may His comfort speak peace and comfort to your hearts. Pastor Dale (& Donna) McCaulley
River's Edge Fellowship, East Moline, IL

Dale McCaulley - June 24, 2014 at 03:09 AM

NM

“ Allen, Shawna, and Tre I will keep you all lifted in prayer. I pray God gives you the comfort and strength that you need at this time. Sophia was a beautiful soul whose light will shine for eternity.

Nicole Mcgowan-Madison - June 23, 2014 at 09:56 PM

HC

“ I can't even begin to comprehend the heartache that you are feeling right now. Your daughter made a huge impact on this world and was loved by so many. Your family is in my prayers.

Holly Chapman - June 23, 2014 at 09:13 PM

SF

“ Slaughter Family lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



Slaughter Family - June 23, 2014 at 08:01 PM

LR

“ My niece Bryana was a cheerleader at Gentry with Sophia. My daughter Lauren truly admired Sophia. We live in Farmington, and I thought you should know that your daughter has left such an impression on a young girl just by being such a great person. She has given my daughter memories that will stay with her for a lifetime, and the inspiration to be the best that she can be. I pray that God will provide your family with the comfort that you need in the days to come.



Lisa Rogers

Lisa Rogers - June 23, 2014 at 03:39 PM

LM

“ *Shawna & Allen:*

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Leslie Mose

Western Illinois University Quad Cities

Leslie Mose - June 23, 2014 at 02:13 PM

TR

“ *Allen, Shawna, Tre, Jordan -*

Sophia's passing saddens me tremendously. She brought a great energy and spirit into the office every time not to mention her beautiful smile. This is such a tragic loss.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Dr. Troy Roeder

Troy Roeder - June 23, 2014 at 01:34 PM

TR

“ *Troy Roeder lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter*



Troy Roeder - June 23, 2014 at 01:28 PM

JL

“ I was the principal at St Mary's School in East Moline where she attended elementary school. Sophia was beautiful, kind, intelligent and talented. The world lost so much with this terrible accident. My prayers are with Sophia and her family. This is a tragedy. I am so very sorry My heart aches for all if you. Sincerely, Jeanne La Gatta, DesMoines, IA

jeanne Lagatta - June 23, 2014 at 12:42 PM

JP

“ I am a new resident of Gentry. Though I did not know sophia personally, when I heard the news of her death my heart just sank for your family. My prayers are with you guys in this very difficult time. I pray that God gives you the peace and strength to know that your beautiful sophia is in the comfort of His arms and she is looking down on you. Once again my prayers are with you..

*With love,
Jessica*

Jessica Price - June 23, 2014 at 12:08 PM

TL

“ I'm so sorry, I truly haven't the words to express my sympathy. I met your beautiful Sophia this past football season as our son Justin is a first year coach at Gentry. The very first game, I think I spent more time watching Sophia then I did the actual game. I remember coming down to visit with you guys and telling you how amazing Sophia was, and that if she so chose she could cheer in the NFL someday. I enjoyed watching her at half-time come up into the bleachers and ALL of the children would yell her name and she ALWAYS smiled that infectious smile at them, such a beautiful spirit she had about her. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. - May our Savior give you the peace and the comfort that ONLY He can provide. I know Sophia is smiling that infectious smile in Heaven, making everyone feel very special! May God bless each of you.

Teresa Ledbetter

Teresa Ledbetter - June 23, 2014 at 10:48 AM

DR

“ Allen and Shawna, we learned about the tragic death of Sophia at church yesterday and our hearts break for you and the family. May our Lord comfort you with His love and compassion during this time of sorrow. You are in our prayers.

David and Darlene Reisenbigler

David Reisenbigler - June 23, 2014 at 10:47 AM

F(

“ Frankie Hess (Ponder) lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



Frankie Hess (Ponder) - June 23, 2014 at 10:46 AM

RE

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Ron Edwards - June 23, 2014 at 09:41 AM

KB

“ My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace.

Kim Bailey

Kim Bailey - June 23, 2014 at 09:05 AM

IR

“ Allen, Shawna, Trei', Jordan & family, there are no words to express the sorrow we feel in the loss of your precious Sophia! We will certainly miss her beautiful, bright smile at church! I'm sure she's lighting up the heavens right now with that beautiful smile!! We continue to pray for each of you through the days & years ahead!! I know only God can give you strength & peace for the days ahead. May He hold each of you within His arms, & carry you through each day, as we continue to lift you in prayer. We love each of you!
Irene & Jim Roberts



Irene Roberts - June 23, 2014 at 08:41 AM

KR

“ I only met Sophia a few times, but everytime I saw her in town and at school events she had that lovely smile on her face. She was friends with several kids that I know very well, and from their stories, I know that she touched them with her sweet spirit everyday. Prayers to all her family and friends during this difficult time.

Krystal Reeves - June 23, 2014 at 08:31 AM

AA

“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. I extend my most sincere condolences to you.

*Andrea Amato
(Jordan's First Grade Teacher in Colona)*



Andrea Amato - June 22, 2014 at 09:47 PM

DT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Allen And Shawna. My prayers are with you.

Darlene Thorndyke

Darlene Thorndyke - June 22, 2014 at 09:46 PM

DA

“ *Darlene lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter*



Darlene - June 22, 2014 at 09:40 PM

DT

I'm so sorry for your loss Shawna and Allen. My prayers are with you.

Darlene Thorndyke - June 22, 2014 at 09:42 PM

LF

“ *Love Djaka and Cheryl Sidney and family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.*



Love Djaka and Cheryl Sidney and family - June 22, 2014 at 09:24 PM

JW

“ Shawna and Allen,
We are thinking of all of you and sending all our love. We are so sad to think that Sophia is gone. I know she is dancing in Heave. Looking over all of you. I remember her bubbly smile and listening to her after school in Shawna's preschool room when I would come and get Jordan so many years ago. Sophia was always full of laughter and could brighten up any room. We are terribly sorry and will be praying for all of you. Love, Marvin, Jean , Jordan and Christopher Wells.

Jean Wells - June 22, 2014 at 08:54 PM

LW

“ I know Sophia will definitely be missed by everyone. She was an amazing example and a light shined it her that no one can put out. Prayers for the family

Lexie West - June 22, 2014 at 07:49 PM

RB

“ I only knew Sophia well we called her Sophie for 4 days and she was the sweetest girl ever ! She had the prettiest smile that could brighten anyone's day ! I didn't really , really get to know her like I wish I could had because of job rules by one thing she did tell us was she had a brother with autism and I went to her Instagram and saw him he is adorable and looks like a sweet little boy ! I miss Sophia ! And I love her she was sweet and with those 4 days I felt like I had a big sister I could look up to while at NCA ! I love you Sophie an I know she is in heaven resting ! No more pain ! " the good always die young " ! A few family members told me once I told them about Sophie and her age ! REST IN PEACE , NO MORE PAIN , NO MORE WORRIES !

ricosha billings - June 22, 2014 at 07:03 PM

MJ

“ *Matt Juillerat lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter*



Matt Juillerat - June 22, 2014 at 06:13 PM

MJ

Sophia cheered and kept up our team spirit at our games. She will be missed. Prayers to everyone in this family.

Matt Juillerat - June 22, 2014 at 06:15 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Brown & Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.*



Sharon Brown & Family - June 22, 2014 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.*



June 22, 2014 at 05:34 PM

SB

“ I meet Sophia at cheer camp this year. She help our team so much. We ask god why these thing happen. We just need to remember that things happen for a reason. I'm so glad I got to meet Sophia. She was the best buddy any one could have ever ask for. Love you Sophia!

shelby belin - June 22, 2014 at 03:49 PM

SB

“ Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



Sharon Brown - June 22, 2014 at 03:45 PM

TC

“ This past summer I attended NCA cheer camp. Sophia was our buddy instructor. She made a great impression on our little cheer squad. Every time we seen her she put a smile on our faces. Sophia was not just an instructor she was a best friend. HJH loves you Sophia, we will never forget you!

Taylor clemons - June 22, 2014 at 03:20 PM

AL

“ Although I only knew Sophie for three days, it seems like I've known her for a life time. She was always smiling and caring, and laughed about every little thing. Sophie was just more than my NCA cheer buddy, she was my sister. She got so attached to us she called us her cheer babies. Sophie was the most outgoing buddy ever and I loved her like she was sister. I remember her last words us. She said "Goodbye you guys, I love you so much! " as she hugged us with tears flowing down her face. I'll never forget that precious moment. Sophie you were the best by far. When nobody else believed in us you did. You told us we could do it. You told us to never give in. You said believe in your self, you can do it, just give it your all and it won't fail. Thank you! You told us to tell you when our first pep rally was because you wanted to be there and you were going to be there no matter what. I believe you. Although you may not be here physically, you'll be there in spirit. I love you Sophie. My Cheering angel!

Akeelah Lewis - June 22, 2014 at 03:10 PM

MH

“ Sophia made my first year of junior-high cheerleading an awesome one. I only knew her for 4 days but it seemed like many years. If it wasn't for her we wouldn't be the team we are today. I will see you again until the. We love you and miss you Sophia????

Montse Hathcock - June 22, 2014 at 03:08 PM

AB

“ I remember the night before the first day of cheer camp when she came to our hotel room and she told our group she's been calling us her cheer baby's for four weeks. She was so funny and beautiful! I wish I could be there tomorrow I'm trying really hard to find a ride but it's five hours away from my home town. We could all just sit there and laugh all day about anything! She was so fun to be around and made a huge mark on our team! We would never be as great as we are now if it weren't for Sophia's help. She told us while we were making up the dance that her little brother helped her with it. She will be missed very much by the little ole Hampton jr. High cheer team we love you Sophia!

Amber Bailey - June 22, 2014 at 03:02 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.



June 22, 2014 at 02:48 PM

WB

“ W.T. & Brenda Bailey lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



W.T. & Brenda Bailey - June 22, 2014 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.*



June 22, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ *I wish I had some magic words that could relieve the anguish you must feel. I have none... Please know that Sophia is loved by many & her beautiful personality leaves a great memory. Even for those of us who were neighbors for a short time. May your family find peace in this difficult time.*

*((HUGS)) Your Colona neighbors,
Vikki West & Leean Nightingale*

Vikki West - June 22, 2014 at 08:23 AM

BP

“ *Carol and I are heartbroken at the events of this week. That has to be balanced with the full heart of love that Sophia has given us over all the time we have known her. The pain that you feel is not a surprise, and is the statement of love given and received in the life God has blessed you with. Our prayers are constant for you. II Corinthians 1:8-10!*

We love you! Carol and Bruce Potter


Bruce Potter - June 22, 2014 at 04:44 AM

WF

“ Whitney Scott & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



Whitney Scott & family - June 22, 2014 at 12:18 AM

 Kolten Brown

“ I remember the first day I met her. It was in east moline. She was a little girl. Nd I looked at her as of she was my blood sister. If it wasnt for tre I would hv never been in her life. I still look at her as if she is my little sister. I love you sis

Kolten Brown - June 22, 2014 at 12:16 AM

 Lin Tank

“ I remember you as a little girl at the baseball games doing your gymnastics for us. We all enjoyed the little shows you put on. We are never prepared to lose a child and when that happens we wonder why. I felt this same pain in 1990 when my son Cody was killed in a car accident. I blamed God for years until I found my faith again. Keep God in your heart and turn to him to talk to. Sophia was a beautiful little girl that grew up to be a beautiful woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Another angel earned her wings. God Bless.

Lin Tank - June 21, 2014 at 11:58 PM

SG

“ I am so sorry to hear your loss. I remember your daughter from grade school with my children. We spoke of her and we remember lending the Mexican dress to her. And being at the dance school with my daughter. May God be with you all in this time. God bless

sara gutierrez - June 21, 2014 at 08:43 PM

AP

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. A. Porter

Allen Porter - June 22, 2014 at 04:09 AM

 Sharon
Asencio

“ *Sharon Asencio lit a candle in memory of
Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter*



Sharon Asencio - June 21, 2014 at 05:47 PM

KW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sophia went to Colona School
with my son Shane. She seemed like a very happy, sweet girl. We
are all praying for your family.*

Kassandra Walters - June 21, 2014 at 05:42 PM

SJ

“ *Susanne J. purchased the Written in the Stars for
the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.*



Susanne J. - June 21, 2014 at 04:58 PM

RB

“ Dear Family,

Sophia was a beautiful young lady that any parent would be proud to claim. Her passing is hard to grasp for me and is one of God's difficult to understand mysteries. I know there are no earthly words to heal the pain and loss of this separation but I will pray that Jesus will wrap you in His arms of comfort through the Holy Spirit and give you His Peace.

Dr. and Mrs. Randy C. Barrett

Randy C. and Regenia Barrett - June 21, 2014 at 04:31 PM

SB

“ Suzie Bogart purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.



Suzie Bogart - June 21, 2014 at 11:18 AM

BS

“ Allen and Shawna I'm so very sorry for your loss...It's so clear by reading everyone's stories and comments that she clearly touched so many lives in such a short amount of time .. Prayers for your family and friends..

Brooke Shelley - June 21, 2014 at 11:07 AM

MD

“ Mandy Davis purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter.



Mandy Davis - June 21, 2014 at 08:02 AM

SP

“ Shermana Philpott lit a candle in memory of Sophia Marie Asencio-Porter



Shermana Philpott - June 21, 2014 at 07:44 AM