



Natalie Roper

May 1, 2002 - July 5, 2015

Natalie Ellen Roper, 13, of Hartwell, GA was received into the glory of her Lord Jesus Christ on the evening of Sunday, July 5, 2015, at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY.

Natalie was born on May 1, 2002, in Imperatriz, Maranhao, Brazil to her parents Brian Howard Roper and Emma Brown Roper. During her life here on earth, her favorite activities were spending time with her family, reading, painting, and singing, especially psalms and hymns. She was a member of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Royston, GA.

Natalie was diagnosed in August 2014 with a rare form of cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. By God's enabling grace, over the course of the following ten and a half months, Natalie demonstrated unwavering childlike faith in the goodness of her God. Through her often intense suffering, she was a remarkable example of humble submission to her heavenly Father's tender care and sovereign will. One of Natalie's many prayers was that God would use her life to bring glory to His name. This prayer He has indeed answered. From the most seasoned of Christians to the most simple, all those who prayed, encouraged, supported, wept – and weep – for her, had their hearts drawn upward to give glory to the true and living God, whom to know is life eternal. For this reason, though her family and friends grieve the loss deeply, they also rejoice with joy inexpressible and filled with glory. Natalie now

worships her glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in perfect fellowship, and awaits with all the saints the great Day of Resurrection to come. Praise be to God.

In addition to her parents, Natalie is survived by her younger siblings Owen, Claire, Isaac, Caleb, Priscilla Mae, and baby Abigail, who is expected in early fall; grandparents Harley and Margaret Davis of Dom Eliseu, Para, Brazil, and Jimmy and Donna Roper of Mt. Olive, Alabama; great-grandmother Maragaret Berry May of Maryland.

Funeral services for Natalie will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Reed Creek Baptist Church; 2 Boleman Hill Road, Hartwell, GA with Pastor Mike Myers officiating. Interment will follow in the Reed Creek Baptist Church cemetery.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Though we've never met, our heartfelt condolences go out to you in the loss of your beloved Natalie Ellen. We at the Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church in NY have been praying for Natalie Ellen and for your family for some time and are so saddened at your loss, though rejoice that she is now with her precious Lord Jesus and not suffering. We will continue to uphold you all before the throne of grace.*

Yours in Christ, Paul and Wendy Malichuk

Paul & Wendy Malichuk - September 10, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss, but also rejoicing in the knowledge she is now with her Heavenly Father. My prayers for her family.*

Stella Brawner - September 10, 2015 at 08:13 AM

MD

“ *Dearest Family,
Sterling and I are praying for you, for God's continued comfort and peace that you've been experiencing this past year. Our hearts ache for you; we have also experienced the loss of a daughter, 18-yrs. old, and we truly know your pain. We will continue to remember you in the days ahead.
Loving sympathy.*

Margueriete Dunlap - September 10, 2015 at 08:13 AM

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“ *What a marvelous testimony Natalie Ellen and her extended family have been during these past months, to the glorious mercy and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ . We never met her Natalie, but we have met the Jesus who has saved her and us, and with whom she now has fellowship, face to face!*

Thank you Lord for this gift of life that you let the world share for 13 years, Natalie Ellen.

Beverly & Joe Kanewske - September 10, 2015 at 08:13 AM