



# Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich

December 1, 2007 - July 2, 2016

Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich (Mackenzie Rose) was born December 1, 2007 at 33 weeks gestation in Wauwautosa to Subrina Gray and Joshua Kavalaskas. Sofie spent the next 349 days in Children's Hospital of Wisconsin fighting to survive and undergoing 15+ surgeries in her short lifetime. Sofie was born with VACTERL syndrome, endured a craniotomy, several heart surgeries, epilepsy and four strokes.

Sofie was discharged to Stephen and Cheryl Delventhal's care in their treatment foster home for medically fragile children. April 2010, Sofie officially became a Delventhal when she was adopted.

Sofie loved dance classes with Ms. Betty Hayes Baxter; horse therapy with Horse Powers Heartbeat, UW 5th Quarter Band, Packers, dancing with Kimmy Kienitz, Guitar Frankie and his band, and was going to be a drummer in R5.

Sofie is survived by her parents Dr. Stephen J. and Cheryl Delventhal of Avoca, WI. Her very special "Sissy" and "Lovey" Aleesa Roh and Danny Tisdale, Avoca, WI; Sarah (Justin) Rebarck, Black River Falls, WI; Brittani Persinger, Richland Center, WI; Jhonathon Delventhal, Avoca, WI; Dylan Friedland, Avoca, WI; Naomi Delventhal (Walter), Winnepeg, Canada; Hannah (Jeff) Prillmon, Washington, D.C.; Samuel (Rebekka) Delventhal, Richland Center, WI; David and Chris Bisbach; Jhonathon, David and Josiah Delventhal, Madison, WI. Great Grandparents Jim and Delores Larvik, Sparta, WI; Grandmothers Peggy Larvik, Sparta, WI; and Marilyn Kessenich, Avoca, WI. Aunts and Uncles Jeanne and Michael Jacobson, Muscoda, WI; Kevin and Nancy Newell, Black River Falls, WI; Tim and Cheryl Delventhal, Buffalo, New York; Michael and Nhara Kessenich, Avoca, WI. Sofie's biological parents Subrina Gray and Joshua Kavalaskas, Kenosha, WI. Her very special "family" members, Bill and Blanche Lenhart, Avoca, WI; Henry Bisbach, Avoca, WI; Aunty Janet Babbit, Richland Center, WI; Bob and Glenda Thayer, Avoca, WI. Godparents Luis Franqui and Carmen Hernandez, Quebradilles, Puerto Rico; and Ruby Ostrowski, Avoca, WI.

Sofie was preceded in Death by her aunt Carolyn Elizabeth Kessenich, grandfathers Donald Kessenich and John Delventhal, grandmother Elizabeth Delventhal and "cousin" Judine Hutter, who she spoke of so often.

A special thank you to Crystal Jackering and Lynn Peterson Wolfe of Homeward bound.

The wonderful "Indigo Team" of Agrace Hospice – Gloria, Jacci, Laura, Mary, Kristin, and Jill. Katie Schmitt, Jennifer Kinnison and Taylor Alt. Dr. Andrew Wright, Dr. David Saudek, Dr. Taryn Bragg, and Paul Corcoran. Fr. Garrett Kau, Fr. Peter Auer, Fr. Diego Cuevas and Fr. Robert Butz.

Make A Wish - Christy, Kathy, Tamara and all involved with "Sofie's Big Party". Words cannot express our gratitude to all involved in making this a very special day for Sofie, family and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Corpus Christi Parish in Avoca with Fr. Kau. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home and also on Saturday at church from 10:00 AM until time of services at 11:00 AM. On Line Condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
26777 Jelland Drive  
Richland Center, WI 53581  
(608) 647-6390  
josh@clarymemorial.com  
<https://clarymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Avoca

## Interment

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Avoca's St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery  
Village of Avoca, Iowa County  
John McCormick 739-3283

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Damm lit a candle in memory of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich*



Barbara Damm - July 13, 2016 at 12:35 PM



*I will see you in heaven, Sofie and you will know me, I am your great-grandmother and we are forever linked through God's love and gentle understanding.*  
Barbara Damm

Barbara Damm - July 13, 2016 at 12:53 PM

CB

“ *Although we did not know Sofie, our hearts go out to Cheryl and Steve for their loss. Sofie was very fortunate to have Delventhals' adopt her and make her days as best as you can. From the pictures, it showed she was a happy little girl.*  
Sincerely,  
Paul and Christene Breininger

Christene Breininger - July 12, 2016 at 10:15 AM

MM

“ *I saw the loving care and wonderful love that you gave this sweet angel. Her smile was special and she will always be with us in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers go to all of you who were so deeply involved in the short life of this child. You made her world a better place and are better for what you did. God Bless you.*

Mary McCauley - July 09, 2016 at 10:42 PM

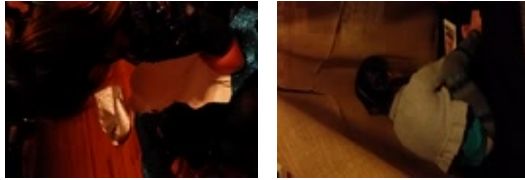


“ *Sending love and prayers to Cheryl and Steve today. I will always think of Sofie when I teach Elmo to dance for Sesame Street Live. The Elmo slide was one of her favorites. Thinking of you today.*

Cheryl Baxter-Ratliff - July 09, 2016 at 03:34 PM



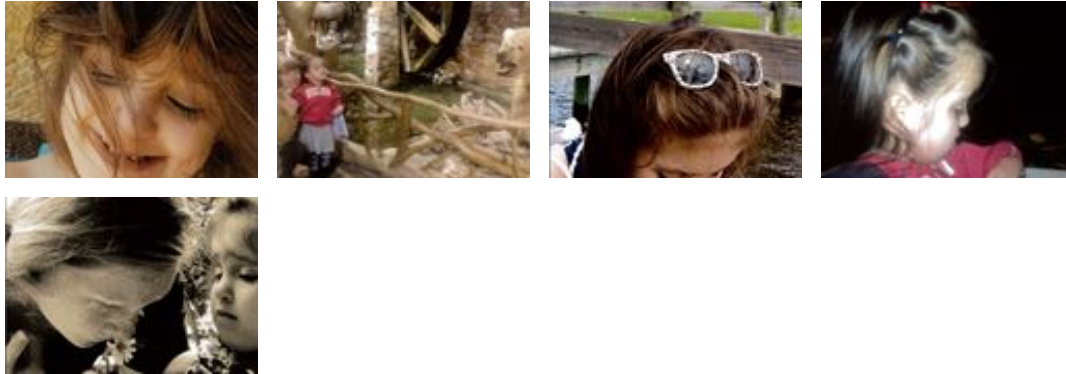
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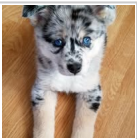
Clary Memorial Funeral Home - July 08, 2016 at 03:40 PM



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Clary Memorial Funeral Home - July 08, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ *John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart's be troubled. Believes also in me. In my Fathers house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. My prayers to your family. With deepest sympathy, Grandma Peggy*

Peggy Larvick - July 08, 2016 at 07:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich.*



July 07, 2016 at 11:45 AM

WR

“ With caring thoughts, Community Care Resources purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich.



With caring thoughts, Community Care Resources - July 07, 2016 at 09:54 AM

GW

“ THINKING OF YOU ALL AND SENDING SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS. REMEMBERING THE DAYS YOU, CHERYL;, WORKED WITH US AT RICHLAND HOSPITAL.

GEORGINE WORTHINGTON - July 07, 2016 at 05:27 AM

SL

“ Sara Luptowski lit a candle in memory of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich



sara luptowski - July 07, 2016 at 02:46 AM

GF

“ GREAT GRANDPARENTS JIM AND DEE AND FAMILY purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich.



GREAT GRANDPARENTS JIM AND DEE AND FAMILY - July 06, 2016 at 05:18 PM

RF

“ Ryan and Kim Shada and Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich.



Ryan and Kim Shada and Family - July 05, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich.*



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July 04, 2016 at 04:08 PM

BD

“ *Bonnie & Jason Davis lit a candle in memory of Sofie Elizabeth Delventhal Kessenich*



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**Bonnie & Jason Davis** - July 04, 2016 at 01:42 PM



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July 04, 2016 at 12:29 PM

AV

“ *I remember the first time I ever saw Sofie. It was at a Betty Hayes dance recital. She was on stage dancing for all she was worth, and doing a fantastic job! It was apparent she loved dance and loved Miss Betty. She was a much loved little gal and leaves many sweet memories behind. I will never ever forget her. She was just that kind of person - one whom you meet, and you never forget. My condolences to her family.*

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**Ardie Frank Vallem** - July 03, 2016 at 09:57 PM