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# **Riveted Together**

# Remembering Amy

For those of you that follow us on social media this maybe information you will have already heard but we are aware that there are some that would have only received MAF's brief communication regarding Amy.

It is with great sadness that we must inform you that our eldest daughter, Amy, passed away late on Sunday 29th December.

She had just ventured out on her own and started university in the UK in September. She returned to Kenya on 18th December to spend Christmas with

us. She arrived a bit unwell but deteriorated over the first few days here and was admitted to ICU on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. She was diagnosed with Pneumonia

and then Meningitis following some seizures. As she had a high heart rate and was struggling to maintain oxygen levels she was intubated and sedated early Christmas morning.

She fought so hard to stay with us, but after a couple of days of seeming to stabilize a little, her body could not take the strain of a high heart rate and low oxygen levels and she lost her battle to remain here on earth with us physically, late on Sunday 29th December.

There will always be a huge hole in our hearts left by her absence and her joyful smile will be missed, but we rest in the knowledge that she is no longer suffering and is now with her heavenly Father. Although we do not understand why He choose to have her with Him, our prayer is that from this sad story something good will come.



Now I'm sure of this: the sufferings we endure now are not even worth comparing to the glory that is coming and will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 (One of Amy's favourite verses)

"Nothing you love is lost. Not really. Things, people—they always go away, sooner or later. You can't hold them, any more than you can hold moonlight. But if they've touched you, if they're inside you, then they're still yours. The only things you ever really have are the ones you hold inside your heart." by Bruce Coville



4th December 2005 - 29th December 2024

On the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January a small gathering of just the four of us and a few close friends said good bye to Amy in the funeral home.

In the afternoon we held a service to celebrate her life here in Kenya.

The service was a time of mixed emotions, sadness that she is no longer here with us but also a wonderful time remembering her life. It was attended by over 200 people which is a testament to who she was and the impact she had on so many people. Tributes were given that held a common theme of her smile and laugh, and the care and compassion she had for others.

This service was recorded and will be available to see online in about a weeks time (link to be shared later).

There will be a second service held in the UK at Gillingham Baptist Church, Kent at 2pm on Saturday 22nd February. All will be welcome.

## **Messages of Condolence**

We have setup an online memories/condolence page as we are aware that there maybe people that can not attend either service. You can place your tributes, memories and photos here: www.online-tribute.com/AmyNewnham

### Ways to Give

1.To contribute towards medical and extra costs like our travel to the UK then you can send to MAF UK using this link:

### Mark and Sarah Newnham - Mission Aviation Fellowship

(https://maf-uk.org/get-involved/support-our-staff/mark-and-sarah-newnham)

Or, contact Adam Pope (<u>adam.pope@maf-uk.org</u>) if you would like to discuss other ways to send money to MAF. Donations given to MAF can be gift aided.

2. If you would like your donation to be used towards a cause that Amy was passionate about then that can be made directly to us via the following link:

<u>Amy Donation via Paypal</u> (https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/9bk4ak3Ebt)