



## Bella Muntean

March 24, 2003 - April 6, 2018

Isabella “Bella” Grace Muntean, 15, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on April 6, 2018.

A native of Superior Township, Michigan, daughter of Dorin and Brenda Denise Mellott Muntean, she was a freshman at Riverside High School and a member of Covenant United Methodist Church.

Bella was an old, wise soul at heart and lived way beyond her 15 years of life. She thrived on education, was a straight A student, played the flute in concert band and was accepted into State one week prior to her cancer diagnosis in 7th grade. She loved traveling, art (she received 2nd place for an acrylic painting in the State of SC in 5th grade), antiquing and was an avid doll photographer in the American Girl Doll community with over 23,000 followers from all over the world, all different cultures who loved Bella on her Instagram-thenookdolls. She LOVED American Girl!!!

Bella learned early on the reward of giving back which began when she was 6 years old at an orphanage in Romania. After that joyful experience, Bella devoted her life to community service from volunteering at soup kitchens, Salvation Army, a local nursing home and during 5th grade she had 106, out of the required 10, community service hours for the school year. She was awarded as 1 of 10 students out of thousands, in the Upstate Parent Program Magazine of “1 to 10 Students Who Make a Difference” based on their community service. That year she also raised \$600 for a local boy who wanted to go to Legoland through Make a Wish, never realizing one day that

she would also be a recipient.

In 7th grade when Bella was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, that didn't stop her and she was a true "Warrior" never giving up any battle on the journey she faced! Her indomitable spirit and unwavering faith encouraged her family and friends to persist in the face of any struggle. She loved God, never blaming him once, knowing that her purpose of suffering with cancer was to give others hope and bring people closer to God. Several times she ministered to families who were losing their children to cancer and she prayed with them and encouraged them in faith. Her strength and courage while facing her own battle was only possible through God.

In April 2017, while in treatment, Bella began her own charity-Angels of Hope (it isn't a non-profit yet), to help kids like her with cancer. She has been able to make monthly deliveries of pillowcases with an angel drawn on them by nurse Pam, filled with toys and American Girl dolls and items for boys and girls. In February 2018, Bella received the "Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award", because of her own charity work. This award was given to 6 students in the State of SC and she received a bronze medallion and another award for her charity of service by President Donald Trump with a letter from him.

Bella was always smiling, positive, selfless and always there, no matter how she felt, to help others in need. She loved igniting faith and changing lives! She was an inspiration to all of us and the world is a better place because of her. Her legacy will live on and she will never be forgotten. May we all strive to be like Bella!

Also surviving are her sister, Julia Muntean of Ann Arbor, Michigan; paternal grandmother, Ana Muntean of Sibiu, Romania; maternal grandparents, Jesse Mellott (Henrietta) of Lordstown, Ohio and Bonnie Vaughan of Greer; and two uncles, Nicolae Muntean of Sibiu, Romania and Jesse Mellott II of Greer.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Nicolae Muntean.

A celebration of life will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Covenant United Methodist Church, conducted by Pastor Darren Hook and Pastor Linda Guthrie.

Visitation will be held after the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Brenda Muntean in honor of Bella's charity and wishes, 420 Sunnybrook Lane, Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Church  
1310 Old Spartanburg Road  
Greer, SC 29650

# Tribute Wall

TV

“ My elementary school used to do a "Live Like Bella" campaign and wear socks in her honor (I think it was her). I love American Girl and I still collect them sometimes. I lost my father from coronavirus, and I still grieve sometimes over it. But remember, God is with you. I had not cried that much after my father's passing because God was with me, my family, and gave us peace. Remember, read the Bible, pray, even when crying, and ask God for peace. He will give it to you, and I will also be praying for you, forever. I will be sticking with you through the prayers no matter where we are. I have faith that you will be okay, with God by your side, and you will reunite with Bella at the end of time. If you ever need anything, remember that you can pray to God, I will pray for you, and I will be here, all the way in Miami, Florida, U.S. I will never let anyone down. My very strong condolences to you. I am super sad for you. I have no idea why this happened, but it is a tragedy. But, in the name of Jesus you will be fine; I know it. Remember that she is loved, you, as her family, are loved, and that Jesus loves you all. <3 <3 <3 <3  
Wishing you all the best and peace,  
Taináh "Tainita" Vargas (age 15) and the Vargas Family <3

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**Taináh Vargas** - May 19, 2022 at 05:17 PM

TV

“ My condolences to this family. Bella was such a beautiful lovely girl. I honestly was surprised and thankful for all the good things she had done.



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**Taináh Vargas** - May 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ K sent a virtual gift in memory of Bella Muntean



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K - June 16, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ K lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



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K - June 16, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Thinking about & missing you a lot right now. I can't believe it's almost been a year since we lost you. You we so kind and caring. It's been a tough year but with god always with us we have been able to push trough. I wish I could just have one more conversation with you, send you one last heart and tell you how much I love you. It's not gotten any easier without you, but I have learned to cope because I know you love me & are no longer in pain and suffering. I'll see you again one day. 🧡



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Sarah (Internet Friend) - March 16, 2019 at 11:56 PM

VF

“ Although I did not know Bella personally I have spoken to her through message before. She is the sweetest girl I’ve ever met. She was so happy no matter what happened. I pray for her every day. I look up to Bella because she is an example of what I want to be . She has achieved more in life than most will. Her memory will live on. -a virtual friend



virtual friend - April 19, 2018 at 07:44 PM

BH

“ Bruce Hevner lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



Bruce Hevner - April 14, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ Aric Hevner lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



Aric Hevner - April 14, 2018 at 04:59 PM

LD

“ Linda Day lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



Linda Day - April 14, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bella Muntean.*



April 13, 2018 at 05:38 AM



“ *Simona lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean*



**Simona** - April 13, 2018 at 05:37 AM



“ *Condolences to Brenda and Dorian and family. Bella will always be in my heart. Words can not begin to tell you how much Bella will be missed. She will forever be with us and watching over us all. God Bless* 🙏💖💛💚💙



**Patricia Rightenour** - April 13, 2018 at 03:05 AM

FS

“ Unfortunately, I never had the privilege of meeting Bella; however, I read about her remarkable journey over the last few weeks which is why I felt compelled to reach out to her family. Bella was such a beautiful young lady which is evident from this lovely photo; however, more importantly, from what I have read, she was even more beautiful on the inside. For someone to go through what she did and to have such a positive outlook and to still care more about others more than herself is astounding. Also, for Bella to believe that the purpose of her suffering was to give others hope and to bring them closer to God is an amazing testimony that has touched me in ways that I cannot put into words. I know that your precious Bella touched more lives that anyone will ever know and the seed she planted will continue to grow and bring more to Christ. Her charity Angels of Hope is such a fitting name because your lovely Angel has given so many hope, not only from her charity, but for her grace and unconditional love for her Lord and Savior. Bella may not have had a long life here on Earth; however, she had more of an impact in those short years than some that lived five times as long. To the family, may God continue to give you the strength and comfort you need during this difficult time.

*In God's Love,*

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**Fredia Snow** - April 11, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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“ Susan Smith-Gordon lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



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**Susan Smith-Gordon** - April 11, 2018 at 02:08 PM

PC

“ *Brenda,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Bella's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. We hope that you find peace and love in the memories you cherish.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Your friends at The Peace Center*

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**Peace Center** - April 11, 2018 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Bella,*

*I never thought I'd say that I'm glad my mum broke her ankle but I am because if she hadn't I would have never met you! My heart is hurting that you are no longer here but I am happy that you are now cancer free and dancing again somewhere beautiful. I wanted to share a picture I drew of you wearing your angel wings.*

*See you again someday,*

*Love India Hopwood*



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**India Hopwood** - April 11, 2018 at 08:15 AM

EL

“ I met Bella su instagram, I spoke to her once or twice, I am a former cancer patient, I recovered for ten years, I can only imagine what you are going through now, I send you a big hug from Italy, courage <3  
Elena .



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**Elena** - April 11, 2018 at 04:14 AM

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“ I am so sad and so sorry to hear of Bella's passing. I will always cherish meeting and spending time with Bella at the AG store in NYC at her meet up. I loved her Instagram page and loved her as well. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.  
Sofia Foley (agblossoms) Scranton, Pa

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**Sofia (agblossoms)Foley** - April 10, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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“ Sofia (agblossoms)Foley lit a candle in memory of Bella Muntean



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**Sofia (agblossoms)Foley** - April 10, 2018 at 09:31 PM

JG

“ I learned about Bella from my niece Kinsley Spearman. We prayed for God's will to be done in her life, and we asked our church to pray for her as well. Our hearts go out to her family because we lost our only child who died with Type II Autoimmune Hepatitis C. God continues to share His great love and mercy. The grief never goes away, but we are thankful for God's gift of eternal life, and we will be united once again some glorious day. You all continue to be in our prayers.

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**Joan S. Griffin** - April 10, 2018 at 06:42 PM