



Meredith Legg Stapleton

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Meredith Elise Legg Stapleton, 26, of Huntersville, took her place in Heaven February 24, 2014 while surrounded by her family. Meredith was born in Raleigh, NC on March 4, 1987, the daughter of Basil and Robin Legg.

Meredith grew up in Bridgeport, West Virginia before moving to Huntersville, North Carolina in 2002. Beginning at a young age, Meredith was a star basketball player and athlete, first at Bridgeport High School (WV) and, later at Hopewell High School (NC). She was the first inductee into the Hopewell High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In her senior year, Meredith was also chosen as Miss Hopewell-2005.

Following high school, she accepted a basketball scholarship to play for the University of South Carolina-Aiken where she became a four-year starter from 2005-2009. At the end of her college career, Meredith held many records including all-time leader in scoring (1,480), career three-point field goals made (311), three-point field goal percentage (.407), and free throw percentage (.882).

She also owns the USC Aiken single-season record for consecutive free throws made (45), and best three-point field goal percentage (.475). In 2009, Meredith again made USC Aiken history, sinking the most three-pointers in one game (10).

In the Peach Belt Conference, Meredith holds records in free throw percentage, three-point field goal percentage and most consecutive free throws made. During her career, she was voted the PBC Player of the Week three times and was an all-PBC selection on two occasions. She was inducted in USC-Aiken Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

After graduating cum laude with a degree in business administration, Meredith began her professional career as a financial analyst for URS Corporation in Aiken. In January of 2013, she became the project analyst at HNTB Corporation of Charlotte where she was responsible for all



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accounting practices related to the Charlotte Blue Line extension project. Meredith was greatly loved and respected by all of her managers and coworkers at both URS and HNTB.

While Meredith's athletic, academic and professional accomplishments were tremendous, her life was about so much more. On April 13, 2009, at age 22, Meredith was diagnosed with ocular melanoma, a rare form of cancer that affects around 2000 Americans per year. Faced with this life-changing and devastating diagnosis, Meredith chose to become an ambassador in the fight against her disease and to share her love for God with everyone around her.

She established the Meredith Legg Cancer Fund to support research for a cure and travelled to Canada to participate in a melanoma awareness documentary called "Dear 16-year old Me." She became an inspirational and motivational speaker reaching out to hundreds of young people, sharing her faith and raising melanoma awareness.

In spite of her disease and the debilitating treatments, Meredith continued to live her life to the fullest. In 2010, she became the head girls' basketball coach at Mead Hall Episcopal School in Aiken, leading the team to its first winning season, followed by two consecutive championship seasons. She also was the founder, president and head coach of the Aiken Elite AAU girls' basketball program, providing athletic opportunities to young girls in the Greater Aiken community.

In October 2012, Meredith experienced the happiest day of her life when she married her high school sweetheart, Christopher Stapleton, at the St. John's United Methodist Church where she was a member and active in the Friends in Faith Women's Bible study. She was also a member of the Oasis Evening Bible Study at Lake Forest Church in Huntersville.

Meredith loved deep, laughed often, and fought hard. She lifted the hearts of everyone with her ever welcoming and radiant smile and steadfast courage. Her inspiration will forever live on through the thousands of lives she touched.

Meredith was a joy to her family, whom she cherished. Along with her husband Christopher, Meredith is survived by her parents, Basil and Robin Legg of Lorton, VA; her sister and brother-in-law, Lyndsi and Rick Herring of Huntersville, NC; her brother, Basil Ray (Trey) Legg, III of Lorton, VA; and her nephew and nieces Richard Charles (Chase), Jr., Ella Grace and Julia Elise Herring whom Meredith loved with all of her heart.



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Meredith was a lifelong sports fan, forever loyal to the UNC Tar Heel basketball and WVU Mountaineer football programs. She was also a dedicated fan of the Carolina Panthers and the Charlotte Bobcats. She loved nothing more than attending games at the Dean E. Smith Center and Mountaineer Field with her family and friends.

A service celebrating Meredith's life will be held Thursday at 5 PM at St. John's United Methodist Church in Aiken, SC., Rev. Dr. George K. Howle officiating. A reception will follow at the church. Honorary pallbearers are Jason Stapleton, Carter Stapleton and Maria Stapleton; Pamela Legg, Dr. Laura Hellman, Jennifer Ferrell, Vanessa Legg, Sarah Young, Dustin Daughtrey.

In addition, a visitation will be held on Friday from 5-8 PM at James Funeral Home in Huntersville, N.C., reception to follow. The graveside service will take place on Saturday at 11 AM at Northlake Memorial Gardens in Huntersville, N.C.

At Meredith's request, a memory jar will be placed at services in both Aiken and Huntersville. Family and friends are encouraged to bring a memory of Meredith (favorite scripture, written memory or picture, etc.) to add to this jar.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to the Meredith Legg Cancer Fund, First Community Bank, 407 Silver Bluff Road SW, Aiken, SC, 29803.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



Tribute Wall

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BR

Brian posted:

I just watch the episode of the years to the dress of Meredith if she was still alive she would have loved loving Caliber or velvet moon

December 1 at 2:29 AM

BR

Brian lit a candle in honor of Meredith.



December 1 at 2:27 AM

CL

Carson Loveless lit a candle in honor of Meredith.

Condolences to her family and her friends



March 15 at 3:19 PM

MP

Michelle F-Phoenix, Az posted:

I just saw her on Say Yes to the Dress . I was so happy that she found her dream dress. I send my deepest condolences to her family and loved ones

January 7 at 8:47 AM

RO

Rohini posted:

I just saw Meredith on yes to the dress . She has a beautiful personlity. I'm happy she found her college sweetheart and had her dream wedding day. May she rest in peace . My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

February 6 at 12:56 AM



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MA

Mary posted:

Meredith's beautiful personality continues to shine on Say Yes to the Dress Atlanta. I am so happy that she found her love and was able to marry in the dress of her dreams. My heart breaks for all of you in your loss, and I feel privileged to have seen your story. May she rest forever in the hearts of those who loved her and those who never met her but knew her spirit. My deepest condolences. 🙏
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October 25 at 9:25 PM

MA

Mary Ann posted:

Beautiful Meredith, May you Rest In Peace!! Here after watching you try the gown of your dreams on 'Say yes to the dress!'. Very sad to hear that you lost the battle. Condolences to your family and friends 🌺🌺🌺 Mary Ann, Melbourne, Australia.

June 14 at 5:51 AM



Betty Díaz posted:

I watched her on Say Yes to The Dress and was so happy she found her beautiful dress and then on her 8th anniversary learned that she had passed, made my heart break. Prayers go out to her husband and family. Betty

February 25 at 5:30 AM

DE

Deborah Cannon - Ky posted:

I just watched Meredith on Say yes to the dress and was saddened to learn of her passing. She was such a vibrant and lovely young lady. Her family will be in my thoughts and prayers, she was a remarkable woman.

May 29 at 6:16 PM



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MB

Máire Nic Giolla Bhríde posted:

Sitting here in Dublin Ireland on a rainy windy Saturday watching Say yes to the dress. Was so struck by Merediths beauty , presence and spirit. I rewound the programme to catch her name and then Googled to see what was the follow up . So saddened by Merediths passing . She certainly was and is an angel. My condolences to all of you . Máire Nic Giolla Bhríde

March 2 at 6:52 AM

RG

Rena Gillard June 18 at 4:11 AM

Two years after you, I am sitting here in Israel, doing the same. I was shocked to see that Meredith had passed. I so wanted to find a happy ending to this story. Rena

AU

Audrey posted:

Dear Legg & Stapleton families -Early this morning in western Idaho, I watched your episode of Say Yes to the Dress. Like so many others, I was immediately drawn to Meredith. I so enjoyed watching you share in magic of choosing a wedding gown. Meredith was absolutely radiant! I checked on Meredith & learned of her remarkable life. In her beautiful wedding gown, she did not appear to be an all-star basketball player! Her life continues to be an encouragement and she lives on as an example to all who were touched by her. Meredith will be forever remembered by those who knew her and by those of us who were not as fortunate. May you be blessed and comforted by your memories. God be with you all.

March 31 at 5:42 AM

BL

Basil Legg posted:

As I read these wonderful comments now two years later, I am amazed by the love of my sweet Meredith from so many. Thank you!

February 24 at 8:24 AM

MS

Marilyn Stowe posted:

I too just watched Meredith on UK Say Yes to the Dress today. I wish to say how much I admired watching that beautiful girl with her wonderful attitude to life and how deeply sorry I am to learn of her passing. I hope her family are all coping. She was a joy to watch and she will have been a joy to love. Deepest sympathy, Marilyn Stowe London England.

July 11 at 7:15 AM



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VP

Vicky Prendergast posted:

I've just watched Meredith on the U.K. playing of say yes to the dress. I was struck by what a beautiful person she seemed and moved to tears by how lovely she looked in her wedding dress. I wanted to find out how she was and I'm so sad to learn she lost her battle. This wicked disease which has taken so many of my own family has taken another angel. May she rest in peace. My condolences to her family and all who knew her.

May 2 at 11:00 AM

PC

Patty Cover posted:

Robin and Basil, Meredith was one of the sweetest friends that Kimberly played with. Kimberly reminded me of the times that she went to your house after choir practice. Kimberly had great times with Meredith and said she was in contact with her until her passing. Our hearts were crushed when Kimberly told us the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and her husband. May God comfort you during these days and the days ahead. Meredith certainly had an inspirational story right up to the end. Love and Prayers, Don and Patty Cover

March 4 at 8:18 AM

TA

Tammy posted:

i never knew meredith i came across her story on say yes to the dress atlanta and all i could think was this woman is a fighter and very brave my thoughts are with you tammy jimenez

February 28 at 6:35 PM

PS

Priscilla Suan posted:

Basil & Family: Bill and I want to wish you much comfort, peace, and treasured memories of Meredith to get you through this terrible time. What an outstanding young woman she became. I'm sure that's a reflection of the wonderful parents you are. May God be with you until you meet again.

February 28 at 9:12 AM



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AM

Anne Marie posted:

I was so touched by Meredith's story both in Davidsonnews.net and the GoHeels website. I am so sorry for your loss of a talented and loving daughter. To watch the U tube video "To the 16yr old me" brought so many thoughts of the young people I know who love to tan and do not realize the consequences. I know you were very proud of Meredith and she will forever be in your hearts. As a parent of 2 daughters, I grieve for your loss. She was very generous to bring her message to others especially in her time of trials. I am glad she lived life to the end! Go Heels!

February 28 at 2:54 AM

KW

Kristie Weed posted:

I had the honor of officiating Meredith in the Peachbelt at USC Aiken. There are kids that always put an impression on you over the years and Meredith was not only an outstanding athlete but a truly inspiring young lady. I am truly sorry for the loss, she will always be remembered. May God be with you through this trying time. Kristie Weed

February 27 at 6:45 AM

SH

Sue Ellen Williams Hatcher posted:

Robin and family, It is with a heavy heart that I send my deepest condolences to you. Even though I only met Meredith once when she was young, I felt I knew her in these last few years. When I watch the videos, I don't think I have ever seen someone live their life to the fullest as Meredith did. Her smile is so amazing. You and Basil have to be the proudest parents to have been blessed by God to be her Mom and Dad. You both did a great job. This life is but a vapor compared to eternity and you can rest in knowing you will see her there. Love and prayers, Sue Ellen

February 27 at 5:48 AM

CB

Christy & Seamus Barry posted:

Basil & Robin, Words seem completely inadequate...we are completely heartbroken for you. Meredith was and will always be an angel...she just moved from earth to Heaven. She was a very special person--beautiful on the inside and out. Be proud of that amazing daughter you raised...and until you meet again, may God comfort you and hold you close. We love you. Christy, Seamus, & Liam

February 26 at 4:32 PM



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NM

Nancy Mccauley posted:

So sad and sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

February 26 at 2:12 PM

HA

Harmony posted:

I heard about the loss of our fellow co-worker by email today and although I didn't know Meredith I was deeply touched by the stories I have read about her life. I pray you find comfort in knowing that she left a great impact on all that knew her or as in my case has read about her. Reading the article by Adam Lucas brought tears to my eyes. She was so strong even through her pain. The story was very inspirational! My prayers are with your family at this time. With Sympathy, Harmony Beeman From your HNTB Family

February 26 at 11:44 AM

JK

Jennifer Koreski posted:

Robin, Basil, Trey, Lyndsi, and Chris, Words cannot begin to express the deep and sincere sympathy that I feel for your family during this difficult time. I pray that God wraps His loving arms around you all and gives you Peace. What an inspiration you have all been, showing such Grace and Faith during Meredith's illness! Please know that you have been, and will continue to be, in my prayers. Jennifer Koreski

February 26 at 5:30 AM

JB

Janie/Steve Kerrigan . Krista And Jessica (Brinkley) posted:

We are so sorry for your family loss of your beautiful daughter. What an inspiration to so many people, young and old. You have to be so proud of her accomplishments and trust in god. You raised an amazing lady. I Remember when Lyndsay stayed with us when you first moved here and she was always talking about her sister. We pray for your family and Gods new ANGEL!

February 25 at 7:29 PM

PW

Paula Stamper Wheeling, Wv posted:

I did not know Meredith, but I know how much she was loved by all. Jesus is holding her in Heaven. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you.

February 25 at 4:54 PM



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DM

Dawn Scott Murphy posted:

Robin and family,I did not know Meredith, as you know, however, I followed the last several years of her life through you, Robin online. I did not always comment, but have had her and your family in prayer many times. I must say her smile was always there when I saw a picture of her--what a beautiful smile and inspiring your woman! I know she will inspire many forever-- God bless you and take care of you as I know he is doing for her and will for you all!Dawn

February 25 at 4:07 PM

TW

Tracy Wilde posted:

I read about Meredith in Adam Lucas's column, and here is what came to my mind: God first, family next, then Tarheel basketball. I feel exactly the same way, and am so glad she got to attend that game last week. What a remarkable young lady...may God comfort her family with the knowledge that she lived more in her 26 years than many do in a much longer lifetime.

February 25 at 2:51 PM

KM

Kathy Miller posted:

To the family of Merideth. Jeff and I send our deepest condolences. Merideth was such a sweet, sweet little girl. We feel blessed to have known you and yours while living in WV. May GOD wrap you all tightly in His arms.

February 25 at 1:44 PM

LF

Lynna Ferqueron posted:

I met Meredith through my volunteer work with Can Hope Cancer Foundation and Relay for Life. I was so amazed at her story and the encouragement she gave to me as I was and am now a Melanoma survivor. She lifted my heart and spirits every time we saw each other. I am ever grateful that God allowed us to meet.LynnaGod bless her family.

February 25 at 1:24 PM



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KP

Keith Powley posted:

Meredith Legg Stapleton was an amazing young woman and a wonderful friend who was taken too soon. She brought joy to all who knew her and saw beauty everywhere. She LIVED her life to the fullest every day. I will hold her in my heart along with the cherished memories of the time I was blessed to share with her. God bless her husband, family and friends.

February 25 at 12:09 PM

MP

Miriam Pridgen posted:

So deeply sorry for your loss. So glad Meredith was able to reach many of her goals especially attending the Carolina/Duke game. Heaven is surely richer today with her presence. God bless you all.

February 25 at 8:42 AM

BB

Betsy Bischoff posted:

While I didn't get to know Meredith as well as the rest of the people here at URS, I feel like I know her from all the great and happy stories co-workers tell about her. I just want to send strength, peace and love to Meredith's husband Christopher and her family. Bless all of you and remember the joy in Meredith.

February 25 at 4:36 AM

LS

Lori & Bill Swift posted:

Meredith : a beautiful person, a love-filled life. Memories to fill our hearts. Prayers of comfort to family and friends during this difficult time. Lori & Bill

February 24 at 5:11 PM

DS

Don Stacy posted:

I read about Meredith in the column by Adam Lucas. It was one of the most touching stories I have ever read. If there are angels on earth, Meredith must surely have been one of them. My university is surely blessed to invoke such a strong allegiance that Meredith showed. God bless her family and I know she will be forever in my heart.

February 24 at 4:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Meredith by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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