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Dear David, Gail, Tony + Megan,

We wanted to tell you how very sorry we are about Erin. We will miss her very much. Although we did not see her every day as you + others did, Erin had a definite impact + we have very strong memories of her. The ~~Past~~ Priest said she must have been very special, must have done in 5 (almost 6) years what it takes most of us decades to achieve. Thinking of Erin, I know she was special - my pictures (in my ~~head~~ ^{mind}) of her are so vivid.

Erin w/ the most beautiful hair I'd ever seen on a child - always w/ a barette, a bow, something fancy. Erin - always, always smiling - she was so happy - that is a tribute to you two, Gail + David - you gave her a wonderful life. Her face was always crinkled up in a smile. Erin's personality, enthusiasm + warmth are things I will never forget. Her kindness (Aly remembers this well) of helping Aly (remember how Aly would look at her? almost in love!). Those two girls - running down the stairs laughing in Erin's pajamas + her jewelry - what fun! Erin helping Aly crack peanuts - running around so wild + funny. I remember our days in Brandonwood, Erin

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riding her Big wheels bike so fast + laughing!

I remember laying out in our back yard + Erin running back + forth from your yard to tell me secrets - you thought they were the family secrets but it was usually just what she was doing that day, her thoughts + usually what she ate. Sometimes she would just come down + sit. I loved those times + they will always be a precious part of my memories of her.

I remember our walks together.

I remember Erin holding Madeline for the first time - so gentle + with course a smile on her face.

Erin had wonderful manners - always Mrs or Mr. Martin.

Erin was so special, I remember everytime I saw her I wanted to squeeze + hug her - she was just that kind of child.

David, Gail, Tony + Megan - I will keep the wonderful memories of Erin with me forever. She had a beautiful life, a happy life. As your friend said, she never had to know true sorrow or pain.

Erin gave us all something in life. In death she gave us something too - a reminder of how wonderful life can be if we see it as the moment

said, "Like a little girl - like Erin." Erin's death I think put into perspective for everyone what is truly important in life: family, friends, love & respect for one another - things we can give to one another. I am glad & proud to have known Erin.

Things will never be the same without Erin - & they shouldn't be. But it is in Erin's memory that we all try to be more like her, & if we do, she will always be part of us.

~~We want you to know we are thinking of~~
you all, all the time. know that others are too.

We will always remember Erin.

Much love & prayers,

John & Trace