



## Balei Marie Chinski

October 31, 1994 - January 18, 2011

Balei Marie Chinski, 16 of Kankakee and most recently of Chicago died Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at Comer- University of Chicago Hospital. She was born October 31, 1994 at Whiteman Airforce Base in Missouri. Balei attended Bourbonnais grade schools and also attended BBCHS as a freshman. She was currently attending Kenwood Academy in Chicago. She loved music, movies, and baseball. She enjoyed reading, art, and crafts and participated in art therapy at the hospital. Surviving are her father, Jeff Chinski of Kankakee; her mother, Cheryl Swift Chinski of Chicago; three sisters, Micalyn, Kelsei, and Madisen Chinski; one niece, Kendra Dawson; her paternal grandparents, Bonita and Lester Chinski of Kankakee; maternal grandmother, Hattie M. Johnson of Blytheville, Arkansas; her maternal great grandmother, Ocie Bell Swift of Champaign; many aunts and uncles, Cheryl Ann Chinski of Kankakee, Michael & Susan Marcotte of Michigan, David & Rhonda Chinski of Danforth, Butch & Vicki Chinski of Bourbonnais, Charlie & Beth Chinski of Bourbonnais, Lucy McCawley of Bradley, Valerie & Darrell Carr of Blytheville, Arkansas, Teresa & Greg Barnett of Blytheville, Arkansas, Rodney Swift of Denver, Colorado, Marcus Swift of Blythville, Arkansas, Rebecca Swift of Blythville, Arkansas, and Amber Swift of Little Rock, Arkansas. She is preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Robert Gene Swift. Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The Funeral Service will be private. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be

made to Ronald McDonald House of Comers and Mattea's Joy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melanie Smith lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



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**Melanie Smith** - February 10, 2011 at 07:33 PM



“ *Karen Snider lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



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**Karen Snider** - January 24, 2011 at 09:08 PM



“ *Sue Gregory lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



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**Sue Gregory** - January 23, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ *Balei was truly a fighter! She also had such a sweet spirit about her. No matter what was going on she was always smiling. Balei will always be in my heart. I miss her hugs and cuddling with her when she was a little girl. Love ya balei marie and i know your now free from pain but know that you are missed here.. Love ya...*

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**Sue Gregory** - January 23, 2011 at 02:57 PM

SP

“ I will always miss your smile Balei.. You always could see the positive now matter what you were going through. Was my pleasure to have known you. I will always remember when we did the dip together... You will be missed always.. Love,  
Sharlyn <http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Butterfly.png>

Sharlyn Pence - January 22, 2011 at 04:02 PM

MP

“ Merry Respiratory Therapy, PSMH lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



Merry Respiratory Therapy, PSMH - January 22, 2011 at 03:32 PM

PR

“ Balei was a favorite student. I know teachers are not supposed to have favorites, but with Balei, I couldn't help it. I loved her positive attitude and fun and sunny disposition. She was never down. My favorite memory was when another teacher and I were complaining about something. Nothing important, but we just had to voice our discontent. Balei overheard us and said: "Put on your big girl panties, and get over it." That put us in such stitches that we couldn't complain any longer. That attitude was so typical of Balei. She wore her big girl panties all the time.



Phyllis Roecker - January 22, 2011 at 02:29 PM

CP

“ *What a beautiful girl!! Love, prayers and sympathy to Balei's family and friends.*

*The Pickel Family (friends of Gladys and Eugene Lake)  
Asheville, NC*

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**Christie Mark Pickel** - January 22, 2011 at 09:43 AM



Chynnah  
Clasberry

“ *Balei will forever be in my heart. I always enjoyed being around her loving smile and her contagious laughter. She had a huge heart and was the sweetest person I had ever met. We had wonderful memories together that I will never forget. Balei will be dearly missed. I love her very much. <3*



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**Chynnah Clasberry** - January 21, 2011 at 11:41 PM



“ *I will never forget Balei's gentle soul, generous nature, or her contageous smile. She truly blessed everyone who was fortunate to have known her. I love her as if she were my own neice and will miss her physical presence. May you cherish many wonderful memories and take comfort in knowing that she is now in a place of great joy, without pain. God bless your family.*



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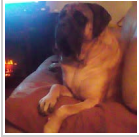
**Annette Wisniewski** - January 21, 2011 at 10:36 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I know that Michael will there to greet her. May God bless you.*

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**Desta Hudgens** - January 21, 2011 at 08:56 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss of Balie. I was a co-worker of Jeff's at armstrong. you all have my sympathies and will be in my prayers with Balie. God bless you all.  
Respectfully, Sherry Rashenskas



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**Sherry Rashenskas** - January 21, 2011 at 04:40 PM

PW

“ I met Balei when she entered Kenwood Academy High School. I loved her positive spirit and her smile. I am glad that I was able to get to know her and that she shined some of her light into my life.  
Pam Widell  
Social Worker  
Kenwood Academy

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**Pamela Widell** - January 21, 2011 at 03:13 PM

KS

“ Kathy Kevin Stenson lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



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**Kathy Kevin Stenson** - January 21, 2011 at 02:44 PM

LS

“ Lea Sieveking lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



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**Lea Sieveking** - January 21, 2011 at 09:49 AM

LS

*Peace and blessings for those who knew and loved Balei. I will miss her inimitable spirit and presence.*

**Lea Sieveking** - January 21, 2011 at 09:51 AM

JP

“ *Jeanette ABC Pediatrics lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



**Jeanette ABC Pediatrics** - January 21, 2011 at 07:29 AM

HB

“ *Heather Berns lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



**Heather Berns** - January 21, 2011 at 01:22 AM

HB

*I will NEVER forget that warming smile she had when I had her at the YMCA! What an amazing young woman she was and the strength that showed. God has one AMAZING angel at his side right now!*

**Heather Berns** - January 21, 2011 at 01:24 AM

NW

“ *Nikita Williams lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



**Nikita Williams** - January 21, 2011 at 12:34 AM

LW

“ *Laura Wood lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



Laura Wood - January 21, 2011 at 12:04 AM

HC

“ *she was a joy and a light and she will never be forgotten. her love was wonderful and i miss it so much. thank you god for giving me such a gift. your mom*

her cheryl - January 20, 2011 at 09:49 PM

SM

“ *Sandra (heathers Mom) lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



sandra (heathers mom) - January 20, 2011 at 07:59 PM

MH

“ *Melinda Harshfield lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



Melinda Harshfield - January 20, 2011 at 07:21 PM

BR

“ *Beth Raymond lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



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**Beth Raymond** - January 20, 2011 at 06:50 PM

JD

“ *Julie Denton lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski*



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**Julie Denton** - January 20, 2011 at 05:07 PM

CT

“ *The lives of those who worked with Balei will forever be changed by her unwavering optimism and light. This world would be blessed to have half her glow. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.*

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**Christine (Speech Therapist)** - January 20, 2011 at 03:52 PM

HF

“ *My Favorite memory of Balei was when we stayed the night over at chelsea's House and Danced crazy and did hair, and watched 17 again!! Love you Baby Doll!! :)*



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**Heather Fortin** - January 20, 2011 at 02:40 PM

KG

“ I worked at the Journal when the paper did the story on Balei. I want to thank you, her family , for sharing her with all of us. She was a very special young lady and what an inspiration to everyone she was. May God bring you all peace and comfort at this time. God rest her young, beautiful soul.  
Kathie Grazis

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**Kathie Grazis** - January 20, 2011 at 12:57 PM

CF

“ She grew on u the moment u met her, with such a big heart, she will always be alive in our hearts forever...



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**Carrie Paves' Family** - January 20, 2011 at 08:30 AM

DK

“ Balei was a friend of CSL Behring employees and an inspiration to everyone who met her. May her stay in Heaven be free of pain. Now she can play all the baseball she wants. Rest in Peace, Balei.

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**Darlene Kent** - January 20, 2011 at 07:40 AM

SS

“ Rest easy baby girl. You will never be forgotten.



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**Sara Starr** - January 20, 2011 at 07:37 AM

JE

“ I will always remember and love you! My special nut ball!



jenny - January 20, 2011 at 07:04 AM

Alki Amisha

“ Alki Amisha lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



Alki Amisha - January 20, 2011 at 07:01 AM

CH

“ Love you Boo Bear - rest in peace!



Cheryl - January 20, 2011 at 06:55 AM

CH

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Cheryl - January 20, 2011 at 06:53 AM

TF

“ We will never forget Balei.



The Family - January 19, 2011 at 07:04 PM

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“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



The Family - January 19, 2011 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ The Family lit a candle in memory of Balei Marie Chinski



The Family - January 19, 2011 at 06:57 PM

CF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you ~  
Balei was always so sweet, and I know Ryan  
loved when she and the other girls played  
with him! We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Joe, Cathy, and Ryan*



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**Cathy Flynn** - January 19, 2011 at 05:58 PM