



## Shelly D. Bjornson

January 14, 1982 - September 19, 2007

Shelly Dionne Bjornson, age 25, of Albia died Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at her residence. She was born January 14, 1982 in Corydon, Iowa to Steve and Lorraine (Runyon) Bjornson.

She was a graduate of Albia High School, class of 2000. Shelly had worked at Target in Ottumwa and was a homemaker. She dearly loved her family, friends and raising her daughter. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia.

Shelly is survived by her daughter, Isabelle Bradley; her parents, Steve and Lorraine; one brother Ryan Bjornson of Albia and one sister Tosha Mowatt of Waterloo; one niece Elexa and two nephews, Dakota and Colin. Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Robert Runyon of Dayton, Iowa and Etta McDonald of Wellington, Texas; step-grandfather, Roy Heggen of Dayton, Iowa.

Her grandparents, Maurice Bjornson and Annabelle Bjornson Heggen precede Shelly in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia with Rev. Kevin Leveck officiating. Internment will follow in Oak View Cemetery.

Visitation will open after 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 19 at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia with the family present from 6-8 P.M. Friday evening.

A memorial has been established to go to Isabelle.

# Comments

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“ Steve and Lorraine and family,  
Shelly and my daughter Amy were born the same year, I can't even imagine the pain you are feeling. I know it's been years since we've seen each other, but when I read about Shelly I felt that I just had to let you know how sorry I am. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Beth Bohlke Golden** - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear this terrible news about Shelly. Please know that my heart and thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Many, many miles separate us but that doesn't lessen my concern and care for you and your family and my deepest sympathy for your loss. Love, Cousin Karen

**Karen Dyrland** - October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ dear family, we were sadden to hear the news of your daughter. we will be keeping you in pray. please e mail us any time. we as cousins need to keep in touch more. mat God bless you and keep you in His loving arms. our love don and jan.

**don and Jan Henderson** - September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve and Lorraine,  
Was down in Kansas visiting with those Swedish relatives all last week and didn't hear about Shelly until saw it in the paper Wed. Vivian and I both want to send our condolences and have you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Diane Esperson and Vivian Carlson

**Diane Esperson** - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve, Lorraine and family, We are so sorry to hear of Shelly's passing. We didn't meet her, but only heard good things from her Grandparents Annabelle and Maurie.  
Our love and prayers go out to you all.  
May god bless you.  
Sincerely,  
Harold and Donna Bjornson & Family

**Donna Bjornson** - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of all the teachers at Albia High School that had the privilege of teaching Shelly, I'd like to send our deepest sympathy to the Bjornson family. May you all have the strength to help Isabelle grow into the same kind of young lady that her mother was. Her courage touched my heart greatly when I attended her benefit a few years ago. She is a model of strength and faith to us all. I am certain that Isabelle has an angel in heaven watching over her now and forever.  
Tracey Matt

**Tracey Matt** - September 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this very trying time. You were truly blessed to have such a wonderful daughter,sister,mother.Ryan-she was so lucky to have a wonderful brother like you that loved her-take care of Isabelle and make sure she never forgets how much she was loved by her beautiful mom.Your friend Nancy Bohman

**nancy bohman** - September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I just wanted to say i'm sorry about your loss.Shelly was a great friend and neighbor when we were little we had alot of great times,like when mom sent me over when Shelly had chicken pox and I got them and gave them to my whole family I remember like it was yesterday.

**BradieClose** - September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve, Lorraine and family.

I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you to help you get through this difficult time. I am at a loss for words. This is a loss to everyone who knew her. Shelly was such a happy and good person. She was stronger than anyone I have ever known and had such a good heart. I have so many good memories of her and will always hold her in my heart.

With lots of love and sympathy, Danyel

**Danyel Pettyjohn** - September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine and Family-- My heart goes out to you. Lorraine I'm Deb Bower from Citric. Shelly and my daughter Tiffany are the same age and you and I really connected when our girls were going through similar teenage girl stuff, boy did we swap some stories. Then the baby girls came...one called "Izzy" the other "Ziggy". Lorraine I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Daughters are so good for a woman's soul aren't they...just sweet enough to remind us how we once were. Daughters tend to be your best friend. Peggy has always kept me informed about Shelly and her struggles...what a remarkable woman your daughter was...how strong she was. You are blessed to have a piece of her, to always love and comfort...the best part of her, that beautiful little girl "Izzy". I will be sending Izzy a gift in the mail soon. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you or your family. You kick that cute little chin up and be that cute little general I know you are. Take care! Love Deb

**Debbie Mitchell** - September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Izzy and her family at this very difficult time. Izzy's class, teacher, and all the staff at the school are praying for you all. I didn't know Shelly well. What I did see was that she was a mother who truly adored and loved her child. From what I saw, Shelly's love for Izzy, was a mirror image of Shell's mom's love for her. Such a beautiful family.

Sincerely, Julie Bates, the kindergarten class, and all the staff at Kendall School

**Julie Bates & Kindergarten** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hey this is kiera i hope you remeber me um..i just wanted to say how much shelly meant to me and how much i miss her i really want to say good by and stuff but i know deep down that what ever we are thinking and say she can hear us she knows every one loves her and i wish her the best life up in heven she was a great person an she will always be looking down at us. I also wanted to say im really sorry about her death it touched everyine like some other people said to tell you the truth she was like an older sister to me i looked up to her and i love her dearly she was the strongest person i have met she fought till she couldnt know more im proud of her and could you tell Izzy i said hi and i miss her please?

Sincerly,  
Kiera Love

**Kiera Love** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Shelly's passing. My heart goes out to your family, but especially to her precious little girl. Shelly was a wonderful friend and a very brave woman.

**Deeanna Smith** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bjornson Family, We are deeply saddened to hear of Shelly's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this very difficult time. Shelly's bravery, fight and determination will forever live in the hearts of those that knew her. Sincerely,  
Jake and Lana Sohn

**Jake & Lana Sohn** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Izzy, Steve, Lorraine, Ryan & Tosha ? Words cannot express our sympathy. Shelly was blessed to be surrounded by such a loving family, and we were all blessed to have her in our lives. She thought the world of Izzy & will forever be her angel. Our hearts go out to you and we will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.

**Dennis & Nicole Conley** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine & Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Shelly was an Angel and touched many lives in her short time here. I feel blessed to have had the chance to know Shelly. There really are no words to say to make things better for you, but I am here for you if you ever need anything. Just take one day at a time and that is all you can do. The memories will be with you always!

Your friend,  
Angie Tucker

**Angie Tucker** - September 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Shelly's death. She was a very strong, brave person who will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

One thing that stands out in my mind is how proud Shelly was of Isabelle. Anytime I saw her, she was quick to pull out a recent picture or tell a story.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Amanda Starcevic

**Amanda Starcevic** - September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM