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About Scarlett: Scarlett lit up our world from the moment she entered it.

Scarlett's favorite toys were her pets, our two dogs and two cats, and books. Her favorite book was "Barnyard Dance" by Sandra Boynton. Her face would light up as her Mama would read to her with Scarlett on her lap, and her Dada would mimic the lines by doing a dance that matched each step.

Scarlett loved to smile. Scarlett wasn't happy until she could get everyone around her smiling. She also loved music, and her favorite song was "You are My Sunshine," which is the reason this legislation is named Scarlett's Sunshine Act.



On January 7th, 2017 Scarlett came down with a mild cold and had a slight fever. A few hours after putting her to bed, Scarlett's mother went to check on her, and Scarlett was not breathing in her crib. Scarlett earned her angel wings on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

CHILD'S NAME
DOB-DOD
CITY, STATE

To this day, we do not know what took Scarlett from us. We agonized for five months and six days before we learned the results of her autopsy. Scarlett's death is considered Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC). SUDC is a category of death in children between the ages of 1 and 18 that remains unexplained after a thorough investigation, including an autopsy. At this time, we do not know what causes SUDC, how to predict it or how to prevent it.

Since losing Scarlett, we have been blessed to have a second daughter, Eliana. Because we don't know what happened to Scarlett, we have no way of knowing that it will not happen to Eliana as well. We live every day in fear we will lose another child.

Why Scarlett's Sunshine Act is important to our family: We believe SUDC is one of the most under-recognized medical tragedies of our time and we have far too little for far too long to combat it. Since losing Scarlett, in honor of her favorite song and the brightness she brought into our lives, we have tried every day to spread "Scarlett's Sunshine." We continue to strive to allow her memory to shine, as well as bring light to the medical mystery that took her from us.

Thank you! Stephanie and Ryan, Scarlett's parents
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