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to describe the pain we feel or the incredible void in our hearts, as we struggle to find a "new normal" while still longing for the "old". Our house is very quiet these days; we miss her hugs, her giggle, and her constant chatter. It seems so long ago that we hugged Amanda and told her we loved her, and yet the anniversary of her death is upon us.

It is also hard to find the right words to say how much we appreciate those of you who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers. To our dearest friends and caring souls who refused to give up on us when we wanted to shut the world out: you have hugged us, cried with us and walked beside us on the saddest journey of our lives, we will never forget any of you. The love and care we have received from so many friends, family and strangers, continue to overwhelm us. God Bless you all. We try to face each day with faith and courage and hope we can make Amanda as proud of us as we are of her.

There have been so many wonderful tributes to Amanda over the past year, and as they continue they will be posted on this website, which has now become a labour of love for Adina and I. The site was launched in March to help Amanda's Dad get through her birthday and to share Amanda's special love with others who were struggling with her sudden death. We never imagined her story would touch so many people. Or that the site would be accessed almost 2,500 times in such a short time. Amanda continues to inspire so many.

We give thanks for the joy Amanda brought into our lives and for the gifts she gave us. Her light will shine forever as we continue to do good works in her name. When you miss her endearing ways, remember her smile and all the love she left us. She is never very far away from any of us. When we say our special prayers in church on Sunday and sing Amazing Grace, we will remember what an amazing young woman Amanda was and how full of grace she was. Blessings and Hugs to you all, from Lynn, Dave and Lisa

We would like to share with you Amanda's favourite quote:

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller