

In Memoriam: Ashlyn Ramsburg Mengel (1969-2013)



Ashlyn Ramsburg Mengel of Charlotte, North Carolina died on May 28, 2013 after a courageous journey through ovarian cancer. Her 43 beautiful years of life will be celebrated in a service of music, word and sacrament at Christ Lutheran Church beginning at 3 pm on June 1. Christ Lutheran is located at 4519 Providence Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28226, and may be reached by telephone at 704-336-1595. Ashlyn Page Ramsburg was the first child of Charles Leonard and Gail

Fitzpatrick Ramsburg. She was born on December 8, 1969 in Frankfurt, Germany while her father was serving in the US Army. Ashlyn and her brother, Charles Andrew Ramsburg, lived in both Richmond and Roanoke, Virginia before the family moved to Marietta, Georgia in the early 80s. While studying at the [University of Texas](#) at Austin she met her loving husband Christopher Pierce Mengel. They were married on August 6, 1994 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marietta, and have two daughters, Ainsley Grace and Kaitlyn Joy. Blessed with many talents, Ashlyn pursued her passion for music from an early age. Her love of piano was nurtured and guided throughout her youth by several wonderful teachers. After graduating from Lassiter High School in 1988, she pursued, and received, in 1992, a Bachelor of Music in piano performance from the University of Texas at Austin. While at the University of Texas she began studying organ. Later, in 1999, she received a Master of Sacred Music from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Her music ministry was shared with many congregations in Georgia and Texas in capacities ranging from volunteer musician to director of music ministry. Most recently, Ashlyn served as a Music Ministry Associate at Christ Lutheran Church until entering hospice care in March 2013. She was a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Ashlyn is survived by her husband, Chris, and daughters, Ainsley and Kaitlyn. Her parents, Charles and Gail Ramsburg, are residents of Greensboro, North Carolina. Ashlyn's brother, Andrew Ramsburg lives in Reading, Massachusetts with his wife Jennifer and their son, Ashlyn's Godson and nephew, Charles Nicholson. Ashlyn's mother-in-law, Ilse Mengel, is a resident of Charlotte. Her father-in-law, Wayne Mengel, and his wife Darlene, live in Rotonda West, Florida. Ashlyn's sister- and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Jonathan Hundt live in El Paso, Texas with their children, Ashlyn's nieces and nephew, Abigail Charlotte, Sydney Rose, and Jonathan Pierce. The family requests those wishing to make memorials to consider the Music Ministry Fund at Christ Lutheran Church (at the above address) or CaringBridge (<http://www.caringbridge.org/>). The Music Ministry Fund allocates monies toward items that enhance what Ashlyn loved to do - music ministry. CaringBridge is a resource that greatly helped Ashlyn and her family through her journey. Condolences may be offered via Heritage Funeral Home, 3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, North Carolina 28104; 704-846-3771; www.heritagecares.net.