

my family:

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I never thought that I would be writing a letter like this, I really don't know where to start I've been getting bad feelings though and well if you are reading this....

I am forever in debt to you, Dakota, and the team I searched all my life for a dream and I found it in you. I would like to think that I made a positive difference in your lives. I will never be able to make up for the back I am so sorry.

The happiest moments in my life all deal with my little family. I will always have with me the small moments we all shared. The moments when you quit taking life so serious and smiled. The sounds of a beautiful boys laughter or the simple nudge of a baby unborn. You will never know how complete you have made me. Each one of you. You saved me from loneliness and taught me how to think beyond myself. You taught me how to live and love. You opened my eyes to a world I never dreamed existed. I am proud of you. Stay on the path you chose. Never lose sight of what is important again, You and our babies.

Dakota you are more son than I could ever ask for. I can only hope I was half the dad I used to be your "daddy" but, no matter what it makes me proud that you chose me. You taught me how to care until it hurts, you taught me how to smile again. You taught me that life isn't so serious and sometimes you have to play. You have a big beautiful heart. Through life you need to keep it open and follow it. Never be afraid to be yourself. I will always be there in our park when you dream so we can still play. I hope someday you will have a son like mine. ~~Make~~ Make them smile and shine just like you. I love you Todd I hope someday

you will understand why I didn't come home. Please be proud of me. Please don't stop loving life. Take in every breath like it's your first. I love you Todd I will always be there with you. I'll be in the sun, shadows, dreams, and joys of your life.

Beau, I never got to see you but I know in my heart you are beautiful. I know you will be strong and big hearted just like your mom and brother. I will always have with me the feel of the soft nudges on your moms belly, and the joy I felt when we found out you were on your way. I dream of you every night, I will always. Don't ever think that since I wasn't around that I didn't love you. You were conceived of love and I came to this terrible place for love. I love you as I do your mom and brother with all my heart and soul. Please understand that I had to be gone so that I could take care of my family. I love you Beau.

I have never been so blessed as I was the day I met Melissa Dawn Benfield. You are my Angel, soulmate, wife, lover, and best friend. I am so sorry. I did not want to have to write this letter. There is so much more I need to say, so much more I need to share. A lifetimes worth. I married you for a million lifetimes. That's how long I will be with you. Please keep my babies safe. Please find it in your heart to forgive me for leaving you alone. Take care of yourself, believe in yourself, you are a strong big hearted woman. Teach our babies to live life to its fullest tell yourself to do the same. Don't forget to take Todd to Disney world. I will be there with you. Melissa I will always want you need you and love you in my heart, mind, and soul. Do me one favor. after you tuck Todd and Beau in, Give them hugs and kisses from me. Go out. Don't forget to smile. Love Always
10000 hugs