

Book Presentation to Lincoln Elementary School

On September 3, 2014, fifty children's books were presented to Susan Welch, librarian at Lincoln Elementary School, in memory of the fiftieth birthday of Amy Elizabeth Spain. Each book has a label with Amy's name in it. On hand for the presentation were Amy's parents, Jessie and Billy Spain, and Rayna Bomar.

Amy was born on September 8, 1964, in Jackson, and died in a car accident on June 30, 1995. A 1989 graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Amy was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, served as a judicial clerk for U.S. District Court Judge James Todd, and was an adjunct professor of Legal Methods and Writing at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. The United States Attorney General authorized a posthumous award of superior performance in honor of Amy.

Each year, a scholarship is given in Amy's name to a law student who has demonstrated academic merit, a commitment to community/professional service, and personal industriousness. To celebrate Amy's life and other children whose lives were cut short, her parents began a Celebration of Life remembrance service at their home church, Northside United Methodist Church in Jackson. Its purpose is to "keep our children from being forgotten," said Jessie.

Each year, more than 250 grieving parents attend the service. Candles are lit, and an organ chime follows the calling of each name. Parents and loved ones also share their testimonies during the service. More information about the service is available by contacting the Spains at bgs Spain@aeneas.net. The 2014 service will be held on Sunday, September 28, at 2:30 p.m. at Northside United Methodist Church.

