

Ashlyn Rose Robinson

The first year of life



Jamie Robinson, mom

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Our First Daughter



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Pregnancy

It was the beginning of October 2000 and Daddy and I were very ready to have another baby. In August of that year, we lost a baby due to a miscarriage and we were very upset and sad. We knew that whatever baby was going to be next in our family on earth, must be pretty special. I found out I was pregnant with you while Daddy and I were babysitting a family, the Carrs, for a week. Of course, I was very excited but expectedly hesitant as well, because of the previous miscarriage. I told Daddy and he was so happy too. The next day I started spotting, and I was devastated. I thought for sure I was going to lose another baby. I went to the doctor and they performed an ultrasound and I was so happy to see you on the screen with no problems. They put me on a hormone called Progesterone because my levels were low. The doctors thought that may be why I miscarried before. I had to take it until I was 12 weeks along. It made me very sleepy and a little sick. We said many prayers during my pregnancy, so that you would arrive safely in my arms.

Thankfully, things started going smoothly from then on out. When I was pregnant with you, I craved sweets of any kind! You still to this day love sweets. Kendrik was 2 when I was pregnant with you, and he was happy to know that he was going to be a big brother.

At 20 weeks I had another ultrasound to see if you were growing okay and to find out if you were a boy or girl. You looked great and the technician said she was pretty certain you were a girl. Daddy and I started crying because we were so happy! I finally had my little girl that I had dreamed about for years. We went to Grandma Roses school, and told her that she was going to have a granddaughter (her first). She was happy. We called all your aunts, uncles, and grandparents and everyone was so happy for us.

I had a pretty uneventful pregnancy from then on out, but I was grateful for that. I wanted no surprises, just a beautiful baby girl at the end. When we started thinking of names, I liked the name Lyndsey and Ashlyn. I asked Daddy what he thought of those two names and he said he loved Ashlyn. The name Ashlyn means, "dream or vision" and to me it was always a dream to have a little girl. I had no sisters and so I couldn't wait to finally have a girl in my life. We knew for sure that your middle name would be Rose after my maiden name. Ashlyn Rose stuck from then on out and we couldn't wait for your arrival.

Your birth story

On June 21st, I went to Dr. Barbara Nelson's office for a regular check up. She jokingly asked me if I wanted to have a baby this weekend. I was 39 weeks along, so of course I was ready! After admitting this though, I was nervous because basically I was agreeing to being induced and choosing to have you the next day. But I WAS ready. So I went home thinking about tomorrow. Daddy & I had an appointment with a draftsman for our new house so I went to that and afterwards asked Daddy if he was ready for our 2nd baby tomorrow. He agreed that Friday would be a great day. That night was really weird. I was so nervous. Dad went and got a go-cart from his boss and we took Uncle Dan & Aunt Kristi, G&G Rose, and Kendrik to an elementary school and rode around. It relieved a lot of stress even though I didn't ride it.

I went to bed that night after receiving a priesthood blessing from Daddy & Grandpa Rose. In the blessing Daddy said that you were a special child. You are! After that Daddy got a blessing from Grandpa because he was nervous too.

The next morning I woke up and got ready. Then after kissing Kendrik goodbye we were off to the hospital. I was already dilated to almost 4 cm and 75% effaced so I was really ready to have you. I got hooked up to pitocin at 8:15 am. Nothing happened though until around 9 am when Dr. Nelson came and broke my water. Finally, contractions began. I was uncomfortable, but not miserable, so I waited for an epidural. Daddy was mad! He wanted me to get it right away, but I wanted some pain. Well by 10:45 I was ready for the epidural. Finally, some relief came and the nurse checked me again. I was now dilated to a 7-8 cm. She then said, "You're going to have this baby within an hour (at this point it was around noon).

Daddy was out getting a bite to eat with Aunt Lisa & Kendrik so I was hoping he would hurry. He came back in time and I told him the news and he couldn't believe it. Things were happening so fast and smoothly compared to what I went through with Kendrik. Grandma Rose was there and soon Aunt Kristi and Uncle Dan. I was checked again and was 9+ cm at 1:30 p.m. I would be pushing soon. Grandma Robinson called and wished us good luck. She was at girl's camp with Grandpa Robinson and Emily. Of course I was crying because I knew soon I would meet my daughter. My epidural began to wear off and I found myself in pain again. The doctor arrived and gave me more medicine and I felt good again. At 2 p.m. the nurse said, "Let's try a few pushes to see what happens."

So I pushed and the nurse immediately called Dr. Nelson in. I began pushing and I pushed for 10 minutes total! At 2:10 p.m. little Ashlyn Rose arrived. I began crying because you were so perfect. Daddy was crying too. They placed you on my chest and you began whimpering a little. You looked so tiny to me, but very healthy. The doctor and nurse said that you didn't look tiny. They weighed you and you were 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 21 in long. Big girl! After I got all cleaned up the doctor and nurse left and Daddy and I were all alone with you.

We were so happy and proud. Daddy said a prayer to Heavenly Father. He asked for help in raising you righteously. He acknowledged how long it took for you to come to us and how thankful we were for you. You were so perfect to us. Next Kendrik came in and say you for the first time. He was a little unsure what was going on. Grandma Rose, Lisa, Uncle Dan & Aunt Kristi all came into meet you. We took several pictures and everyone said how pretty you were.

You have dark brown hair, with not much on top, but a lot in the back. You have a button nose that is so cute. Your eyes are dark and your complexion is perfect. You have a combination of Daddy's chin and my chin. You had a double chin at birth and fat rolls on your legs. So far you are quite the content baby. You only cry when hungry. You smiled from day one (Grandma Rose can attest to this). When Daddy and I were talking about your name, I wasn't sure you looked like an Ashlyn, so I looked at you and said, "Is your name Ashlyn?" You smiled at me and I knew then that you were my little Ashlyn Rose. We love you so much. We want the best for you. Everyone thinks you are so cute. We have a whole life and all eternity together, my little sweet daughter. Love Mom.



She's here and smiling already!



Hello world!



Cute button nose



Beautiful and perfect



Safe in mommy's arms



Healthy & pink



8 lbs. 4 oz. 21 1/2 inches long and very beautiful!



Grandma Rose holding you



You were perfect

Our new family

When you were born, Kendrik was 2 years old and 9 months. He was a very smart boy and he was so excited to have a sibling coming. For the hospital, I made him a shirt that said, "I'm a big brother!". It had a little boy holding up a little sister. It was very cute. He wore it so proudly when he came to see you. He was a little nervous holding you for the first time, but he did a good job. He loved to get pictures taken with you.

I was 25 at the time when you were born. I was the same age as when my mom had me. I thought that was pretty neat. Daddy was 24, turning 25 eight days after you were born. We thought you might be born on his birthday, June 30th, but thankfully (for mom's sake) you were born a week earlier. Your due date was June 29th, so very close to Daddy's.

As far as grandchildren go - on the Rose side you were the 1st granddaughter. Carter was born one month previous, so you were the third grandchild for Grandma & Grandpa Rose. On the Robinson side, you were also the third grandchild, but the second granddaughter. Your cousin, Savannah, was born 6 months, 3 weeks prior to you. You guys would be close cousins and friends.



Together at last



Our Little Princess, Ashlyn Rose



Daddy loves you





Kendrik waiting patiently for you to be born



Aunt Lisa holds you for the first time



Kendrik displaying his "I'm a big brother" t-shirt



Grandma Rose holding you





Aunt Tosha & Carter come to greet you



Grandpa Rose holding Ashlyn



Aunt Kristi and Uncle Dan were there at the birth



Kendrik holding his little sister for the first time



Going Home

We were excited to take you home. I finally got you all dressed up in your going home outfit. It was so cute! It was white and light green. This would be the first of many times that I would “doll you up”. I finally had my little girl to play dress up with..

Home was in Grandma & Grandpa Rose’s house. We were living in the basement while Daddy built our house in Fairway Estates. I was a little sad to not be able to take you home to our own home, but as we turned the corner on Grandma’s street, we saw pink balloons floating above the mailbox. Grandma was welcoming you into her home which was to be our home for five and a half months. Grandma Rose had the basement all cleaned and it looked so nice. She even made homemade chocolate chip cookies. It felt good to be home with you safe and sound. Later on, Grandma & Grandpa Robinson & Emily came over to visit. They were unable to be there at your birth because they were all at girls camp. They thought you were very cute and held you and kissed you. They now had one grandson and two granddaughters.

That night we stayed in our room, all 4 of us nestled in one room. Kendrik had a twin bed, we had our queen bed and your cradle was at the foot of the bed. The changing table was in there, along with a rocker and several dressers. We had everything to take care of our kids all packed into one room.

Uncle Chris had some friends over that night and they stayed up making noises. I was kind of mad because it is hard enough taking care of a newborn in and of itself, but to have noise was a little nerve wracking. Daddy went upstairs and asked Chris to please be quiet. He complied of course, it’s just one of the memories I have of the first night with you.



Going Home Outfit



With your teddy bear Grandma Rose gave you ready to go home



Home in Grandma's basement



Getting dressed



Look how thin you were at first



Ashlyn & Mommy





So cute!



Rosebud Pajamas

So little



A dress Mommy made for
you



Kisses from big brother



Kendrik & Ashlyn







Mommy loves to dress you



Your cousin, Savannah and you meet



Sleeping Angel



Blessing Day

August 5, 2001

Today was your blessing day. You were blessed by your father. Those who stood in the circle: Grandpa Rose, Grandpa Robinson, Great Grandpa Packer, Uncle Trent, Uncle Dan, Uncle Shawn, Uncle Larren, Uncle Brent, Ryan Christensen (daddy's friend), Brother Huntsman, Brother Howell, and Brother Hunter (all in our bishopric).

You were blessed in the Idaho Falls, 2nd ward. You were blessed with a strong and healthy body and a keen mind. You were blessed to choose good friends that will have the same values you will have. You will be a missionary throughout your life. You were blessed to always be able to come to your parents no matter what the situation be. We will always love you. You were blessed to come to me, you mother and heed my advice. You were blessed to know we will have a strong bond as mother & daughter. You were also blessed to someday be able to have a worthy mate to take you into the temple and take upon the eternal covenants of marriage.

It was a very special blessing. You wore a very long white dress that I bought just for you in Utah. You were so beautiful. I'm so blessed to have you. We will be close. You are an answer to my prayers.

Your cousin, Carter, was also blessed today and Grandma & Grandpa Roses ward. It was a very special day for both of you. Afterwards, we had a luncheon at Grandma Roses house with all our family. It was a beautiful day outside. We love having you little Ashlyn Rose.





Carters special day too





Savannah, Kendrik, & Ashlyn



Our New House

We started building our new house on July 12, 2001 when you were only a few weeks old. It was located at 361 Kings Mill Circle, in Idaho Falls. During this time, our family lived with Grandma & Grandpa Rose. It was a long and hard summer. Daddy worked many, many hours. Mommy spent most of the time taking care of the kids. The house was gorgeous. We had 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 living rooms, 1 front room, and a beautiful kitchen. It was a brown house with white trim and a black roof. The yard was narrow, but plenty for our little family. We lived in a cul-de-sac. We moved in after it was completed on Dec 1, 2001. We were so blessed to have such a beautiful place to live. We ended up living there until August 1, 2005. We spent many days there and you learned many things there. We are so thankful to have those memories.

Journal Entry

August 26, 2001

You were fussy for the first time after you had your shots. You cried, which you rarely do. Mommy can't believe what a good baby you are. You don't even cry when you wake up in the morning. You just grunt and suck your fists and I wake up to nurse you. At night I put you in your cradle after your bath and a nursing and you fall asleep on your own. You have been sleeping through the night since you were 6 weeks old. I am so blessed to have you as my daughter. I love to dress you and put bows in your hair. You are so cute and remind me of myself or Kendrik. I think you will have brown eyes like Kendrik. I love you sweet angel. Daddy calls you "Wheat Pea" now.



Daddy's kids



Happy Baby Girl



So laid back



In your bouncer "chillin"



“Sweet Pea”

When you were only a week old, Daddy started calling you “Sweet Pea”. For whatever reason, that nickname stuck. Everyone started calling you Sweet Pea instead of Ashlyn. You were are little pea. As you got older, you even responded to Sweet Pea instead of Ashlyn. It was pretty cute. Around one year of age, we finally started calling you your given name of Ashlyn.

Journal Entry

November 30, 2001

Life has been crazy. Daddy has been building our first home and it is done! It is so beautiful little Ashlyn. You have your own room and there we will continue as an eternal family. Mommy loves you so much. I always pause and think, “I can’t believe I have my little girl!” You are such a blessing to me. Literally, an answer to my prayers many, many prayers. I love you. I think you are growing too fast, but I guess that happens. You are so pleasant. A happy child, easily consoled, and a momma’s girl.

The other day, Grandma Rose was watching you and Kendrik. Well, Kendrik started pulling you by the foot on the floor. You were giggling so hard! Grandma didn’t stop because you loved it so much. After all was done, she noticed a rug burn on the back of your head. OOPS!

You stopped sleeping through the night at 3 months. I was spoiled. Luckily now all you want is a quick nurse and off to dream land you go. You really are a good baby and I love it. You’ve discovered your toes and even stick them in your mouth. Your favorite time of day is bath time before bed. You get so happy and excited. I love to watch you play. I love you little Ashlyn Rose.





Sweet pea and Woody

You were a sweet pea for Halloween, true to your nickname.



You sucked your thumb until you were 5 months





You loved bathtime every night in Grandma's sink



You would grab your toes, and kick and scream with glee. So cute!!



A favorite thing to do was hot tub at Grandma's.



Carter getting ready to hot tub and telling you who is boss.







I loved to make all of your hairbows



You in your bouncer



Favorite past time





In our new house on your tummy



You & Kendrik in your fall outfits



Happy little girl



Aunt Leisle and you





Our family Christmas Photo



Ready for Christmas





Christmas day eating your gifts



Kendrik was Joseph and you were baby Jesus



Savannah was Mary







Our Kings Mill house in January 2002

Ready for Church





We went to the Winter 2002 Olympics with Grandma Rose in SLC



You loved to sit in your highchair and watch me cook



Milestones

1st Belly Laugh - September 19, 2001

Rolled Over - October 30th, 2001

1st Tooth - December 12, 2001

Sitting on Own - December 19th, 2001

1st Word - Mom

Crawling - March 2002

Journal Entry:

April 4, 2002

Well, Sweet Pea, times flying! You started crawling almost a month ago. Now you get around pretty quick. You have a little limp with your left leg. You just kind of drag it along. It's pretty cute and everyone comments on it. You are also talking now. You say: Ma-ma, Da-da, "kitty" "hi" "bye". You also learned how to waive and you love waving at daddy when he comes home. You like to say, "hi dad" really quick. It is so cute! You love to stand at the window in the frontroom and watch Kendrik outside with his bike or jeep. You laugh at him. It is so cute. You had your 9 month appt. on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 and you have an ear infection. You also aren't gaining weight. You weigh 17 lbs. 4 oz. and that is what you weighed 3 months ago. So we are trying to fatten you up. You are up to 28" long though. We love you little girl!



Amateur photograph I took of
you



We went to Grandma Roses, in
her backyard



You weren't walking yet, so
I thought this was a perfect
moment.

You hated touching grass.



Still trying to grow hair!



Trying to stand up!



May-June 2002

Daddy and I saved our money and went to Williamsburg, with Aunt Carol, Uncle Larren and Savannah. You were only 11 months. We flew on an airplane and it was Mommy's first time and I was 26 years old. You were flying for the first time at 11 months old! You did great. I was still nursing you so that helped the plane ride. We visited Uncle Larren's family in North Carolina. Then we went to Williamsburg and stayed in a condo there. It was very nice with a pool and a nice place to sleep. We visited Busch Gardens which is an amusement park. We went there 2 days and had a blast. We also went to the historic Williamsburg and visited. We went to Virginia Beach and swam in the ocean for awhile too. We also went to Washington D.C. and visited several historic places. We saw the Pentagon, The Washington Monument, the White house to name a few. It was a very fun trip. By the end of the trip, you learned how to finally take naps in your stroller and go with the flow.

You were so cute but at times you would scream so loud and shrill. We nicknamed you the "Pterodactyl". At one point when we were visiting a museum with dinosaurs, Daddy found a pterodactyl and we took a picture of you by it because you were so loud. It was pretty funny. It's still hard to believe that you visited so many places at such a young age. You are one lucky girl!



Daddy and you at Williamsburg.



Such a big girl standing up.



Washington Monument



In front of the Pterodactyl, screaming I'm sure!





At Virginia Beach



Daddy's Little girl in Washington D.C.



Professional Pictures at JcPenney.



You were photogenic from the start.



Journal Entry

June 22, 2002

Well dear angel baby, today is your 1st birthday! It has been a wonderful year. As I look back you have brought so much sunshine into our lives.

I know you are a special girl because 3 month before I conceived you, I lost your sibling in a miscarriage or pregnancy. If I would have carried that baby to full term, you would not be here. Everything happens for a reason Ashlyn and I know you are here today for me.

You are such a joy to me everyday. I love your tenderheartedness, your little kisses, and your smile. You just light up the whole room when you enter. You are so beautiful with your baby curls and big deep brown eyes. You have the cutest smile and dimple in your chin. I love you.

You started walking on June 7th, 2002. You are a pro now. It is so cute, to watch you take off and explore the world. You love baby dolls and stuffed animals. You also love certain textures of materials. You love blankets and putting on clothes. You love to eat fruit and you just love to eat period. I love you so much baby girl.

For your birthday, we had family over. We celebrated with everyone. You showed off how you are walking now. It is very cute. I tried to put your hair up in "pig tails" even though there is still not much there and it didn't work, ha-ha! I let you open a box of tissues and you loved pulling them out and having a good time. I also let you dive into your first cake. You did as I expected, when you were apprehensive and dainty. We practically had to force you to get into it, but eventually you did. What a fun 1st birthday.





Birthday Girl



Opening presents





Peek A Boo!



Kleenex fun



1st year birthday cake!





Messy girls

Dear Ashlyn,

I love you so much. You are everything mommy has ever wanted in a little girl. I remember the first night we spent together in the hospital. You were away from me in the nursery, and I woke up and had the nurses bring you to me. I fed you and held you for the longest time. I could not believe I finally had my little girl. I was so happy! I remember calling the nurses back to come get you and they took a few hours, so I fell asleep with you in my arms. I probably had a smile on my face for that entire 2 hours because I was so happy.

When you were blessed, daddy said that you and I will be close, just like I am to my mother. I really hope that. We can be best friends. I never had sisters, but having you has helped me through that.

I hope that as you grow, you will know that you are loved dearly by me, by your dad, and by several family members. You will always be special to me. I have such high hopes for you, Ashlyn. I hope that someday you will make the decision to be baptized. I hope that you will choose good friends that will help you make right decisions. I hope that you will follow your Savior, Jesus Christ your whole life. He will bring you happiness, if you allow Him.

I hope that someday you will find a special man that you want to marry in the temple. Make sure that he is a worthy priesthood holder, and that he will treat you as well as daddy treats me. Make sure that most of all you love each other and you will covenant in the Holy Temple to be sealed together forever. Please know that I will always love you. I also want you to know that I have a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is real, and it is the only way to return to Heavenly Father. It is also the only way to have true happiness in this life. Please also know that you will be an example always to your brothers. They will look to you often, so always do what is right.

I love you little girl, never forget that.

Love, Mom





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