Stormont Vail Health

Statement from the family of Travis, Ashley and Haley Askew

"Yesterday was our worst nightmare come true, but we are choosing to wake up from that moment and honor the memories of Travis, Ashley and sweet baby Haley Ray. We spent Father's Day celebrating as a family, taking a trip to the Topeka Zoo, creating memories we will cherish for a lifetime.

Travis and Ashley were hard-working, loving parents who made every decision on whether or not it would benefit their children. Travis, who loved the Florida Gators, stepped up as a father and made sure his girls had what they needed and were always taken care of. Ashley was the type of mother who would sacrifice anything for the girls she loved. And Haley Ray, as her name suggests, was a ray of sunshine to our family.

As we honor Travis, Ashley and Haley we are also focusing on Lily and L.J. After the girls complete their recovery, they will come home with me. I will do my best to cherish and honor the memory of their parents and it will be my privilege to raise them.

Thank you to the community for your outpouring of love and condolences. We ask for your continued prayers and thoughts of support as well as privacy and respect as we navigate this difficult time."

------- Jay Pudenz, Ashley Askew's father