

How do we feel a year after Erica's tragic death? Is the shock still intense? Has the grief lessened? Are the memories still vivid? Have any of our questions been answered?



For those of us who were at camp this past summer — the 2007 camp season — we learned that we still felt her loss and at the same time we were able to incorporate our memories of Erica into the fun and friendship of camp. It was like she was just around the corner, watching us and encouraging us to make the most out of life, as she had always done. We honored her memory by living our lives as we remembered her.

No, the pain will not go away, though the way it feels may change over time. And, no, it's not possible that we could ever forget Erica because lives shared are lives changed forever.

We cry. We laugh. We remember. It will always be that way.

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