

LAURA ELIZABETH FLETCHER

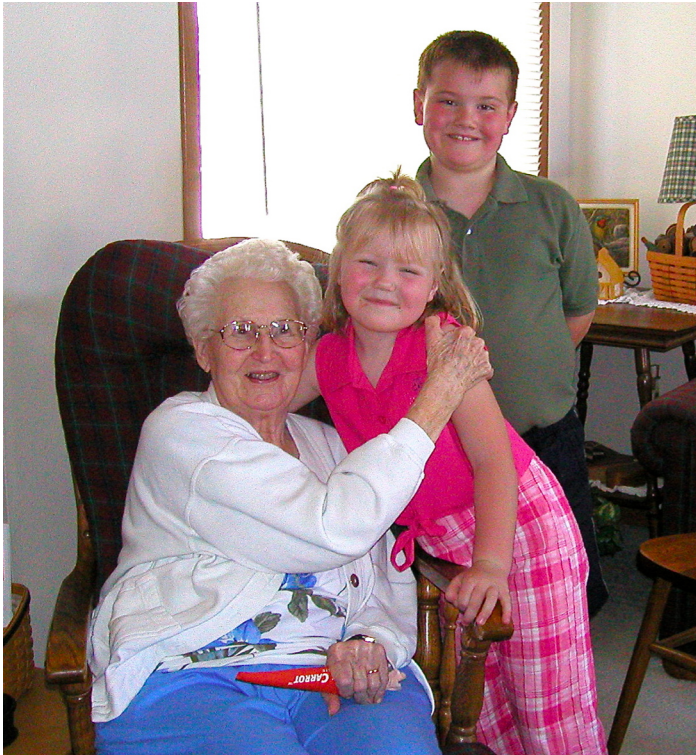
(Written text and photographs provided by Laura Elizabeth Fletcher). **Laura Elizabeth Fletcher** was born on September 26, 1997, in Columbia, Missouri, at Columbia Regional Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. She was the daughter of Russell Lee Fletcher and Amanda Elizabeth (Krause) Fletcher. Laura Elizabeth Fletcher was baptized into the Christian Faith on October 17, 2010, at the Forum Christian Church in Columbia, Missouri. Laura attended grades K through 5 at Russell Boulevard Elementary School in Columbia, Missouri, and attended Smithton Middle School. Laura played both the clarinet and base clarinet in the Smithton Middle School band. On December 15, 2010, Laura was chosen to play the base clarinet in the Select Band, a combined band of Columbia Middle Schools. She was active in Girl Scouts and enjoyed playing basketball, swimming and likes reading, singing, and her dog, a black Lab named Abby. Laura also enjoyed baking and cooking with her mother, Amanda Fletcher, and grandma Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause. Reading books and watching television programs by Rachel Ray; in particular, 30 Minute Meals inspired Laura to cook. Laura created three of her own cooking DVDs entitled "Baking with Laura" and has appeared three times on the local television network program called *Pepper and Friends*. Laura Elizabeth Fletcher was also interested in music and acting. Laura was on stage for the following performances: Mrs. Nob in **Rats** at Russell Elementary; Rachel Revere in **The American Revolution** at Russell Elementary; Children's Chorus in **Joseph's Technicolor Coat** for TRYPS; Daisy Doane/Wealthy Child in **Scrooge The Musical** for TRYPS; the Announcer in **Mosquito Girl** at Smithton Middle School; played a hobo and Mrs. Pugh in **Annie** for TRYPS ; and played an urchin and a vendor in **Oliver** for TRYPS; and sang a solo number " I Melt With You" on stage at The Blue Note for TRYPS **Cabaret** on December 6, 2010. Laura lived with her parents and brother in Columbia, Missouri.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher being held by her father, Russell Lee Fletcher. Columbia, Missouri. Date: 1998.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher posing during ballet class. Laura's dance recital was on stage at Jesse Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. Date: 2003.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher gets a hug from her great grandmother, Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause. Laura's brother, Zachary Reed Fletcher is standing in back. Wildflower Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota. Date: 2003.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher as a Dutch maid. Date: 2002.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (second from right) and her friends during a girl scouts meeting. Shown are: Yermen (left), and from right to left: Katrina Kilpack, Layton Euliss, Emma Solomon, and Natalie Caldwell. 507 Marrion Drive, Columbia, Missouri. Date: 2006.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (center row, first on right) on stage with the chorus for the TRYPS production, Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. Performance on stage at Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Missouri. Date: Summer of 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (front row, first on right) on stage during a scene from the TRYPS production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. Performance on stage at Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Missouri. Date: Summer of 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (back row, third on left) on stage during a scene from the TRYPS production, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. Performance on stage at Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Missouri. Date: Summer of 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher shown in a TRYPS poster (immediately above the star) advertising the performances of "Scrooge, The Musical". Performances held during November of 2009 at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (second from left) photographed with cast members from the TRYPS production of "Scrooge, The Musical": Scrooge (Brett Prentiss), Marlee (Brett Walker), Ghost of Christmas Present (Nollie Moore). Date: November 21, 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (extreme right) on stage during a TRYPs performance of "Scrooge, The Musical" put on at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. November, 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (left) photographed with her mother, Amanda Elizabeth (Krause) Fletcher, in the reception line at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, following a performance of Scrooge, The Musical. Columbia, Missouri. Date: November 22, 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (left) photographed with her grandmother, Linda Lea (Miller) Fletcher, at Russell Boulevard School during grandparents day. Date: 2008.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (right) with her grandmother, Winifred Alice (Clark) Krause, photographed after baking Christmas cookies and filming an episode of "Baking with Laura". 702 New Market Place, Columbia, Missouri. Date: December 15, 2009.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (second from left) in the reception line following the TRYPS performance of "Aladdin" on May, 2010, performed at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. The other cast members shown from the performance are: (from left to right) Inu Choi, Laura Elizabeth Fletcher, Magen Kelly and Anna Poole. In background: Ciars Davis (left), and Allison Sword.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (right) as a hobo in Hooverville during the TRYPS performance of "Annie" during July, 2010. The performance was on stage at Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Missouri.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (wearing the bakers hat at right) as Mrs. Pugh during the TRYPS performance of "Annie" during July of 2010. The performance was on stage at Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Missouri.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (second left) as a during the TRYPS performance of "Oliver" during November, 2010. The performance was on stage at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher (first from right) in the reception line following the TRYPS performance of "Oliver" on November 19-23, 2010, performed at Launer Auditorium, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. Laura played a fabric vendor. Fagin (Jim McCown) is at the extreme left.



A TRYPS poster advertising the performance of Laura Elizabeth Fletcher at "The Blue Note", a popular Columbia, Missouri, night spot on the evening of December 6, 2010. Laura sang: **I Melt with You**. A photograph of Laura Elizabeth Fletcher is shown at the bottom, second from the right.



Laura Elizabeth Fletcher on stage at **The Blue Note** at the conclusion of her solo number "I Melt With You" to a packed house. TRYPS Cabaret. Date: December 6, 2010. Columbia, Missouri.