Do you know about our efforts to start a college fund for my granddaughter Leighton Anne Morris after we lost her mother Jennifer on October 22? Jenn had fought oral cancer for eight years. You can see my Facebook and LinkedIn posts about it all. I had two children. My son Matt hanged himself in 2023 and now Jenn has died of cancer. Both were 45. The pain is almost unbearable, you know?

Now sweet spouse Kathy Clements has set up a Merrill Lynch fund for Leighton. At 17, that kid suddenly is an orphan – the father isn't in the picture – and she deserves all the breaks she can get.

Piles of extra cash lying around and you want to contribute? Here are at least three ways to contribute:

If your bank offers Zelle services – just go to your bank's app or Web page, choose "Pay Bills and Send Money with Zelle," add "**Leighton Morris**" as a recipient, then type in **LeightonCollegeFund@gmail.com**.

Next, Kathy has added her Venmo account for Leighton contributions if that's easier for you. Just enter . . . **@Kathy-Clements-1** . . . and the amount, plus the last four digits of Kathy's cell – **1171** – so they know it's legitimate.

And for anyone wanting to avoid robots and technology, feel free to send a check. Make it payable to Kathy Clements or Leighton Morris, and send it to either of them at:

6514 Joyce Way
Dallas, TX 75225

You can contribute whatever you wish, with zero fees or service charges. Leighton gets 100% of the donations. She can't access the funds until she turns 18.

Thank you sincerely for thinking about this.

Where there's sadness, there can be hope.

Mackie Morris