





Her passing came in September 2014. She was six and a half years old. They have a beautiful room in LauraLynn where you can take your child when after they die, it's called the Butterfly Room. But we decided to have Erin at home with us.

When the ambulance came up the drive, the nurses from LauraLynn were there waiting for us. For two days, they stayed with us around the clock. On the last evening, they created a very special canvas painting with us. It was a tree and all the leaves on the tree are our handprints – all together for the last time.

It's such a really precious thing to have. That's what LauraLynn do - they make those really awful, tragic situations, so special.

After Erin died we all went to bereavement counselling at LauraLynn. It was so important for us all, especially for Finn and Aoife who'd lost their little sister. We still go to the bereavement days... it helps to be with people who've been on the same journey as you. They're even still supporting me now.

They turned up the first Christmas Eve after Erin passed with a beautiful framed picture of a butterfly with special words about her. You can't imagine what it meant to see all those precious memories captured. To see her remembered by people who loved her... words can't capture how much it lifted us that day.

And in the end all you want as a parent, is for your child to be remembered. Especially by those who knew her and looked after her.

It's been a very difficult journey. But Erin, she changed our lives forever. And most definitely for the better. I am a better person for having the privilege of looking after her.

It's because of LauraLynn we had so many good days and really special times with Erin. I don't know how any family would get through this without them.

Thank you,  
Tara

