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## Crazy 'Bout Elvis

Grace Schara was truly crazy about Elvis Presley. She knew all of his music and dressed up as Elvis to perform the song "Love Me Tender" for a church event. She played his hit "Can't Help Falling in Love" on the violin at her sister's wedding. Her favorite Elvis Tribute Artist surprised her with a song, scarf, and dance at her 19th birthday dinner, just three weeks before she died. Her dream was to one day work as a tour guide at Graceland, Elvis' beloved home in Memphis, Tennessee. She and her family visited there several years ago and were thrilled to meet his former wife, Priscilla Presley, who was immediately charmed by Grace's devotion.



Grace met Priscilla Presley at Elvis' Graceland Mansion in Memphis and formed a bond with her that Priscilla says she will always cherish.

"Grace was a lovely, darling girl," remembers Priscilla. She was 13 years old, "and I remember what a happy, beautiful child she was. She was so full of energy. She just beamed, and her parents were so loving."

Scott remembers the meeting, too, and spoke of Priscilla's graciousness. "She wanted to invite us out to lunch but then realized that wouldn't work" because fans would overwhelm them, he told *The New American*. Instead, they met in a private suite of The Guest House at Graceland, a luxury hotel next door to the mansion. Scott posted a video of this encounter on his website, [OurAmazingGrace.net](#). Priscilla remembers having fun with Grace and said, "She and I talked about things we both liked."

Thus began a beautiful friendship of two kindred spirits who remained pen pals through the years. "I became very fond of her. Grace would write me and send me drawings and little things she made," Priscilla told *The New American*. She keeps many of Grace's gifts nearby as they always remind her of the youngster's infectious smile.

"Once she sent me a bottle of perfume that says 'Grace' on the label. I keep it on my dressing table and think of her every day when I see it. I use it occasionally, but I'll never use it all because I want to never let her go."

When Grace was in the hospital, Priscilla remembers a phone call from Cindy, concerned about her daughter being alone. The hospital had banned Scott, her patient advocate, and her sister, Jessica, had not yet been allowed to take his place.



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It was a relief to hear the next day that Grace was doing better, but that made what she heard the following day all the more difficult. “She was gone! I was so shocked,” Priscilla said. The news “brought tears” of disbelief. She immediately called to commiserate with Cindy. They talked about Grace, about the love that she showed unconditionally, about her beautiful smile that seemed to captivate whomever she met.

“Grace was the light of everyone’s life. I saw why everyone loved her so much,” Priscilla recalls. “She was just an angel.”

Priscilla remains in close contact with Cindy, as she tries to give the devastated mother some comfort. “It’s difficult to read Cindy’s letters; she is in such pain.”

About Grace’s death, Priscilla laments, “I don’t think this was meant to happen.” She cannot imagine the pain that the young lady’s parents are experiencing. “My heart goes out to them more than anything.”

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