

## Rainbows

by Cindy Chamberlin

I remember when I found out about Jordan's diagnosis I wanted my tubes tied. I was so scared of everything going on around and was quite convinced that I never wanted to experience the emotions of pregnancy again! I will forever be thankful to Dr Corteville for gently encouraging me not to make any "snap" judgments and to wait and see! She said she would tie my tubes 6 months after I recovered from my c-section if that is what I still wanted but she wanted me to wait. She also brought me research about healing post c-section.

A Rainbow pregnancy is described as one after the loss of a child/miscarriage/stillbirth. It is believed that this child brings some sun after the storm! I rainbow baby is a blessing from God and their sibling in heaven but in NO way replaces them!! A Rainbow pregnancy is a terrifying/emotional roller coaster; you have already lost something precious and you wonder if it could happen again! Even after genetic testing and we found out Rebekah was a girl I was still terrified! I was so nervous that something was going to happen and I know just enough to make myself very dangerous! I didn't believe that she was going to be "OK" until they placed her in my arms and I was able to do my "own assessment"!

We went back to MacDonald's Women's Hospital to have Rebekah and it really brought everything full circle! We were able to have both of our daughters in Cleveland; we were blessed to have Dr Corteville deliver Rebekah Jordan Chamberlin on August 20, 2010. We were spoiled by all the amazing nurses who cared for us with Jordan and it was truly a HAPPY time to share our 2nd daughter with them too! The Chamberlin house became a little bit brighter and there were smiles after we brought her home! So many people called her Jordan on accident and it made my heart happy (and we called her Jordan many times ourselves) because they were remembering Rebekah's older sister!

I am Thankful that Rebekah knows that she has an older sister and talks about her being in heaven! Rebekah helped our family learn to laugh again as we continued to celebrate Jordan and move through life! I always knew that I wanted three children! For a long time Tug was "done" after the boys and then we had Jordan. I say that God must have BIG plans for Rebekah because she was never in My plans! I am forever grateful to Jordan and God for trusting me to be Rebekah's Mommy *heart emoticon*

