

**What Matters?**

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### **My Sister Matters, And The Decision She Made**

**Mostly for me, the memories are what matters the most. I didn't get to meet this beautiful girl everybody talks about. I have been told stories, been shown photos, told of funny times, sad times but most of all, the way she passed away. They say I shouldn't miss her because I didn't meet her. I don't believe in that at all. She means the same to me as every other family member.**

**There are so many great things about Elise. Apparently she was the exact same as me. Well what can't be great about that? She used to have fun like every other teenager. She was just so happy in every single photo. The way you look at her beautiful smile, I would do anything to hear her laugh. Her beautiful, hazel eyes are exactly like mine. You look into her eyes and see a world of happiness. She had gorgeous, long, curly brown hair and a freckly face. Anyone would do anything to have such a beautiful soul into this world again.**

**Not only does she mean everything to me, she meant the world to everyone else. Her friends, family, pets and boyfriend. She had a sweet personality, would always listen and help, had a great education and was very smart. In her spare time she liked to hang out with friends, go have a bit of a party, spend time with family, and go to the beach; all the fun stuff a teenager would love to do. She had a very, very strong connection with our father. They got along very well and always used to go fishing and camping, the things I do with him now. I, being a teenager and growing up so fast, I can't even imagine how magical my life would be to do something her, with someone that has so much in common with me.**

**Lastly, I am going to explain what happened to have her life lost so soon, at the age of 17 – 80 odd years too soon.**

**One night she was out having fun like everyone should do, and had a bit to drink, which is completely fine. But the decisions you make is what matters. Her and her friend had had enough and wanted to go home. So being Elise, she decided to get in her car and drive home, risking both her and her friend's life. Everyone thinks it will be 'alright' as a one off thing. Apparently not... Coming around a corner too fast our baby girl lost control, swerved off the road, hit a tree and died instantly. Luckily, her friend is still living today, but she was rushed to hospital with very bad injuries.**

**This was the day when everyone's life got shattered. Everything fell to pieces. I cannot imagine Dad's reaction when the police officers came to the door to share such horrific news.**

**This still affects me today and breaks my heart every single day, but we have to live with it. My father is very strict on me now, especially now I have just got my learner's licence. I can completely understand though.**

**My best advice for anyone wanting to drink above the limit and drive is, not to. You may feel fine, but that is not the point. Anything could happen to anyone. Elise didn't mean to die that night, but it was because of both her and her friend's bad decision. You don't only affect yourself but you affect everyone around you. Think about it before you do and I can't express that enough you don't want to put your family through the pain we went through.**

**She will be gone tomorrow, next week and next year, but she still matters.**