

Erin, my love, I sit alone on the beach in a sea of tears  
You sent me off on vacation with "I'll be fine, Mommy" smile like you did all the other years  
But my heart pounds like the waves against the bay  
When I got the call that you left me this Independence Day  
Thank God for Beth, your puppy sitter and all my Beardie family who was there  
Who helped you and I though this with all their love and care  
Even Daddy's family was so sweet this very sad day  
You could tell how much they loved you in the prayers they would say  
But no one will ever know how the Ocean stopped that day  
When God wanted a beardie of his own and took you away  
My heart is breaking as I sit by myself listening to the sea gulls cry  
Because no one on earth knows how it feels for your Mommy to never kiss you good bye  
I know Beth was there to calm your fears  
And pet you gently and brush away our tears  
My Beardie family says you knew and did this for me  
From watching you pass away and all the pain you set me free  
So now I set alone on this beach looking at the foot and paw prints that seem endless across the land  
Trying to put an Ocean of memories into a single grain of Sand  
What will my life be without you and how will I cope?



As I remember your loving eyes with all their puppy dreams and hopes

You were my first dog, the cutest Beardie pup

And I remember how you cuddled the first time I picked you up

And how I remember our handlers, trainers and the hard work we would do

To enter AKC shows and still be laughed at by a few

Then our day came, we beat them ALL, I was so proud

But because we were good sportsman, laughing at them was never aloud

Showing was fun but I remember the first time I really saw you shine

When you proudly walked in the pen with Alison and said "I am going to make these sheep mine!"

When I watched you herd, I set in awe

It was your first time and more beautiful sight I never saw

God took Alison so young it never made no sense

But now I know why in heaven with you and Alison, sheep need no fence

But yet the memory I will keep in my heart so dear

Was our first litter, the first puppy cry we would ever hear

The tender way you licked your puppy so clean

Such love and devotion, God himself has never seen

This is what a good breeder is all about!

You have given me the best puppies in the world without a doubt

And I swear God hand picked your Beardie families from above

Because the way they treat your puppies I have never seen such love

But the one thing we all have in common and owe to God

Is for the way he brought us all together because of all the love in this one dog

And because of your puppies your soul never dies

Because if I want to see you again all I got to do is look into their eyes.

I knew time was sifting through the hour glass like sand on a beach

But still there was one more lesson you would manage to teach

The diabetes and all the shots you have been taking for a while

It touched my heart every time you walked into the vets office with that big smile!!

Jan, your favorite tech Deb, and Dr. Harr loved you with all their heart

And having you for 13 years God and Dr. Harr played the biggest part

You were so good for Daddy when he gave you your shot

You smiled, asked him for a cookie and to scratch your favorite spot

But time was going too fast and I watched you walk in pain

Thinking the new deck and ramp that Dad and I built would ease your pain

What was I thinking? I must have been insane

Nothing more precious than when you hold your very first pup

But then she dies and leaves you and you just want to give up!!

I know you are thinking this story is getting out of hand

But please tell me how I can put all my love and memories in one single grain of Sand

Erin, my love, you know I miss you with all my heart

But if I ever want to see you again, I'll hug one of your grandkids, that will be a good start

So please send me a sign this is not the end

That you will be waiting for me right at the rainbow bend

I love you with all my heart Erin, Love Mommy