

1 Wednesday, 16 September 2020

2 (9.30 am)

3 MR GREANEY: Sir, this is the pen portrait of Angelika and  
4 Marcin Klis prepared by their daughters Aleksandra,  
5 known as Alex, and Patrycja. Alex and Patrycja are  
6 watching the proceedings remotely and, as everyone will  
7 appreciate, they have their parents very much in their  
8 thoughts today.

9 Victoria Higgins, the family solicitor, will read  
10 out the tribute to Angelika and Marcin. As she does so,  
11 a photograph will be displayed on the screen. It is  
12 a photograph of Angelika and Marcin taken on the evening  
13 of 22 May 2017 by the Corn Exchange, adjacent to  
14 Victoria Railway Station, as they waited in Manchester  
15 to pick up their daughters.

16 Mr Wilson, would you please display that photograph  
17 on the screen.

18 I will now invite Victoria to read the tribute.

19 Pen portrait of ANGELIKA and MARCIN KLIS

20 VICTORIA HIGGINS: Our mum and dad were born in Slawno,  
21 Poland, and they both grew up in Darlowo, Poland.  
22 I don't know a lot about their upbringing or education,  
23 but I remember mum telling me that she studied economics  
24 at college.

25 I'm not sure how my parents met but they met in the

1 early 90s and fell in love. They got married in 1996 in  
2 Poland and then they went on to have me in 1997 and my  
3 sister, Patrycja, in 2003.

4 Mum worked as a cleaner in Poland and dad was  
5 a postman. Dad moved to England in 2004. When he first  
6 arrived, he worked as a courier, he then worked at  
7 Tesco. For the last 4 to 5 years of his life he worked  
8 as a taxi driver in York. In 2007, we all moved to  
9 York.

10 Mum initially worked as a cleaner in a hotel and  
11 when we moved to York, she became a customer services  
12 assistant for Tesco, where she worked for 10 years up  
13 until she died.

14 Mum liked to watch films and her favourite thing was  
15 sunbathing. She would be out in the garden trying to  
16 get a suntan even if it was just slightly sunny. She  
17 was our best friend. We liked to do a lot together.  
18 We'd go shopping and go for massages.

19 Dad liked photography and rock music. They both  
20 liked to travel. We would all go back to Poland once or  
21 twice a year as well as going on holidays to other  
22 countries. More recently, we went to Rome and to Egypt.

23 Every few weeks they planned a family day because  
24 spending time with us is what made them both happy.  
25 We would head off to theme parks, go on hiking trips,

1 meals out or holidays. We enjoyed every minute of time  
2 we spent together.

3 Mum and dad's love was incredibly strong, something  
4 we should all aspire for in life. They were so in love,  
5 as if they were teenagers without a care in the world.  
6 But most of all, they were happy. They were soulmates  
7 and they didn't want to be without each other.

8 Mum and dad were amazing parents, great friends and  
9 kind people. They did everything in their power to  
10 ensure we had everything we wanted and more. They would  
11 always put our needs before their own.

12 Losing our mum and dad and the pain and the loss  
13 that we feel is so hard to explain. Our lives have  
14 completely changed and it is now just the two of us.  
15 I've had to grow up quite quickly and deal with things  
16 that I never imagined I would ever have to deal with.  
17 We are completely devastated by what has happened and  
18 our lives have been turned completely upside down.  
19 I don't know how else to describe it.

20 We think of our parents all the time. They are  
21 never out of our thoughts. We haven't just lost our  
22 parents, but we have lost our best friends and  
23 protectors.

24 Aleksandra and Patrycja.

25 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you, Ms Higgins. Can I say to

1 Aleksandra and Patrycja, through you, I am grateful, as  
2 we all are, for that picture of their parents that they  
3 have given to us and also for describing to us the  
4 effect of their death on them at such young ages and to  
5 assure them that we all feel for their loss.

6 MR GREANEY: Sir, thank you very much. We'll now rise and  
7 return at 10.30 when we'll hear the first of two pen  
8 portraits about Lisa Lees.

9 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.

10 (9.40 am)

11 (A short break)

12 (10.30 am)

13 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Greaney.

14 MR GREANEY: Thank you, sir.

15 This is the pen portrait of Lisa Lees prepared by  
16 her husband, Anthony Lees, and daughter, India. Anthony  
17 is present in the hearing room and India is viewing the  
18 proceedings remotely.

19 Shane Smith will read a tribute to Lisa prepared by  
20 Anthony, and Victoria Higgins will then read a tribute  
21 to Lisa prepared by India and I will call on each of  
22 them in turn at the appropriate moment.

23 A presentation of photographs will be played in the  
24 background as the statements are read. And as usual, if  
25 the reading of the statements takes a shorter time than

1 the presentation, the presentation will be played to its  
2 conclusion. So Mr Wilson, would you please begin the  
3 presentation?

4 I will now call on Shane to read the tribute  
5 prepared by Anthony.

6 Pen portrait of LISA LEES

7 SHANE SMITH: Lisa Lees was born in Oldham on 21 March 1974.

8 Lisa didn't have a middle name but would always say that  
9 her name was Lisa Madonna after her favourite pop star.

10 Lisa's parents were Ivan and Elaine Hunter and Lisa  
11 also has a younger brother called Lee.

12 Lisa attended Royton and Crompton School from 1985  
13 through to 1990.

14 On 5 August 1992, Lisa gave birth to her first  
15 daughter Lauren Ashleigh Lees, who is now 29 years old.  
16 Two years later, Lisa and I were to meet at a nightclub  
17 in Huddersfield. I was 25 years old and Lisa was 20.

18 A short while after this, Lisa moved in with me in  
19 Royton. On 29 October 1999, Lisa gave me the great  
20 honour of becoming my wife and we got married at a place  
21 in Denshaw, Saddleworth, called La Pergola. It was  
22 around that time that we had bought our first house  
23 together on Mellalieu Street.

24 On 1 April 2002, our daughter India Ayesha Lees was  
25 born.

1           Around 2007, Lisa started working at a beauty salon  
2           and started attending Oldham College on a day release  
3           basis where she obtained level 2 and level 3 in beauty  
4           therapy. From what I understand, level 1 was basic;  
5           Lisa went straight to level 2.

6           During her time at college Lisa learned all beauty  
7           skills plus holistic massage, which took Lisa in  
8           a direction where she started her own business called  
9           Pure Essence. Lisa used oils to massage terminally ill  
10          children and children who were basically at the end of  
11          their life. The feedback Lisa got from the families was  
12          fantastic. The children's behaviour and sleeping was at  
13          a much more relaxed level from which the families  
14          benefited and Lisa got a lot of joy and satisfaction  
15          from this.

16          Lisa was a true angel, caring and beautiful, both  
17          inside and out. In 2012, Lisa's business was recognised  
18          by the Federation of Holistic Therapists and won an  
19          award for excellence in practice, to which we all  
20          attended a presentation night at St Paul's Hotel in  
21          London. We were all so proud of Lisa for what she had  
22          achieved.

23          After a few years, Lisa decided to attend  
24          Huddersfield University at the Oldham Centre. During  
25          this time Lisa obtained a postgraduate certificate of

1 education in order to teach beauty therapy. Once Lisa  
2 finished her course, we attended a graduation ceremony  
3 at Huddersfield University. Lisa wore a gown and mortar  
4 board. We were all so proud of what she had achieved  
5 and of course so was Lisa.

6 In true Lisa style, she put 110% into her work. The  
7 students in her class would always phone Lisa up and be  
8 asking for help about the work that they were doing.  
9 Lisa would always assist in any way she could. That was  
10 just the fantastic caring nature of Lisa.

11 A short time after this, Lisa worked at  
12 Oldham College where she would teach beauty therapy and  
13 train students at a shop called Salon 7. Here students  
14 would practice their beauty therapy treatments on  
15 members of the public under Lisa's supervision and with  
16 her training.

17 Lisa was such a positive person and was always  
18 telling our two girls that they could achieve anything  
19 in life if they put the time and effort into it, like  
20 Lisa did. They and I wouldn't be the people we are  
21 today without Lisa's guidance. Lisa was the heart and  
22 soul of our family, ensuring that everything ran  
23 smoothly on a daily basis.

24 Lisa enjoyed walking. Luckily for us we lived near  
25 a park called Tandle Hills and over the years spent

1 a lot of time there with our dogs, family and friends.  
2 A Japanese blossom tree has been planted nearby so  
3 we can go and remember those happy times we all had with  
4 Lisa.

5 Whenever Lisa had some free time she enjoyed going  
6 out for lunch with family or friends. Lisa also loved  
7 going into Manchester and eating out at different  
8 restaurants. One of her favourites was Spanish tapas,  
9 and we were led to believe she went to Evuna's tapas bar  
10 in Manchester's Northern Quarter on 22 May before the  
11 concert.

12 Along with going out came the new outfits and Lisa  
13 absolutely adored to shop for clothes. She could spend  
14 all day walking around Manchester in and out of shops.  
15 And one of Lisa's favourite shops was Karen Millen.  
16 Lisa would try on a dress and ask me what I thought.  
17 She would always look absolutely amazing, as she always  
18 did.

19 A few minutes later, the shop assistant would come  
20 over with the bag and shoes to match and, Lisa being  
21 Lisa, she would buy the dress, shoes and bag with no  
22 hesitation. Always get what you want in life, she used  
23 to say. Lisa was the type of lady who looked her best  
24 100% of the time, whether it was work or pleasure.

25 Lisa enjoyed music and, as I mentioned earlier, her



1 idol growing up was Madonna, hence the name Lisa Madonna  
2 Lees. Lisa also loved dance music. She enjoyed going  
3 to the clubs while she was growing up and if Lisa was in  
4 a club or pub or anybody's house for that matter, Lisa  
5 one getting the party going and would be dancing the  
6 night away, enjoying and loving every minute.

7 Not only did Lisa put 100% into her work, she also  
8 did with her daughters India and Lauren, and her  
9 grandson Jayden. Sadly, Lisa never got to meet her  
10 second grandson who was born in December 2017.

11 If I could describe Lisa in a short paragraph,  
12 it would be that she was the most caring and loving  
13 person, someone who was self-driven by a passion to  
14 always succeed and achieve her goal in life no matter  
15 how hard.

16 Lisa loved the social side of life and made many  
17 friends throughout life. Lisa was great to be around.  
18 She was funny, exciting, full of laughter, full of life,  
19 and enjoyed every minute. She was the most positive and  
20 definitely the most beautiful person I have ever met.

21 Lisa had so much more to give in life and if she was  
22 still here she would have had such a big impact on many  
23 more people's lives. Lisa will be missed and always  
24 loved by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting such  
25 a wonderful, beautiful, caring and special person.

1           I will always love you and cherish the memories and  
2           the 23 years that we had together. Anthony.

3 MR GREANEY: Sir, I'll now ask Victoria to read India's  
4           tribute to her mother.

5 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.

6 VICTORIA HIGGINS: My mum was the most beautiful, selfless  
7           and positive person I knew. She always helped me with  
8           everything from my school work to helping me with my  
9           nails and make-up and helping me choose the best outfits  
10          to wear. She was obsessed with shopping.

11          We always did everything together. She was my best  
12          friend. Whenever we went shopping, we would always go  
13          to Starbucks and share a lemon drizzle cake. I would  
14          have a hot chocolate and mum always had a cappuccino.

15          She always told me and my sister that we could  
16          achieve anything if we put our minds to it and to always  
17          believe. Without her, I would not have achieved so much  
18          and become the person I am today.

19          I am so proud of everything that my mum achieved  
20          throughout her life and I aspire to be just like her  
21          when I grow up. She was so hardworking and caring. My  
22          mum was always singing and dancing, making every  
23          situation fun. I still remember all of her favourite  
24          songs and riddles that her grandma and grandad sung to  
25          her when she was a little girl.

1 Mum always called me Noodle and I called her Moomin,  
2 they were our nicknames for each other.

3 Mum was so beautiful and glamorous. All of my  
4 friends always complimented her and said she looked so  
5 much younger than she was. Her smile and her laugh lit  
6 up any room and she will always be loved by so many  
7 people.

8 Mum loved nature and animals. Whenever we would go  
9 for a walk in Tandle Hills, mum would always point out  
10 the butterflies, she loved them. Mum's favourite season  
11 was autumn as she said she loved the sound of the leaves  
12 crunching beneath her feet.

13 When I was 13 years old, we got a bulldog called  
14 Buddy. He was so naughty. It was so funny watching my  
15 mum chase him as he would steal her hairbrush.

16 On rainy days, me and my mum would always have  
17 a snuggle day where we would stay in our PJs, get our  
18 favourite sweets and chocolates, and watch films all  
19 day. We both loved horror films and The Wizard of Oz.

20 At first, I felt very lost without my mum and  
21 knowing that my best friend wouldn't be able to see me  
22 achieve things through life, but I know that my mum will  
23 always be looking down on us. I love and miss her so  
24 much and I always will and I will think about her lots  
25 and lots every day.

1 MR GREANEY: Sir, we will keep the presentation on the  
2 screen and view it to the end, as I indicated we would.

3 (Pause)

4 Thank you very much, Mr Wilson.

5 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Smith, Ms Higgins, thank you very  
6 much.

7 It is clear that Lisa had achieved a great deal in  
8 her life and she used her talents to benefit a very  
9 large number of people. But as her husband has said,  
10 she had so much more to give and, had she been allowed  
11 to live, she would have continued to be a power for  
12 good, not just for her family but for many more people.

13 MR GREANEY: Thank you, sir. We will rise now and return to  
14 court at 11.30 to hear the pen portrait of Lisa's mother  
15 and brother.

16 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.

17 (10.50 am)

18 (A short break)

19 (11.28 am)

20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Greaney.

21 MR GREANEY: Sir, thank you.

22 This is also the pen portrait of Lisa Lees, prepared  
23 by her mother Elaine Hunter and her brother Lee Hunter.  
24 They are both watching remotely for reasons Mr Weatherby  
25 will explain in a few moments.

1           The pen portrait is comprised of a video and the  
2           video contains a song, Lisa's Song, written and  
3           performed by Lee.

4           Mr Weatherby will now say a few words before  
5           I invite Mr Wilson to play the video.

6           SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Weatherby.

7                         Pen portrait of LISA LEES

8           MR WEATHERBY: Thank you, sir.

9           Lisa's mum, Elaine, and brother, Lee, and daughter,  
10          Lauren, are watching remotely, as you have heard.  
11          Elaine has a substantial vulnerability to the virus and  
12          so can't attend and Lee works with people who are in  
13          a vulnerable category.

14          The inquiry has already heard this morning a moving  
15          tribute from Lisa's daughter, India; Lisa's other  
16          daughter, Lauren, is watching with her nan and her  
17          uncle, Elaine and Lee.

18          The tribute you're about to hear to Lisa includes  
19          a song, which has been quite widely broadcast, which is  
20          written and performed by her brother, Lee. He  
21          specifically asked me to say that he only found the  
22          strength to write the song from the inspiration that  
23          Lisa had given to him through her life.

24          SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Weatherby, I obviously quite  
25          understand their reasons not for being here, which are

1           entirely reasonable, and I'm just very grateful for them  
2           to take the trouble and the time and the emotional  
3           effort into preparing this tribute.

4       MR WEATHERBY: I'm obliged.

5       SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.

6       MR GREANEY: Mr Wilson, would you now play the video,  
7           please? {INQ035479/1}

8                        (Video played to the inquiry)

9           "I am Elaine Hunter and I am the mother of  
10          Lisa Lees. Lisa was my first child and my only  
11          daughter. Although I did not yet know Lisa would be  
12          a girl, I knew during the pregnancy that she would be  
13          quite the little madam. I was poorly throughout the  
14          entire 9 months and was constantly passing out, meaning  
15          I had to stop working. But despite her bringing the  
16          drama early on, when Lisa was born she was a very good  
17          baby and slept through from the start.

18          "When Lisa was 1 year old, and able to walk, that is  
19          when you could see her character start to properly show.  
20          She clearly had a mind of her own, she was very  
21          independent and knew so clearly what she wanted. She  
22          was a handful.

23          "When Lisa was 4 years old she won the Charming  
24          Child Competition. Her photo was everywhere and I was  
25          so proud.

1           "When Lisa was 6 years old I had my second child, my  
2           son Lee. Lisa was a bit jealous as she had had us all  
3           to herself for all her life until then, but Lisa and Lee  
4           were soon thick as thieves. They used to like to play  
5           us off one another, but Lee could also be a bit of  
6           a telltale as he knew he could get her into trouble.

7           "Because of the six-year age gap between Lisa and  
8           Lee, they didn't really play the same games but they  
9           were both into music and would always be dancing around.

10          "Lisa was a huge fan of Madonna and even went to see  
11          her in concert in London when she was 16 years old. It  
12          was her first time to visit London and she came back  
13          full of it, armed with dozens of photos of her idol.  
14          She loved Madonna so much she even gave herself Madonna  
15          as her middle name.

16          "At school Lisa was always the apple of her  
17          teacher's eye. She was a good girl who didn't like to  
18          be shouted at and when she was 10 years old she was the  
19          Harvest Queen at St James' Church. Everyone said Lisa  
20          was the most lovely Harvest Queen they had ever had.

21          "Lisa's love of music and dance continued and she  
22          took classes in ballet, tap, modern and national. She  
23          was so good she used to choreograph all the school  
24          shows. But Lisa had a sporty side to her as well: she  
25          was an exceptional swimmer and swam for England for the

1 Church Girl's Brigade. She came second and got the  
2 silver medal. I wasn't able to travel to watch her  
3 compete as I had to stay home and look after Lee, but  
4 I was so proud of both her work ethic and her  
5 achievement.

6 "As she progressed into secondary school, Lisa's  
7 independent streak continued and she took herself off to  
8 have her lovely long hair chopped off really short. She  
9 became the typical moody teenager so we occasionally  
10 clashed but she kept her strong work ethic and worked  
11 part-time alongside school from the age of 13. First,  
12 she worked as a cleaner in a newsagent's, then helped  
13 out with clothes parties.

14 "After school, Lisa moved into college where she  
15 embraced her artistic side and studied art and design.  
16 She was also just accepted as a model and assigned to an  
17 agency to work in fashion shows when, at just aged 17,  
18 she found out she was pregnant.

19 "Lisa still lived at home with us and we, of course,  
20 supported her and helped her after she gave birth to her  
21 first daughter, Lauren. Although she was of course  
22 a young mum, Lisa was a very good mother. She did  
23 however want to make sure she had a career, so went back  
24 to college to train and qualify in beauty.

25 "Lisa met and married Anthony and Lisa had her



1 second daughter, India. There is a 10-year age gap  
2 between Lauren and India, but they get on so well. They  
3 also both look just like her. When I look at either of  
4 them, it is like I am looking at Lisa.

5 "Lisa continued to push herself and while setting up  
6 her own beauty business. She also went to  
7 Huddersfield University where she gained a degree in  
8 business management. She was very ambitious and had big  
9 plans to open up her own beauty salon where her daughter  
10 Lauren was also going to work.

11 "Lisa also went back to her old college and became  
12 a tutor teaching the next generation of beauticians and  
13 passing on her skills.

14 "Even though Lisa was a determined and ambitious  
15 person she was also incredibly caring. When I had  
16 cancer Lisa was with me every step of the way coming  
17 with me for chemotherapy and giving me massages to help  
18 ease my pains. She was a great support.

19 "One of Lisa's greatest achievements was that she  
20 also set up an organisation that provided support to  
21 children who were approaching the end of their life.  
22 She would provide aromatherapy massages to the children  
23 and also support to the parents. All the children had  
24 different disabilities but you could see their eyes  
25 light up whenever Lisa entered the room. The work Lisa

1 did here was very emotional as she obviously lost many  
2 of the children and that was difficult to cope with.  
3 But she pushed on and did what she could to help.

4 "In 2012 Lisa was given an award in recognition of  
5 her hard work and we all went to London to see her  
6 receive it. I was so very proud of her and all that she  
7 had achieved. Lisa made a real difference to the lives  
8 of those people and many of the parents who Lisa had  
9 helped came to her funeral to say their goodbyes.

10 "One of the biggest things I miss about Lisa is her  
11 laugh. She used to laugh all the time and all her  
12 friends would say what an infectious laugh she had. She  
13 really did light up a room when she walked in. Lisa was  
14 hardworking and determined, but also fun-loving and  
15 incredibly caring. She touched so many lives with her  
16 love and compassion. She was an amazing daughter,  
17 mother, wife, sister and friend, and she's very much  
18 missed by all who knew her. Someone very special was  
19 taken from us all that day and I speak of her often but  
20 nothing can replace the joy she brought when people  
21 heard her laugh. We love you, Lisa."

22 "Just picking up on what my mum said, I was going to  
23 say her laugh, that's the big thing we miss. It used to  
24 ring out and you could sort of -- everybody knew about  
25 her laugh, didn't they? And then she just -- the smile

1 would just light up. It's what you still miss, you can  
2 hear it sometimes in your head. She was so caring, she  
3 was always there. I think with the kids, she used to  
4 call them my kids, she used to look after, they were all  
5 end of life and most of them were Muslim children, so  
6 she loved them to bits and she was always was proud of  
7 her Indian ancestry. I just miss her so much, she was  
8 my best friend.

9 "One thing I could sort of do is -- I remember when  
10 I had depression and she wrote a letter, so I could  
11 maybe read that out to you. I brought it with me just  
12 to highlight who she was:

13 "'Dear Lee, I am just writing to you to explain  
14 about [this form that she had sent me]. We can't afford  
15 much for people this Christmas, but I thought I'll give  
16 you this phone and then I'll buy you some credit for  
17 Christmas as I had a top-up card for it, so it will just  
18 appear when I've done it. I hope you need a phone,  
19 I didn't think that you had one, as I asked my grandad  
20 and he said that he didn't think that you had one.

21 "'Anyway, I'm going to ring you as soon as you  
22 receive your mobile because I've been really worried  
23 about you. My grandad has been telling me how you're  
24 not been going out any more and how you've been seeing  
25 someone about your head.

1           " 'Just remember, Lee, I am always here for you and  
2 if all this is true, I'd do anything for you. You're my  
3 little brother and I'll always protect and love you. If  
4 there's anything I can do to help, please tell me. I'd  
5 hate to think you were going through loads of stuff on  
6 your own because you're not on your own: you'll always  
7 have me and my family to turn to.

8           " 'Hope I see you before Christmas. Love you loads,  
9 Lisa.'

10           " That was Lisa. She was always there for her  
11 family, always cared. When my mum was ill with cancer,  
12 she got everything sorted, got the flat, and was always  
13 at her house every weekend when we were growing up.  
14 Anything I needed, she was just there. She loved the  
15 kids a lot.

16           " Lisa was so popular as well. The day of the  
17 funeral for her and Alison, everyone stood on the street  
18 and clapped and it was like an ovation down to the  
19 cemetery from the people we couldn't fit in the church.  
20 We had to put speakers outside.

21           " It was always the same. Everyone knew Lisa growing  
22 up, even the teachers. If they had a soft spot for me  
23 it was because they knew Lisa and they had a soft spot  
24 for her.

25           " You can look anywhere and it reminds me of her.

1           There's benches in parks and trees planted. She was  
2           more than just ours; I think the full community miss  
3           her. Every time (inaudible: distorted). Everyone  
4           misses her.

5           "She always supported me in my music, even when  
6           I was watching Primal Scream once and she wouldn't leave  
7           Bobby Gillespie alone until he'd taken one of my demo  
8           tapes. She was always at the front of my gigs dancing  
9           and causing mayhem.

10          "She was full of love, full of life. That was Lisa:  
11          she loved life, loved living, loved dancing. The  
12          stories we used to hear -- we shared a bedroom -- when  
13          my mum and dad were arguing at the top of the stairs  
14          when we were little and she would send me down to Spar.  
15          We were really close.

16          "So to sum up, I really miss her.

17          "Then we had -- 3 months before she died, we got  
18          a phone call because my dad had drunk himself to death  
19          eventually, and weeks before she were murdered, we had  
20          had a talk about her worst nightmares, because the way  
21          my dad died he ended up in a morgue for months, and that  
22          was Lisa's worst nightmare. People don't really know  
23          what went on with that, but it really affected her to  
24          the point we talked about the songs we were going to  
25          have at each other's funerals. That's weeks before she

1           died.

2           "So yeah, but again, there were things we were  
3           involved in. She still wanted to get in the morgue and  
4           get him buried. It wasn't possible in the end, but she  
5           never gave up on that man, and he wasn't worth it. But  
6           that was Lisa: family, she just wanted that family.

7           "I know she'd be really proud of her daughters,  
8           really proud of them and how strong they've been, and my  
9           mum. Yeah, we all miss her so much."

10          "I am Lauren Lees, eldest daughter of Lisa Lees. My  
11          mum fell pregnant with me at quite a young age but  
12          nevertheless turned out to be an amazing mum, always  
13          dressing me lovely and making sure I had everything  
14          I needed.

15          "Growing up, my mum was my role model and I was very  
16          proud of her. My school friends in primary school would  
17          say she was beautiful and had the loveliest long hair.  
18          My mum was always well-presented and never went anywhere  
19          without putting on her make-up, a lot like myself.

20          "As I got older my mum fell pregnant again with my  
21          sister. We did not know if the baby would be a boy or  
22          a girl. Her name choices were India for a girl or  
23          Dylan Jack for a boy. The day came at last and my mum  
24          phoned my grandma to say she had given birth to a baby  
25          girl. I was thrilled.

1            "My mum and dad brought my sister home and we all  
2 lived together in a house in Royton with our two dogs,  
3 Kia(?) and Marley. We were really happy. We went on  
4 lots of walks, days out, and holidays.

5            "As I got older into my teens I became a bit more of  
6 a handful. My grandma would just say just like her and  
7 my mum, but even so I felt I could tell my mum anything  
8 except when I got into trouble for wearing make-up at  
9 school.

10           "For a while at age 16 I moved in with my  
11 grandparents on my biological dad's side. I still saw  
12 my mum, stepdad and sister regularly and then I met my  
13 partner, Chris, at age 17 and at 18 I fell pregnant with  
14 my first child, Jayden. My mum was there every step of  
15 the way. She was there when I gave birth. She adored  
16 him so much and he did her.

17           "We spent every Christmas at my mum and dad's. My  
18 mum made Christmas extra glamorous, always dressing the  
19 table lovely and the tree. Now Christmas is just not  
20 the same. Christmas 2017 was an especially hard one as  
21 I was pregnant with my second child. I did manage to  
22 tell my mum the news before the attack happened.  
23 We were convinced I would have a girl this time but if  
24 not, I promised her I would call my son Dylan Jack, the  
25 name my mum wanted for a boy. Also Jack was the name of

1 my great-granddad, my mum's granddad. She was very close  
2 to him. She was so touched and thought it was a lovely  
3 idea.

4 "On 23 December 2017, I had another son, I did name  
5 him Dylan Jack. I had him in hospital with my partner,  
6 but this time without my mum. She would have been  
7 there.

8 "My life has not been the same since losing my mum.  
9 I have had many years of problems and grief, losing  
10 close friends that I could have coped with easier if  
11 I had my loving mum by my side. Just the thought that  
12 she will never see me walk down the aisle or see my boys  
13 growing up or see any of my sister's life milestones is  
14 a daily emotional battle.

15 "My mum was not just our mum, she was our best  
16 friend too. Losing a mum in general is hard for anyone  
17 but to lose her in this way is unthinkable. She never  
18 got to meet Dylan and my eldest son has had so much  
19 heartache with what happened. He is now 10 years old  
20 and gets really distressed that he might lose me. It's  
21 hard to deal with my own grief and have to help my son  
22 through his too.

23 "All I can do now is help my mum's memory live on  
24 and be there for my sister and family. My mum lit up  
25 all our lives and is missed every hour of every day."



1                   (Lisa's Song played to the inquiry)

2       SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr Weatherby, and thank you  
3           to Lisa's mother, brother and eldest daughter for that  
4           personal and very moving tribute. Thank you.

5                   Mr Greaney.

6       MR GREANEY: Sir, we'll now rise and return to the hearing  
7           room at 2 o'clock, when we will hear the pen portrait of  
8           Georgina Callander prepared by her mother, Lesley.

9       (11.51 am)