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Child injured in ATV accident

By James Jennings
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A 6-year-old girl is in critical but stable condition after a Monday morning ATV accident.

Kara Meyer, the daughter of Jason and Jodi Meyer, was airlifted from Grinnell Regional Medical Center to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital following the accident.

Emergency crews were called to the scene near 510th Street around 9 a.m., Monday.

According to an email message from Jodi Meyer, Kara and her younger brother, Jacob, rode with their father on his Ranger to a field where some of their cows had gotten out.

Once the cattle were back where they were supposed to be, Jason Meyer stopped on the side

of the road to re-lock the gate.

At that moment, the Ranger rolled down the shoulder, pinning Kara under the rollbar.

"Jason tried with all his power to lift the Ranger, but couldn't," Jodi Meyer wrote.

Jason Meyer called 911, and his daughter was rescued from under the ATV.

Jodi Meyer encouraged Kara's classmates to write her at:

Kara Meyer
University of Iowa
Children's Hospital
PICU
200 Hawkins Dr.
Iowa City, IA 52242

In addition, a Facebook page called "Prayers for Kara" has been activated and a CaringBridge page is being set up at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/karameyer>.

Kara Meyer, 6 ^{PCCR} 6-1-2014

Kara Meyer, 6, of Montezuma, received her guardian angel wings on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 2, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kara Meyer Memorial Fund to be used for a scholarship in her name. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of arrangements.

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Community rallies around Meyer family

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Hundreds of people gathered on Court Square in Montezuma Sunday night to honor Kara Meyer and support her family.

More than 200 pink balloons, many carrying messages, were launched prior to the candlelight vigil that honored the 6-year-old who died Wednesday, May 28 from the result of injuries sustained in a freak ATV accident on Memorial Day morning.

As soon as word began to spread about the accident last week, a grassroots support effort sprung up and caught fire. People began posting videos of do Kartwheels for Kara, posting videos on a "Prayers for Kara" Facebook page and raising money for a special fund. T-shirts and decals were also printed and sold for the fund.

Donations can be made to the Kartwheels for Kara Fund at Peoples Savings Bank in Montezuma. Record 6-5-2014