

OBITUARIES

NEWTON RESIDENT

Leah K. Christiansen, 25



Leah K. Christiansen, 25, of Newton, formerly of Cedar Rapids, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Memorial Services were held Monday at Teahen Funeral Home, 3100 F Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, by the Rev. Peter Lolagne.

Leah is survived by her son Keaton John Kriegel of Malcom; her partner, Tanner Wallen of Ankeny, parents Zondra (Dan) Hopkins of Cedar Rapids; brothers Dalton Hopkins of Cedar Rapids, Alex White of Iowa City; sisters Tava Hopkins of Cedar Rapids, Jacolyn Edwards of Iowa City, Nichole (Chet) Cornwell of Center Point, and Christina Hopkins of Marion; grandparents Shirley Friedl of Galena, IL, Judy (Bob) Denison of Cedar Rapids; aunts, Brenda Edwards

(Clint Krabbenhoft), Tracy Feye, Karen Edwards, and Maja Christiansen, Theresa (Lee) Simon, Renee (Phil) Warner; Her uncles, Jay (Corazon) Edwards, Mike (Cheryl) Hopkins, Kurt Christiansen, Jacobi Christiansen, Tor (Becky) Christiansen; and nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

Leah is preceded in death by her father Karl John Christiansen II, grandfathers' Karl Christiansen and Thomas Friedl, grandmother Irene Edwards, aunt Kari Jarzombek, and great uncle Raymond Knowles.

Leah felt blessed to have her "three moms". Her "mamilia", Zondra Hopkins; her "maunt" Brenda Krabbenhoft Edwards, and her "third mom" Heather Foster.

Leah Kristin was born November 4, 1988 in Cedar Rapids, the daughter of Karl John II and Zondra Dell Christiansen. Leah graduated in 2007 from Kennedy High School, attended Kirkwood Community College, and obtained her LPN degree from Marshalltown Community College. She was

currently pursuing her RN degree and worked as an LPN at Park Center in Newton.

Leah was actively involved in the Iowa National Guard 209, obtaining the rank of Sergeant, and took pride in her service with them, especially her participation in the Funeral Honors Detail. She enjoyed hunting, salmon fishing, horseback riding, biking, camping, and golfing. Leah liked spending time with her friends, especially her close friends Sean Watson and Bekah Aston. Above all else, Leah lived for every moment she spent with her son, Keaton (her sugarbutt), who was her world. Zondra wishes to thank Brenda Krabbenhoft Edwards and Rodney Vavricek for this wonderful gift you gave her.

A fund for the benefit of Keaton John Kriegel has been established. Contributions for Keaton's benefit should be sent to 1st State Bank, 104 Jackson St., Brooklyn, IA.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.teahenfuneralhome.com.