

Cynthia "Polly" Kercheval, 16

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September 10, 1997

Cynthia "Polly" Kercheval, 16 of Montezuma, died Thursday, September 4, 1997 at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, September 8, 1997, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Officiating the service were Rev. Emmanuel Tabelisma, Rev. Brian Carter and Rev. John Darlington. Scripture reading was done by Julie Rankin. Recorded music were "I'll Be Missing You" by Fubate, "C U When U Get THERE" by Coolio, "Foolish Games" by Jewel, "Lightning Crashes" by Live and "The Dance" by Garth Brooks. Speakers were Mrs. Marcia Kivi, Mrs. Nancy Story, Linda Thompson, Jennifer Criswell, Nick Kercheval and Sharon Henry. Class letter was by Nicole Ver Meer. Dedication by Ryan Etter was "Because You Loved Me" by Celine Dion. Music duets by Sarah Kercheval and Sally Johnston. They sang "Jesus Loves Me", "The Lord's Prayer" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Casket bearers were Joel Kercheval, Brent Holland, Matt Bryan, Keith Proesch, Dave Fisch, Ron Grife, Ryan Bimson and JR Shearer. Burial was at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Polly is the daughter of John and Sarah Giles Kercheval, she was born December 18, 1980 in Incheon, South Korea. She was a junior at Montezuma Community High School. She participated in band, track and had been a cheerleader. Polly had also participated in dance for many years.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one in infancy and Jimmy on May 20, 1984 and her maternal grandparents, Jim and Chickie Giles.

Polly is survived by her parents, John and Sarah of Montezuma; a sister and her husband, Deborah and Daniel Holte of Novinger, Missouri, niece and nephew, Kallie and Nathaniel Holte; two brothers, Nick of Iowa City and David at home in Montezuma; her paternal grandparents, Charles and Wilma Kercheval of Largo, Florida; uncle and aunt, David and Brenda Kercheval of Montezuma; cousins, Jamie, Joel, Laura and Jacob Kercheval; and her cat, Ed; and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the American Homefinders Association of Holt Children Services.

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Cynthia "Polly" Kercheval, 16, of Montezuma died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Thursday, Sept. 4, at her home.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma, with the Revs. Emmanuel Tabelisma, Brian Carter and John Darlington officiating. Burial was to be in Jackson Township Cemetery, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of John and Sarah Giles Kercheval and was born Dec. 18, 1980, in Incheon, South Korea. She was a junior at Montezuma Community High School at the time of her death. She participated in band and track and also had been a cheerleader. She had participated in dance for several years.

Surviving are her parents; one sister, Deborah Holte of Novinger, Mo.; two brothers, Nick of Iowa City and David of Montezuma; and her paternal grandparents, Charles and Wilma Kercheval of Largo, Fla.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the American Homefinders Association or Holt Children Services.