

Family and friends cherish the memory of Andrea Farrington as someone who always left them with a smile.

"Every memory has left me with a small smile on my face and a sigh," said Marge Hall, a retired Montezuma High School teacher who taught Farrington, 20. "Loss is difficult. Young lives are more precious to me the older I get. God bless us as we attempt to find resolution in our hearts. God bless Andrea. You tried to make the most out of your time here on Earth."

Zach James remembers his classmate, who was the victim of a fatal shooting Friday evening, June 12, at Coral Ridge Mall, as someone with a smile and a personality to match.

"Every time I saw Andrea in the Montezuma hallways, she always wore a smile and had such a bright personality," James said. "Such a devastating way for a young lady to pass away."

Farrington's cousin, Savanna Dayton remembers her as well.

"She always loved kids and loved her job," Dayton said.

After graduation from Montezuma High School in 2012, Farrington attended Hawkeye Community College, Iowa Valley Community College and Kirkwood Community College before landing her dream job at the Iowa Children's Museum in Iowa City as a playologist and a guest welcome specialist.

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seum for six months.

Part of Farrington's responsibilities included staffing the children's museum's kiosk near the carousel at the mall's north entrance. It's a job that requires being friendly and informative as mall patrons ask questions about the museum, the mall or the region in general, said Deb Dunkhase, executive director for the museum.

Farrington was staffing the kiosk at 7:31 p.m. when, police say, in the midst of a crowded mall area near the food court, she was shot three times by Alexander Kozak, North Liberty, a 22-year-old mall security guard.

"Andrea was a beautiful girl in-

side and out and the world lost a bright light when she was taken," said Shanel Fahlenkamp, Montezuma, a long-time friend of the Farrington family.

Others remember the former Montezuma High School student as a good friend.

"Andrea was a friend to me from high school," said Macy Nicole Taylor, a former classmate. "We cheered together and shared a few, but cherishing memories with one another. I also saw her frequently at her job in the mall when I would go shopping with my niece. We would stop and chat with her - take a few minutes to catch up. No time was long enough now that I think back.

"She was such a wonderful person who never gave up and always found the bright side of every situation," Taylor said. "My heart aches for her family and others who were touched by her and her

beautiful smile. Another tragedy I know the Montezuma community will pull together and support each other. We love you and miss you Andrea."

Funeral services for Andrea Farrington, 20, will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. As was her wish, her body will be cremated following the service. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 16, beginning at 12 p.m. at the Community Hope Church with the family present to greet family and friends from 4 to 7 p.m.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Andrea to help cover funeral expenses at http://www.gofundme.com/wx2rxg?fb_action_ids=1078443798850897&fb_action_types=og.shares

Note: Dann Hayes contributed to this article.

MHS grad slain at mall

By James Jennings
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On Friday night, Andrea Farrington, 20 and 2012 graduate of Montezuma High School, was killed in her post, working what she called her "dream job" as a playologist at the Iowa Children's Museum at the Coral Ridge Mall in Coralville.

Around 7:30 p.m., Alexander Kozak, a security officer at the mall, approached the information kiosk near the food court where Farrington was working and opened fire with a Glock 9mm handgun, shooting her three times in the back, according to police reports.

She was rushed to the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, where she died of her wounds.

Kozak, 22 of North Liberty, was recognized by witnesses, and law enforcement began their search for him. About an hour after the shooting, Kozak was spotted driving his Kia Optima eastbound on I-80 near Daventryport, where state police pulled him over and took him into custody without incident.

In police custody, Kozak allegedly admitted to leaving the mall to retrieve his gun from his North Liberty home, and returning to the mall to shoot Farrington. He has been charged with first degree murder and his bond was set Saturday at \$10 million cash only.

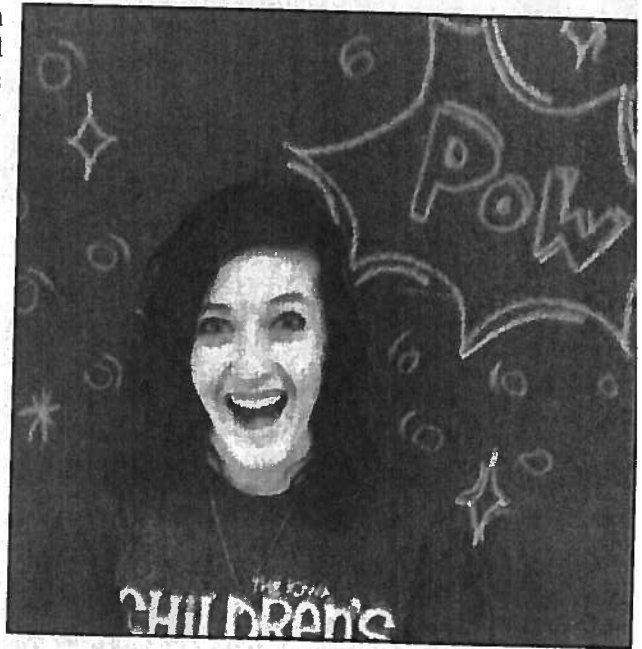
Numerous reports stated that Farrington, who started working at the

Iowa Children's Museum in December, had lodged complaints about Kozak's behavior toward her, including leaving notes on her vehicle. Police have not elaborated as to what Kozak's motive was.

According to a statement released by The Universal Protection Service, which provides security at the Coral Ridge Mall, Kozak had tendered his resignation during the day on Friday. They did not state what circumstances led to his resignation.

A Gofundme account has been set up to help Farrington's family: <http://www.gofundme.com/wx2rxg>.

Farrington would have celebrated her 21st birthday on Tuesday, June 23.



Iowa Children's Museum photo
Andrea Farrington, shown here in her Iowa Children's Museum staff photo, was shot and killed by mall security guard Alexander Kozak while she was working the museum's information kiosk at the Coral Ridge Mall on Friday night, June 12.

FORMER MONTEZUMA RESIDENT

Andrea Farrington, 20

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Andrea Farrington, 20 of Cedar Rapids, formerly of Montezuma, passed away tragically Friday evening,

June 12, 2015 in Coralville, Iowa. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. As was her wish, her body will be cremated following the service. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2015 beginning at 12 p.m. at the Community

Hope Church with the family present to greet family and friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in Andrea's name to be determined at a later date. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcobblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Andrea Farrington, the daughter of David and Cheryl Farrington, was born on June 23, 1994 in Phoenix, Arizona. She graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 2012. After gradu-

ation, Andrea attended Hawkeye Community College, Iowa Valley Community College and Kirkwood Community College before landing her dream job at the Iowa Children's Museum in Iowa City as a playologist and a guest welcome specialist. Andrea absolutely loved her job and working with children. She interacted with everyone; befriending them with her contagious laugh and infectious smile. In 2014, Andrea had double bone jaw surgery that she was very proud of and it changed her life. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Chicago Bears fan. She loved her years of cheerleading, playing loud music, cereal, SnapChat, and above all- car rides with her best friend, Cassie.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Jim Farrington, and two cousins, Tony Farrington and Shawna Hicks.

Andrea is survived by her parents, Dave Farrington of Montezuma and Cheryl Farrington of Grinnell; her sister Cassandra Farrington of Grinnell; her paternal grandmother, Norma Jean Farrington of Montezuma; her maternal grandparents, Leigh and Barb Wilcox of West Des Moines; her special friend, Connor Sirovy; her uncles and aunts, Chad (Tara) Wilcox, Nancy (Walter) Hagist, Alan Farrington, Rebecca (Skip) Fatzinger, Pam (Mike) Bennelli, Scott Farrington, and James Farrington; her cousins; and her many, many friends.

Farrington services set for Wednesday

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MONTENZUMA GRADUATE FATALLY SHOT AT CORAL RIDGE MALL

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A Montezuma High School graduate was the victim of a fatal shooting at the Coral Ridge Mall on Friday, June 12 at Coralville.

Andrea Farrington, 20, a 2012 graduate of Montezuma

High School, was staffing the Iowa Children's Museum kiosk near the food court and carousel at the mall Friday evening at approximately 7:30 p.m. when Alexander Kozak, 22, of North Liberty, shot her multiple times according to a statement issued by Coralville police, the Johnson County Attorney's Office and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

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"It's still so shocking because it's something you never expect to happen here," said Coralville Mayor John Lundell after a press conference. "The whole community, I'm sure, their thoughts and prayers go out to the victim's family."

According to authorities, a Coralville police officer was at the mall responding to an unrelated matter when the officer heard the gunshot being fired and

called for assistance. Multiple witnesses reported hearing and seeing three shots being fired by Kozak. Three 9 MM casings and three fired bullets were recovered from the scene.

Officers located Farrington in the kiosk with multiple gunshot wounds to her torso. She was immediately transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Several witnesses on the scene identified Kozak as the shooter and reported that he had fled the scene in a blue Kia Optima bearing Texas li-

cense plates. The car was stopped on Interstate 80 by an Iowa state trooper and Scott County Sheriff's officer at about 8:30 p.m. and Kozak was taken into custody, according to authorities.

Farrington resided in Cedar Rapids and worked for the Iowa Children's Museum - she was working at the Children's Museum Welcome Center area at the mall when she was shot. According to officials, she had been working for the Children's Museum for just over six months - her dream job according to her family. Kozak has been

charged with Murder in the First Degree and is being held in the Johnson County jail on \$10 million, cash-only bond.

According to reports, police interviewed Kozak who stated he had left the mall, retrieved a gun from his residence in North Liberty. He told police he returned to the mall, intentionally shot the victim in the back three times, then fled.

Kozak was employed as a security officer at the Coral Ridge Mall since late 2014. He had been working at the mall on June 12 prior to the shooting.

According to Johnson County Attorney Janet

Lyness, Farrington and Kozak knew each other only through their work at the mall. Lyness declined to speculate as to Kozak's motive. Lyness said Farrington had not filed any criminal charges against Kozak and couldn't comment on whether Farrington had made any complaints against Kozak.

There have been conflicting reports about whether Kozak had been fired on Friday. However, Ryan Ross, who also works at the kiosk, said he recognized the shooter as a security officer who had been fired earlier in the day. Ross said after he

heard the shots fired, the shooter walked past him, making eye contact before sprinting off.

Funeral services for Farrington will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17 at Community Hope Church in Montezuma.

"Our prayers are with the victim and entire Coralville community," mall officials posted to its Facebook page about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13. "We are cooperating with the Coralville Police Department as it conducts its investigation of this tragedy. The mall will remain closed to the public until further notice."