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Augusta 'Gustie' Pearl Hanson



Augusta "Gustie" Pearl Hanson, the infant daughter of Peter Christopher Hanson and Rebecca Ann Sallee Hanson of Grinnell, was born and died on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7th at the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell with the Rev. Wendy Abrahamson officiating. Pallbearers were Jonathan Hanson and William Sallee. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, and from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Pediatric Palliative Care: Perinatal, or to Tiger Packs, a program to provide food to Grinnell school-children in need, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the Hanson family online at www.smithfh.com.

Gustie's time with her family was brief but filled with love. Inside her mama's belly, she shared stories and songs with her siblings at bedtime, and listened to them laugh and talk with her. She returned their occasional elbow with a good kick back. Nobody was going to push her around. This feisty girl stood her ground.

Her parents knew her challenges would be serious before she was born. She was cared for with determination and compassion by the doctors, nurses and staff of the University of Iowa hospital. She had a strong heart, but her lungs could not sustain her. She died in her mother's arms after two hours of life. She was tended to with love by her parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Gustie is survived by her parents, Peter Hanson and Rebecca Sallee Hanson of Grinnell; her siblings, Thea and Jonathan Hanson of Grinnell; paternal grandparents, Gary and Julie Hanson of Lenexa, Kansas; maternal grandmother, Carol Sallee of Spencer, Wisconsin; paternal aunt and uncle, Siri (Neal) Campbell of Lenexa, Kansas, and Jonathan (Katharine Chang) Hanson of Ann Arbor, Michigan; maternal aunt and uncle, Elizabeth (Robert Bauer) Sallee Bauer of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, and William (Breanne) Sallee of Roseville, Minnesota; and by 11 cousins.

Gustie was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Allan Sallee.