



Leah Andersen

March 25, 1993 - June 28, 2014

Leah Nan Andersen, age 21, Ottertail, Minnesota, entered into the eternal presence of God, on Saturday, June 28, 2014, surrounded by her family and caregivers, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Leah was born on March 25, 1993 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Dave and Diane Andersen. Leah recognized her need for salvation and accepted Jesus Christ into her heart at a young age. She spent many summers at Camp JOY, as camper, counselor and then as summer missionary. She was easily recognized as a young lady who lived, breathed and shared her faith. She grew up with a tremendous love for the country and all animals, especially horses. Leah's hobbies included drawing, reading and picking on her guitar. Leah graduated from high school in 2011 after two years of post secondary online schooling through Northwestern College, became a CNA/TMA at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Battle Lake, Minnesota. She was also employed at Lakewood Health System, Staples, Minnesota. It wasn't very long before the pull of love for animals got her into fulltime work on farms which she enjoyed until the pain of the tumor pulled her away. Leah enjoyed horseback riding and was fortunate to be able to take in a few trail riding ventures in several states. She enjoyed and was an active participant in Mid-MN Tae Kwon Do School in Wadena, Minnesota. Wadena Evangelical Church and its congregation also became an important part of Leah's life.

Leah is survived by her parents, Dave and Diane Andersen, Ottertail, Minnesota; grandparents, Bob & Donna Andersen, Ottertail, Minnesota and Morine Walker, Savannah, Missouri; siblings, Ben (Laura) Andersen, (Grace, Weston, Evelyn, Jack and Silas), Fergus Falls, MN, Zach Andersen (Jon and Noah), Miller, SD, Josh Andersen (Caitlyn), Bertha, MN, David (Melissa) Andersen, (Esther, Caleb, Israel and Abigail), Fergus Falls, MN, Isaac (Carolynn) Andersen (Elizabeth, Isaac and Emily), Bertha, MN, Sam (Martha) Andersen (Chloe and Zoe), Fergus Falls, MN, Joel Andersen, Fargo, ND, Gabe Andersen, Fergus Falls, MN, Ezra Andersen, Fergus Falls, MN, Naomi Andersen, Ottertail, MN, and Hannah Andersen, Ottertail, MN. She is already greatly missed by her special horse, 46, and her Great Dane puppy, Gwen.

A private family burial service in Prairie Cemetery, rural Ottertail, will be held for Leah on Tuesday morning, July 1, 2014. Pallbearers will be Leah's brothers, Ben Andersen, Zach Andersen, Josh Andersen, David Andersen, Isaac Andersen, Sam Andersen, Joel Andersen, Gabe Andersen and Ezra Andersen. Honorary pallbearers will be Leah's sisters, Naomi Andersen and Hannah Andersen.

A public visitation gathering will take place at 2:00 that same afternoon, Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the Wadena Evangelical Church, 419 2nd St. NE, Wadena, Minnesota followed by a 3:00 celebration/memorial service with Pastor Jeff Heisler, Pastor Bert Holmquist and Pastor Dale Heaton officiating.

A special thank you to each person who became an active member of "Team Leah" during her surgery and fight for recovery; praying for her, ministering to her, nursing her, feeding her family and raising money for provisions.

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Kim Lind lit a candle in memory of Leah Andersen*



Kim Lind - July 08, 2014 at 02:05 PM

KL

Although I never met Leah, my heart aches for the family and loved ones of this beautiful young lady. My prayers will be with you in the coming weeks.

Kim Lind - July 08, 2014 at 02:07 PM

KA

“ *To Leah's family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Five of our six kids knew Leah from Camp Joy as a camper or counselor and they all shared good memories. I wish we all would have attended her memorial service yesterday. I heard that it was such a beautiful and strong salvation message. Was it taped at all? You have been on our hearts and minds through the passing of Leah. She touched many young people's hearts for The Lord at Camp Joy. It was such a cold, windy and dreary day in Minnesota yesterday but as I drove into ND last night, saw the most beautiful sunset on the horizon as it dropped below those clouds and thought of Leah entering God's glorious kingdom.
We are praying for you. Love,
Pastor Paul, Kimberly, Maren, Lauren, Lourdes, Clayton, Kjirsten and Bjorn Anderson*

Kimberly Anderson - July 02, 2014 at 06:56 AM

MA

“ *Magaen lit a candle in memory of Leah Andersen*



Magaen - June 30, 2014 at 10:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leah Andersen.*



June 30, 2014 at 07:25 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leah Andersen.*



June 30, 2014 at 06:19 PM

LM

“ Leah and her family,

My heart goes out to all of you. I only knew Leah for a brief time but she touched my heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God has claimed his angel. May she watch over you and provide comfort to you. Sending a hug.

*Lane Magnusson
Public Health Nurse*

Lane Magnusson - June 30, 2014 at 05:54 PM

AB

“ The Andersen family-

I know it was very little of me you've seen. Though the times I spent with Leah were greater than any other. She definately had a way to make you smile, to make you have a great time, to make you a greater person just from her presense. She invited me into her church and the time I spent there (sitting in the pasture eating blossoms- she taught me that) was a time ill never forget. I've had some rough times but every moment spent laughing it up with her was enough to erase the bad. And in the times we weren't together, we would always write letters to eachother. We were SISTERS IN THE LORD, as she would always sign them. She is a wonderful person. Who is now united with Christ, and walks hand in hand with him. She looks over you, and will be your guardian angel. Have great faith in that.

Ashley (winkels) Buchanan - June 30, 2014 at 05:31 PM

AN

“ There are no words to express our sadness with the loss of sweet Leah. May we find strength in the love of family and friends, and happy memories to carry us through this time of sorrow. Leah left her own legacy in the short time we were blessed to have her in our lives, and she will be missed very much.



Amy and Marty Nelson - June 30, 2014 at 05:15 PM

CH

“ Christie (Crabb) Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Leah Andersen



Christie (Crabb) Hennagir - June 30, 2014 at 10:09 AM

LK

“ LaRae Kovar lit a candle in memory of Leah Andersen



LaRae Kovar - June 30, 2014 at 08:28 AM

JT

“ To the family we are so sorry for your great loss. We feel so blessed to have gotten to know Leah and will always think of her especially at branding time and rounding up cattle at our farm she always had a smile and worked hard. I also remember when my father in law got sick and how she helped to care for him when we so needed someone to help. We will truly miss this sweetheart of a young lady.



Jim and Vickie Thompson - June 30, 2014 at 12:31 AM

MP

“ Dave and Diane,

Our hearts grieve with you at this time.

Marty and Barbara Pagano

Marty and Barbara Pagano - June 29, 2014 at 09:57 PM

KF

“ Diane and family, so very sorry for your loss.

Kevin Limle and family - June 29, 2014 at 05:53 PM

VR

“ I'm so very sorry for the lost of your beautiful daughter my prayers are with your family in the sad time.



Vicki Ricklefs - June 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM

PA

“ Ben & family Our Hearts & prayers go out to you all at this time of great loss the Calvin Anderson family

polly anderson - June 29, 2014 at 09:28 AM

PA

“ Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Leah Andersen



polly anderson - June 29, 2014 at 09:23 AM

SK

“ Leah Andersen always had a smile on her face. Her face literally glowed with her love for Jesus Christ.

Susan Kawlewski - June 29, 2014 at 08:53 AM

DO

“ To Leah, family and friends, her special animal friends; sending prayers to everyone. May you find comfort in the treasured memories she created with each life she has touched. What a beautiful, amazing, inspiring young woman, a legacy for others to aspire to. Leah will be missed by so many. May Leah rest in peace and until we all receive the joy of meeting again with our heavenly family. God bless! With my deepest sympathy, Debi (Fansher) ONeal.



Debi oneal - June 29, 2014 at 07:55 AM

TE

“ *I remember when Leah was born she had all if her older brothers willing to do anything for her they treated her like a princess* ”

Teresa - June 29, 2014 at 12:57 AM