

Gwisdalla, Sara C.

Sara Christine Gwisdalla, 17, of Ripley, West Virginia, died peacefully Saturday, November 19, 2005, at The Cleveland Clinic. She is the daughter of Gary and Jane Miller Gwisdalla of Ripley, West Virginia. She was born January 25, 1988 in Hurricane, West Virginia. Sara was a senior at Ripley High School, where she was ranked fourth in her class. She was a member of FFA, Rough Riders 4-H Group, Teen Leaders, Student Council, National Honor Society, MU Alpha Theta, and an AP scholar. She was a member of HOBY, where she was an ambassador and later a counselor. She loved horses and was a member of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association, Jackson County Horse Club, and also a member of National Horse Judging Team, where her team came in 10th in the nation. She was also a Viking Buddy. Sara was very community minded, and assisted in Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and Toys for Tots. In 2004, she was first runner-up in the Jackson County Junior Fair Pageant. In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister, Nickie Gwisdalla of Ripley, West Virginia; a half-brother, Jonathon Graham; and maternal grandmother, Margaret Miller, and paternal grandmother, Joyce Gwisdalla, both of Ugly. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harry Miller and Eugene Gwisdalla. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, 2005, at the Calvary United Methodist Church, corner of North and Court Streets in Ripley, West Virginia, with the Rev. Charles Hicks officiating. Friends are invited to join the family in a tribute to the life of Sara from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley, West Virginia. Parsons Waybright Funeral Home, Ripley, West Virginia, is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, people can donate to the Sara Gwisdalla Fund United Bank, 113 East North Street, Ripley, West Virginia 25271, c/o Becky Mullins, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York 10605.