



Alexandria Ann Hermstad

August 22, 1993 - February 14, 2011

Alexandria "Alex" Hermstad, age 17, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Monday, February 14, 2011 peacefully at her home in Storm Lake. Alexandria Ann Hermstad was born August 22, 1993 at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Cherokee, Iowa, the daughter of Jeff Hermstad and Lori (Hadden) Hermstad. On December 12, 1993, Alex was baptized at the First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids, Iowa and later confirmed on May 4, 2008 at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, where she served as an acolyte. Growing up, Alex attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School, and Storm Lake Community Schools in Storm Lake. Alex enjoyed riding horses, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and boating. She loved playing softball, basketball and volleyball. Alex enjoyed having fun with her friends and family; especially her twin sister, Jaci. She had an infectious sense-of-humor and enjoyed practical jokes. She found pleasure in practicing skills such as wrapping and splinting as she had aspirations to become an orthopedist. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Alex loved life as evident from her strong determination to fight her lengthy illness. Alex will forever be remembered as; "Unable to move, but moving hearts, moving souls, and inspiring lives every day". She stated that she never wanted anyone to feel sorry for her. Her strength gave us strength, her faith gave us faith, her hope gave us hope, and her love brought us love. Alex's site was known as "Angels For Alex" it is now known as, "Alex, our Angel." Those left to cherish her memory include her mother, Lori (Hadden) Hermstad and twin sister, Jaci Hermstad of Storm Lake, Iowa, father, Jeff

Hermstad of Storm Lake, Iowa; maternal grandparents, Dave and Jean Hadden of Storm Lake, Iowa; paternal grandmother, Colleen Hermstad of Spencer, Iowa; uncles and aunts: Mike Hadden of Indianola, Iowa; Terri (Bruce) Groen of Spencer, Iowa; Scott (Renee) Hadden of Victoria, Minnesota; Brad (Heidi) Hermstad of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Mike Hermstad of Spencer, Iowa; Tim Hermstad of Marathon, Iowa; cousins: Kady and Brody Groen of Spencer, Iowa; Ashley and Amanda Hadden of Victoria, Minnesota; Heather and Hayley of Hartley, Iowa; Grayson and Kayley of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; extended family and many friends. Alex was preceded in death by her grandfather, Milo Hermstad; uncle, Bruce Hermstad; and aunt, Denise Kleaveland.