

OBITUARIES

Amy Elizabeth Farrell, 21

Amy Elizabeth Farrell, 21, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene from injuries she received in an accident in Bonners Ferry.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in Becker Auditorium at Bonners Ferry High School. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry.

Amy was born Oct. 28, 1987, in Sandpoint.

She moved with her family to Oregon in 1988 and lived there for 8 years. Amy returned to Bonners Ferry in 1996 and graduated from Bonners Ferry High School in 2005.

Amy lived a very active high school life with sports and particularly choir.

She was in several choirs throughout her high school years including general choir, jazz choir, honors choir, All Northwest Choir, a select woman choir that performed in China and Wild Mountain Thyme.



Cinderella on stage before heading off to college.

After high school she went to Hollywood in southern California to the American Musical And Dramatic Academy, which is an audition-only specialty school. Amy graduated early because she went straight through the summer sessions.

She then began the long hard process of "how do I fit in this industry?" Amy kept the high road in an industry that is brutal on precious young souls.

She played background parts, extras, modeled and had recording sessions with Andy Zulla, who is one of the top producer/mixers in the music industry.

Amy participated on stage in Fiddler On The Roof as daughter Hodel. She also played lead as a wonderful

Amy spent much of this year working with children while she continued to network in the acting/modeling/music industry. The families she was involved with have become extended family with her.

Amy had a way of infecting people she was involved with through her love, forgiveness and acceptance. They all fell in love with her.

Amy lived a full and consistent life. She was always cheerful, loved to sing and loved everybody. She had a smile that stood out to all who knew her.

Amy knew no boundaries with her social network. Her friendships were all special and they included all ages of people. She especially loved children and any family she became involved with loved her as their own.

Perhaps Amy summed up her life best with her blurb on her Myspace:

About Me:

I am a small town girl.

I love laughing.

I am a Christian.

I have the most amazing and supportive family I could ask for.

My friends mean the world to me.

I am in love with my boyfriend. He is amazing.

Home is where the heart is — Idaho.

Amy passed away on Nov. 29, 2008, and the heavens have received a beautiful soul.

Amy is survived by her parents, Joe and Nancy, sisters Johanna and Janet, brother Jeff, aunts Bonnie Rossi and Susan Pattison, uncles Tom Keller and Gordon Martinelli, great aunt Kathy Martin, cousins Michael and Jennifer Rossi, Chessy Stiponov, Megan Robins, Jessie Pattison, Jason Schmidt, and John, Eric and Emily Martinelli.

Bonners Ferry Rotary club is establishing a permanent Amy Farrell Memorial Scholarship Fund For The Performing Arts for the high school.