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Kjestine Saunders

Funeral services for Kjestine Saunders, two years, 11 months old, were held at the First Christian Church in Sandpoint on Friday, August 5, 2005.

Kjestine died along with her mother and father July 29, 2005 of injuries sustained in a vehicle collision on U.S. 95 south of Bonners Ferry.

Kjestine was born in Bonners Ferry August 20, 2002, the daughter of Tabitha Saunders and Bart Bartron, both of whom were also killed in the collision. Her sister, Lyssa Saunders, two months old, was critically injured, but is recovering with the love of her extended family.

Kjestine was a bright little girl who loved bringing out the laughter of everyone she was around. Like her Mommy, she loved books. She loved Winnie the Pooh, Scooby Doo and the "Lord of the Rings" movies.

She also loved playing with her plastic food and dishes. Kjestine would give everyone in the room a plate and cup, and proceed to provide "food and drink," continuing until everyone had their fill. Like her mother and grandmother, she had to make sure everyone was satisfied.

She also loved the family pets, and fed them all the time. They, too, had to eat until they were full, or Kjestine wouldn't be happy, and most often, they were grateful for her attention. She loved dining out, and on getting in the car, her first word was invariably, "Eat!"

Kjestine loved her little bicycle, drawing and coloring.

She was a delightful child who touched everyone who knew her, and while she was only here for a short time, she will be missed forever.

In addition to those who survived her mother, Kjestine is survived by her grandparents, Glen and Fern Bartron; aunt April (Bartron) Mooney and husband Justin, great-uncle Don Bartron Jr., and great grandparents Don H. Bartron Sr. and Emma Lehman.