



Riley Hope Duerstock

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Riley Hope Duerstock, age 21, of Batesville, Indiana passed away Monday, September 11, 2023 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana. Born September 3, 2002 in Decatur County, Indiana, she is the daughter of Jill (Nee: Blair) and Deron Duerstock. Riley was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church, a 2021 graduate of Batesville High School, and was currently a student at the University of Indianapolis.

Riley was a beloved daughter, sister, niece, cousin, granddaughter, friend, and girlfriend. In her short life, she had already touched the lives of many with her selfless ways. As an example, at the age of 16, she took her first ever airplane flight alone all the way to Ghana in Africa on a medical internship, tending to people suffering from leprosy and to poor mothers and their ill children. Later, she donated her eggs to women unable to conceive. Currently, she was in her 3rd year of nursing school at the University of Indianapolis with hopes of becoming a flight nurse. And now, in her final hours, she has given the ultimate gift of life to the three recipients of her organs. Riley was bright, independent, and hardworking, helping at Mrs. Ryker's Preschool from the age of 12, working at and later managing Dottie's Bulk Foods throughout high school, and most recently, starting "Hope's Homemade Fudge" and simultaneously working as a CNA at Margaret Mary Community Hospital and in the laundry room at Decatur County Memorial Hospital. She is remembered as an adventurous, loyal, ambitious, kindhearted, humble, strong, and fun young woman. She loved her family, her dogs, her array of plants, crocheting, painting, and quiet nights at home with her boyfriend, Jarrod. She was a beautiful, bright light and will be dearly missed.

Riley is survived by her parents Deron and Jill of Batesville; brother Ryan Duerstock of Batesville; maternal grandmother Janet Blair of Oldenburg, Indiana; boyfriend Jarrod Nichols of Osgood, Indiana; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather Lloyd Blair; paternal grandparents Norb and Ruth Duerstock; uncle Steve Wintz; and cousin Jason Wintz.



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Visitation is Tuesday, September 19th, from 4-7 p.m., at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville, with Fr. John Meyer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Riley Duerstock Nursing Scholarship Fund or the Ronald McDonald House of Michiana, 610 North Michigan Street, Suite 31, South Bend, Indiana 46601.



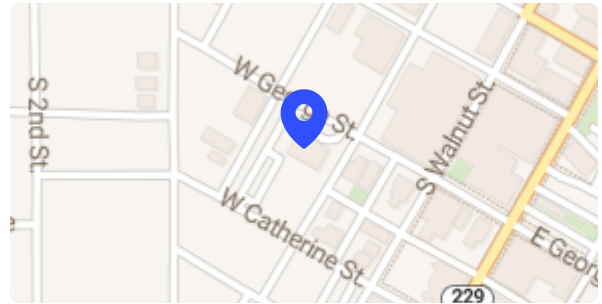
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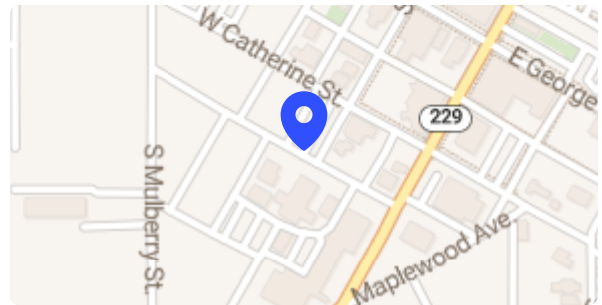
Visitation

- Tuesday**, September 19, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



Mass of Christian Burial

- Wednesday**, September 20, 2023
- 11:00 AM ET
- St. Louis Church**
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006





Tribute Wall

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The Borgman Family posted:

Riley was such an amazing and upbeat person. She loved my children as if they were her own. She will be greatly missed by so many. Prayers that God brings peace and healing to all her mourn her loss. Fly high beautiful.

September 19 at 10:09 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Riley.



September 19 at 8:23 AM



Jared And Amber Burkhart planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Riley.



September 19 at 7:27 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Duerstock family.



September 19 at 6:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Duerstock family.



September 18 at 3:33 PM



Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Riley.



September 18 at 2:46 PM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Duerstock family.

September 18 at 7:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Duerstock family.

September 18 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Duerstock family.

September 17 at 3:09 PM



Delana Meadows lit a candle in honor of Riley.

Riley will be very missed. She and I worked at Mrs.Ryker preschool together and I got to know her well . We liked alot of the same things.sending prayers to the family for strength and love.

September 17 at 6:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Duerstock family.

September 16 at 8:29 PM



Mellonne S Gillman lit a candle in honor of Riley.

Mellonne Gillman lit a candle in memory of Riley Duerstock

September 16 at 7:12 PM





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JL

Jenny Lents posted:

When I had Riley as a student at St. Louis School, she was quiet, but her smile lit up the room. Riley had the kindest heart and she had a natural inclination towards helping others. She was taken too soon, but Riley left her mark on the lives of so many, and she won't be forgotten. My prayers and deepest sympathies to the Duerstock and Nichols families.

September 16 at 6:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Duerstock family.



September 16 at 5:27 PM

BH

Brenner Hanna posted:

Riley was my first friend growing up, knowing her since I was about 4-5 years old if I had to guess. I remember playing during summers and after school at my Grandma's house, having the best time with her, Ryan, and my sister. I had my first sleepover ever at her house. When my Grandma passed in 2019 I remember being at the visitation and we were able to talk about our memories and catch up on how our lives were going. She made me feel understood in the way I felt after the loss of a family member, and it felt like no time had passed at all since we were little. Then again, I saw her in Batesville a year or so back and once again we caught up and shared how our lives were going. I'm going to miss Riley so, so much, but just wanted to focus on the good memories we've had over the years. She was the sweetest, most caring, and best friend that I could've asked to grow up beside. I love her so much, and I know I'll see her again someday.

September 16 at 4:41 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Riley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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