

Katherine Walsh

Katherine Haley Walsh, born in Plano, Texas on June 7, 2001, was killed in a tragic accident involving a drunk driver on April 24, 2019. She was to graduate from Frisco Centennial High school in June 2019 and had plans to attend Henderson State University after graduation. Katie had been accepted to the Honors College at Henderson and was to be a collegiate athlete playing for the Henderson Reddie softball team. Katie had aspirations of attending Veterinary Medicine School at Texas A&M University after completing the Honors program at Henderson State.

She is survived by her parents, Patrick and Melanie Walsh, and sister, Abigail Walsh of Frisco, Texas; maternal grandmother Violet Person of George West, Texas; paternal grandfather Robert Walsh of Sugarland, Texas. She also leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather Dickie Person and paternal grandmother Ellen Walsh.

Katie was an outgoing, fun loving, yet very competitive person. Her competitive nature was most evident while playing the sport she loved, softball. She played for her school as well as playing for the American Freedom Softball organization. While doing that Katie has formed friendships all across the country attending tournaments. One of the things she was most proud of while playing for the Centennial team was the opportunity she had to mentor and lead younger student athletes as they entered the program. While she had high expectations of her teammates, she was also very protective of them and took great pride in their accomplishments. Katie was always her team's most vocal and proud member.

While her sport was very important to her Katie enjoyed her friendships most in life. Katie had the ability to relate and become friends with everyone. She took a true interest in their lives, interests, and activities. She had the ability to love deeply, be open and honest, and would have been one of those friends for life relationships. She had one of those "never met a stranger" personalities. Many of Katie's closest friendships today are ones that she formed in elementary school. Katie was often described as having an "old soul". This was evident in the maturity she displayed over and over again in her athletics, her friendships, and in her everyday life situations. Her caring and compassion ran very deep and will certainly be missed by those that knew and loved her. She truly wanted everyone she cared about to be happy and healthy.

Katie enjoyed spending time with her friends, watching movies and spending time with her two dogs, Charlie and Bear.

Katie Walsh was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Frisco.

A memorial service will be held at Centennial High School on Thursday, April 25, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the local SPCA or Mothers against Drunk Driving.