

Sydney Freshwater Obituary

Sydney Freshwater, born in Dallas, Texas on November 6, 2000, was killed in a tragic accident involving a drunk driver on April 25, 2019. Sydney would have graduated from Centennial High School this June, and had plans to attend the University of Oklahoma. She is survived by her parents Jeff and Amy Freshwater, her loving sister Shelby Freshwater, her grandmother Linda Hoebbel, grandmother Cheryl Heiny, and many aunts, uncles and cousins including her cousin Sophie Smith, who was like a sister to her.

Sydney was one of those kids who simply loved life and was well-liked by everyone she met. She spent most of her childhood and teen years playing competitive volleyball and through the sport she made countless friends across the country. Those friends are hurting today because they will never have a chance to hear Sydney's infectious laugh or to be blessed by her fun, loving spirit.

Sydney's other passion was Young Life. Through that organization she found a certain peace and tranquility to her life. She has always had a servant's heart and her involvement with Young Life made her happy. The guidance and support she received from the Young Life leaders will never be forgotten.

Sydney loved to travel and in her short life she was blessed to have visited several countries and a good portion of the US. Traveling suited her sense of adventure and although we will always have the photos to remind us of the beautiful memories from our vacations, we will never have the chance to finish Sydney's travel bucket list of visiting Hawaii, Fiji and Europe.

Sydney never let anyone tell her she couldn't do something. If she wanted it, she put 110% effort into it. She was a driven and determined young woman that had an amazing future in store for her. We wish she could have willed herself to survive the horrific accident that took her from us way too soon, but God had other plans for her. And while we don't understand why her time on earth was cut short, we can only hope that her death will serve as a reminder to everyone that knew her to think twice before drinking and driving.

Because of one selfish act by another human being, we will never have the chance to see our baby girl graduate from high school. We will not get to experience the excitement of moving her into the dorm, or hear all about college and sorority life. We will not watch her earn a degree from OU or beam with pride as she becomes an Oncologist. We will never shed tears of joy as she prepares for her wedding or welcomes her first child into the world. Instead we are shedding tears of sorrow as we prepare to say goodbye to our baby girl.

We will forever have a void in our lives that will never be filled. Our hope is that something good will come out of this tragedy. Instead of a visitation we would like everyone that knew Sydney to do this one thing to honor her memory: We want everyone to close their eyes for 60 seconds and think about your favorite memory of Sydney. Whether it's a funny story, a childhood memory or perhaps something you always wish you would have said and never did. The paramedics told us that Sydney survived the initial impact, but because of the extensive injuries she died within the first minute. So as your eyes are closed and you are thinking about happy memories with Sydney, please remember how quickly life can change in 60 seconds.

A memorial service will be held at Centennial High School on Thursday, April 25, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Frisco Young Life or Mothers Against Drunk Driving.