

Emily Ray Parent was born on October 29, 1999, to David and Shannon (White) Parent in Fridley, Minnesota. In 2004, the family moved from Blaine to Alexandria. Emily enjoyed playing tennis and loved singing in the choir during high school. She was very studious and graduated from Alexandria High School in 2018 with honors.

After high school, Emily attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall for elementary education. Emily started working at Angelina's which she referred to as her "Angie's family" while in high school and continued working there on weekends when she came back home. This past year she started working at Solutions as a behavioral interventionist with autistic children. She dedicated her life to helping autistic children and changed her degree to special education.

Emily accepted Christ at a young age she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus. She enjoyed spending time fishing with her Dad and shopping with her Mom and sisters, singing karaoke to anyone that would listen, camping, and playing board games. Emily always took an interest in what others were doing and loved helping people. She loved her family and friends and wanted to be near them. Emily will be remembered for her beautiful smile, contagious laugh and positive attitude. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

Emily died of natural causes at Alomere Health in Alexandria at the age of 21. She is survived by her parents, David and Shannon Parent of Alexandria; sisters, Ashley White of Alexandria and Kayla Parent of Menahga; maternal grandmother, Patricia Struck of Chanhassen; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephew, Dawson; and friends. Emily is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, John and Ludmilla (Mille) Parent; and maternal grandfather, Charles White.

Memorials can be made to the family and will be used to positively impact the lives of autistic children that Emily dedicated her life to helping.



Our Family Chain

*We little knew that morning
That God would call your name.
In life we loved you dearly;
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

In Memory of **Emily Ray Parent**

October 29, 1999



November 1, 2020

Memorial Service
Alexandria Covenant Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, November 6, 2020
1:00 PM

Officiant
Reverend John LeVahn

Musician
Keith Martinson

Honorary Urn Bearers

Dawson Parent	Lexi Bear
Chealsey Klimek	Jackson White
Ellie Mae	Katie Wussow

Inurnment
Lake Ida Cemetery
Ida Township, Douglas County, Minnesota