



Jena Jespersen

August 4, 1988 - May 16, 2010

Jena Lynn Jespersen, 21, Bismarck, was called home to spend eternity with Jesus on May 16, 2010, as a result of a severe heart condition. Services will be held at 10:00 am Friday at Grace Lutheran Brethren Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Al Shaner officiating. Burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. She was born in Spearfish, SD, to Brent and Cindy Bowman Jespersen on August 4, 1988. Until the age of eleven, Jena lived in Belle Fourche, SD. At that time she moved with her family to Bismarck, ND, where she resided until her passing. Jena graduated from Bismarck High School in 2007. She attended UND, then attended Dickinson State through Bismarck State where she received her Associates degree in Accounting in 2009. Jena was currently working toward her Bachelors Degree. She recently completed her internship at Raak and Associates and was currently employed with Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center as a CNA. Jena enjoyed caring for others and was a role model for anyone that knew her. She had a gift for making people laugh. Jena took pleasure in music, singing, and was proud to be part of the Governor's Choir 2007. She loved the outdoors where she thoroughly enjoyed being with family and friends, spending time traveling, camping, and hunting. Jena was looking forward to becoming an aunt this fall. At age 13, Jena was diagnosed with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. Jena

underwent many procedures at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She was recently placed on the heart transplant list. Throughout all this, Jena always had a smile and kept a positive attitude. Jena will be greatly missed by her parents, Brent and Cindy Jespersen, Bismarck; her sisters, Laura Jespersen, Bismarck, Alicia Jeremy Stahr, Ogden, IA, and Letitia Jespersen Matt Dominick, Humboldt, IA; and her grandparents, Bert and Luella Jespersen, Antler. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Donald and Alice Bowman.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Brent & Cindy and Family, Our hearts are with you all and we pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you with peace beyond all understanding that only He can give.*

Lon and Vicki Reukauf - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dear Brent, Cindy, and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Jena's Passing. When Kimmie heard the awful news, we were all truly saddened. We all remember her as the little girl with a smile on her face and that sweet quality that is sometimes so rare in kids today. May Gods strength and your wonderful memories of Jena help you through this terrible time. Just remember all your old friends from Belle Fourche care and are grieving with you. God Bless, Brenda and Allen Steiger Kimmie and Derek Swanson*

Brenda Steiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *So sorry to hear of Jena. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the Lord bless you all at this time.*

Angie Ross - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Im sorry about your lost. I went to high school with her and hang out with her for a long time. She was a really good friend to me. It was always fun to hang out with her and always something to talk about when we were together. Shes going to be greatly missed. I'll always have your family in my prayers.*

Ashley Likness - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jena. Know that we are praying for you as you celebrate her life. May God bless you.

Kirsten and Jeremy Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Brent, Cindy, and family. I was very sadden to hear about the passing of Jena. Since I worked with Brent I never knew Jena all that much but what I heard from talking with her father, I knew she was a good kind hearted young lady. Working with Brent was just like what everyone is saying about Jena, coming to work with a smile and always friendly and very kind. Take care and remember that you have someone very special looking over you.

Tyler J. Kinn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Jena was and will always be my best friend!! I love you all and God be with you!

Samantha Kokesh - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“Brent & Cindy, Laura, Alicia & Jeremy, and Letitia & Matt, Words cannot describe how deeply sorry I am for Jena's passing. I know how much she meant to each one of you and how much she will continue to mean to all of you. She was really an inspiration!! May you hold close all the precious memories of her! Praying for all of you continuously!! Jena's older sisters and I went to college together and have been good friends since. I remember one spring break when Alicia and Letitia took me to their home in North Dakota to stay the week with their family. One of my first "welcomings" was when Jena and her grandfather had me put a funnel down my pants and try to flip a coin into the funnel, using my forehead. As I was trying to do this, Jena poured water into the funnel and soaked my pants! Jena always was having fun, no matter who she was with! I can just picture her smile right now...you never saw her without.

Andrea - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“I am so sorry to hear about Jena's passing. Jena was a classmate of mine both at BHS and UND. She had such a passion for learning. She had even a bigger passion for her loved ones. She was always talking about activities she had planned with her sisters and other family members. She was such a trooper through her entire battle with her heart condition, I don't know how she kept going some times. My heart goes out to you during this difficult time.

Jen Goettle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ You have our deepest sympathy on this sad occasion. It is always difficult to lose a loved one, but it is particularly sad with one so young. As Jena's Calculus instructor for one semester, I was unaware that she had such serious health problems. She was always cheerful and never asked for any special favors, but always seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. All of us could learn from her. We are praying for all of you that God will help you through this difficult time.

Don Bigwood - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Jespersen family. May God help comfort and guide the family during this time of sorrow.

Kent Heinle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Brent, Cindi, and the rest of your family, I am so sorry to read of Jena's passing--what a shock. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and may God comfort you through this tragic time. Margaret

Margaret Renbarger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Jenna was an AMAZING young woman. Her smile and optimism for the future was outstanding. Her friendly smile. Her whole being as a person, filled the room with cheer. Everyone she cared for at work enjoyed and loved her. Jenna will be missed by many. I am looking forward to seeing her again in Heave.

Stacey Berthiaume - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Jenna was our intern over tax season, just couldnt believe the smile she had everytime she came to work. The courage she had was an inspiration to all of us at work. I sat and talked to Jenna about her illness and she was so positive and looking forward to graduating college. Jenna you made it, you crunch them numbers up in heaven for us so when we get there wont have to find that one penny off! You will be a friend in my heart forever. Thank you for showing me what couragous means for a woman.

Cindy Gullickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I am writing this for my mom, Lenora Juhala, who is disabled and lives at Missouri Slope LCC. When I spoke to her on the phone, she told me of Jena's death and talked of what a truly nice person she was. Mom, who is now 96, was very saddened that such a young and wonderful person is gone. Lenora Juhala by Janice Juhala Marko

Lenora Juhala - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM