



Mackenzie Taylor Stuart, known to her friends and family as Mac, Kenz, Kenzie or just Z, died January 22, 2011, at the age of 21 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Mackenzie was born July 14, 1989, in Fargo, ND, to Greg and Carolyn Stuart. She was homeschooled through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She attended South Dearborn High School and graduated in 2007. She received many awards and honors at South Dearborn but was most proud to receive The Cindy McGraw memorial Athletic Scholarship which honors a female student who demonstrated leadership, sportsmanship and a positive attitude in female athletics. In high school she earned high academic honors and was awarded a Lilly Scholarship. A senior at Butler University in Indianapolis, she was one semester away from graduating with majors in Computer Science and Mathematics. Mackenzie was an excellent and hard-working student. While at Butler she was Vice President of the Math Club, was involved in the Science Club and volunteered at the Humane Society.

Mackenzie was a very athletic young woman. She played youth soccer in Aurora, ran cross country and track for South Dearborn and played on Butler's women's club soccer team. In her youth she practiced karate and earned the Bronze award in Venturing. In track, she was a four-year letter winner and qualified for the state meet twice. She was also a ten-year member of 4-H and a four-year member of South Dearborn's academic team. In 4-H her favorite project was Cats and she won grand champion Cat 6 straight years with 5 different family cats. During her freshman year she qualified for the State Academic Meet on the same team with her sister Madison.

Mackenzie always had one creative idea or another. One day she might be filming magic shows with her brother, Sean. Another day she would be knitting, drawing, writing, or sewing. There was always something new on her plate. An accomplished pianist who also loved to sing, she had been involved in the Young Voices chorus since its inception. Mackenzie was a juggler and could juggle balls, clubs and rings and was just beginning to learn the diabolo. She loved to watch movies and was a voracious

reader. Although a quiet and reserved person, Mackenzie kept her family laughing with her a zany and offbeat sense of humor.

Survived by:

Parents, Gregory and Carolyn Mann Stuart of Aurora; younger brother Sean, older sister Madison (husband Ben Eisen) of Chicopee, Massachusetts; grandparents Norm and Sue Stuart of Indianapolis and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Rullman Funeral Home, Aurora, is in charge of arrangements. A memorial visitation will be held at the Aurora Lions Club building on Sunday, January 30 from 2-6 pm.

Memorials can be made to South Dearborn's Dollars for Scholars.

Mackenzie's obituary photo:



Mackenzie's obituary photo was cropped from the photo at right of Z and her friend Katie Wainwright, both then Juniors at Butler, during the festivities at the 2010 NCAA Basketball Championship game while the Final Four was in Indianapolis – Butler's home town. They were 2 of the 600 Butler students that got tickets in the Butler student section. While Mackenzie was taking the photo at left, an Indy Star staff photographer was taking the photo at right at the exact same moment. This photo appeared in the Indy Star's online coverage of the game. Permission was granted from the Indy Star to use their photo.