

Jordan Nelsen, 21

Oct. 8, 1980 – Aug. 9, 2002

AVOCA – Jordan Leigh Nelsen, daughter of Frank Nelsen and Ann (Peters) Mitchell, was born Oct. 8, 1980, in Atlantic. She grew up in Walnut, Elk Horn and Avoca and graduated from AHST Community High School in Avoca, in 1999. She was very active in high school, participating in many drama productions and cheerleading; however, she excelled in and enjoyed her music and athletic endeavors most of all.

After graduation, she continued her education at Mount Saint Claire State in Clinton, before moving back to Avoca, where she worked at various jobs in the area, most recently at Ci Direct in Harlan. Throughout her life, she was passionate about people and animals, especially her dogs, Kane and Kiesha. Jordan and her dogs were involved in an automobile accident east of Elk Horn, Aug. 9, 2002. She was taken to Nebraska Health Systems in Omaha, NE, where she was pronounced dead Aug. 10, 2002, at age 21 years, 10 months and two days.

Preceding Jordan in death were her grandparents, Emmert and Margaret Nelsen and Virginia Peters. Jordan's dog, Kane, died with her in the accident. Jordan is survived by her father, Frank Nelsen of Avoca; mother, Ann (Rich) Mitchell of Elk Horn; brother, Josh Nelsen of Tampa, FL; grandfather, Eugene Peters of Huron, SD; very special friend, Josh Hemminger of Elk Horn; 'second family', the Darald Larsens of Walnut; aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives & her Kiesha.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 2002, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Honorary casket bearers were her many friends. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.