

Danielle Gaertner De Agostini

March 21, 1993 ~ April 23, 2022

Danielle Gaertner De Agostini was born March 21, 1993, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was 29 when we lost her on April 23, 2022, in a plane crash in Cedar City, Utah. Her boyfriend, Thomas Eatchel, was also onboard along with his brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Lindsay Eatchel. Danielle is survived by her parents, Henrique and Ana De Agostini, her brothers, JR (and his wife Whitney De Agostini), Felipe De Agostini, and her sister Alessandra (and her husband Teancum Quist). She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Seattle Washington from 2013 - 2014.

Danielle was preparing to walk at her graduation from the University of Utah next week. She had just completed her bachelor's degree in English, which many know was one of her passions. She was a wordsmith who would devour books and could write with so much insight it made you feel smarter just by hanging out with her.

If you read the posts dedicated to Danielle over Facebook this past week there are a few things you will read over and over again. Everyone talks about how her laughter was infectious, about how she would light up any room she walked into, and how she was everybody's friend. They would also often say she was the life of the party, and remark on how witty and brilliant she was.

As far her hobbies go, she was proud of being an absolute nerd and made no effort to hide it. You could often find her all dressed up at midnight movie premiers. She had a passion for solving problems and looked at so many challenges in life as a puzzle. She would often be found with a computer, watch, or other gadget cracked open and being analyzed. She would find solutions to technical problems that most of us would pay someone else to fix if we didn't just throw out the equipment to begin with.

She had a strong and distinctive style--in everything she wore, hung on her walls, drew, sculpted, said, and wrote. She was never the kind of person who sat and hoped for something better to come around the corner. She went after the things she wanted, and simply got them, with the understanding that life is meant to be enjoyed, not only endured.

There was a time after she served her mission that life wasn't easy for Danielle. She suffered from social, physical, and mental health problems, including anxiety and depression. For years she put on a brave face for so many of us. But she worked hard to be better and to embrace her life. As we went through her things this past week, we found a letter she wrote to herself as she was taking inventory at the end of last year that ended with the line: "Anyhow, you're currently in your most natural state of being both a simultaneous emotional wreck and also crushing it on the outside."

In the months preceding her passing, she spoke about how she was the happiest she had ever been. She was in love with, and felt completely loved by, Tom Eatchel. They were in a relationship that they both actively worked on

and were planning on being sealed in the temple soon. She was checking off all her goals one by one. She found so much joy in serving the people around her and loved to make fun of her father and sister when they asked for help navigating any kind of technology or editing papers.

In the days before she left us, she was often found dancing in the kitchen and singing at the top of her lungs. And as she mused about her elation, Danielle asked her mother more than once if she thought this happiness could last forever. Because of her testimony of the Savior Jesus Christ and knowledge of the Plan of Salvation, we believe that she indeed found a way to make happiness last forever.

Services to remember Danielle:

Celebration of Life to be held Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 10:00 AM MST.
11570 S. Wasatch Blvd., Sandy, UT 84092

The event will also be streamed on YouTube, at this link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Av8HwvlLjCRvTqtP2o44A/live

A memorial in Danielle's honor will be held directly after for those attending in person.