

Emmalynn Thair Herbstritt

May 15, 2001 ~ November 12, 2022

Our darling and energetic Emmalynn Thair Herbstritt passed away after a canyoneering accident about 1:45 pm on Saturday, November 12, 2022, in Grand County, Utah.

Emmalynn was born on May 15, 2001, at the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, California to Bryan and Misty Herbstritt, making her an adorable little Marine Corps brat. At the tender age of 2 weeks, she moved with her parents to Salt Lake City, Utah, a place she would call home the remainder of her short life. She is the firstborn of three children.

She spent her freshman year at Brighton High School and graduated from East High School, playing on the ice hockey team of each high school. Hockey was a huge part of her life. She played at the recreation level before playing on many competitive teams, finishing her time in Utah playing on the Utah Lady Grizz 19U team, the premier girls' team in Utah. She was awarded the coveted Art Teece Young Lady MVP in 2019, her senior year of high school.

After graduation, she ventured to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to attend Northern Michigan University. She played for the women's NMU hockey team that was USA Hockey Nationals Bound after winning regionals undefeated until Covid shut down the hockey world. She returned home a few months early to finish her first collegiate year online due to Covid.

She chose to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her original assignment was to Canada Montreal, French-speaking. Due to Covid she was "temporarily" assigned to the Idaho Idaho Falls mission, where she served the entirety of her mission. She spent nine months in Salmon, Idaho – her heaven on Earth.

Upon returning from her mission, she took advantage of the opportunity to fulfill her lifelong dream of working in Moab, Utah. She landed a position with the Moab Adventure Center. She quickly fell in love with Moab making many friends that she quickly called family. While working full-time at the MAC she trained to become a river guide and canyoneering guide for Western River Expeditions. She treasured her thrill-seeking adventures with her tight-knit MAC/WRE family.

Due to a tragic accident, she passed away while working as a canyoneering guide on the Morning Glory Arch trail.

She followed in the steps of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as she strived to love all she met. She inspired all who knew her. She was a source of strength to many. She was fiercely competitive with a heart of gold. She was an angel on Earth. Emmalynn was a wonderful example of righteous living to those around her, especially her many young cousins. She will be sorely missed by all.

She is survived by her parents, Bryan and Misty Herbstritt, her brother, Bentley, and sister, Audrey; grandparents Robert and Margaret Herbstritt, Karl Bartell, Barbara Armstrong, and Clint and Lorraine Searle; and many aunts,

uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Roxann Bartell, and a grandfather, Rock Armstrong.

Funeral services will be held Monday, November 21, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Indian Hills Ward Building, 1320 Wasatch Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84108. A visitation will be held at the church the night prior, Sunday, November 20, 2022, from 6-9 pm and the day of the service at the church from 9:30-10:45 am. Graveside service at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E Dimple Dell Rd, Sandy, UT 84092. A family luncheon will be held after the interment.

If you are unable to attend the services, you may watch the recorded service by clicking on the blue "Watch Services" button above.