

Gwen Ann Brockbank Gunn

October 9, 1998 ~ April 4, 2023

Gwen is a Miracle

Gwen Ann Brockbank Gunn passed away unexpectedly on April 4, 2023 at the tender age of 24 from a pulmonary embolism. Gwen was born October 9, 1998 in Murray, Utah to Harold Grant and Lori Ann Prince Brockbank. She is the youngest of six children and the only daughter. She grew up in Murray where she attended school, was an excellent student, and was honored as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2017. Following high school, Gwen attended Brigham Young University. She graduated in December 2022 with her B.S. in Family Sciences/Human Development.

When Gwen was 14, she was diagnosed with idiopathic aplastic anemia. She underwent chemotherapy, experienced multiple hospitalizations, received a bone marrow transplant and quarantined at home for a year. Despite these challenges, Gwen was full of optimism, always smiling and looking for ways to lift and help others. She befriended other patients at Primary Children's Hospital and would send messages of love, inspiration and encouragement. She remained friends with many of the staff and was able to work with them during her Child Life Practicum this year.

After her own experience of battling a medical illness as a teenager, Gwen always had a special place in her heart for other kids facing childhood disease. She was blessed with countless incredible experiences through Make-A-Wish as a Wish Kid and Wish Granter and always went out of her way to help, support, encourage and inspire others.

Gwen's eternally optimistic outlook on life was rooted in her love for and faith in Jesus Christ. She loved to share Christ's light with everyone through a kind word, a smile, a hug, a handmade gift, a thoughtful card, a heartfelt message or a paper rose. Gwen served as a Spanish speaking missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Maryland Baltimore Mission from January 2018 to July 2019. She loved her mission and everyone she interacted with or served alongside. Beyond her missionary service, Gwen was a true disciple who attracted others to Christ through her example. She was a friend to everyone, especially those who felt excluded or alone.

While Make-A-Wish helped Gwen become a princess for a day as a teenager, her fairytale dreams became reality when she met her real-life prince charming in July 2021. Gwen married Ryan LaMarr Gunn on June 18, 2022 in the Bountiful Utah Temple. Once Ryan came into Gwen's life, her infectious smile and the light she always shared became even brighter. In their nine short months of marriage, they created many joyful memories together and made each other better. Gwen was a light and Ryan truly amplified her light. She was always looking to brighten the day of everyone around her with her happiness and positivity.

Gwen is survived by her adoring husband, Ryan; loving parents, Harold & Lori; and devoted siblings, Benjamin (Alyse), Bryan (Sarah), Brandon (Whitney), Bradley (Caelan) and Blake (Kaylee). She will be missed by “her babies” (nieces and nephews): McKenzie, Caleb, Brynlee, Wesley, Samuel, Lukas, Spencer, Sienna, Hazel, Maverick, Khloe, Madelyn and Porter. She also leaves behind Ryan’s parents, Trent & Yvette Gunn; Ryan’s siblings, Kayzlee (Jason Jensen), Alexandra (Kyle Ash) and Zachary (Mekenna) Gunn; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. Gwen was preceded in death by her nephew Shad Gabriel Brockbank who we know is now saying like the rest of her nieces and nephews that “Gwennie is my favorite!”

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Murray Little Cottonwood Stake Center, 6180 South Glen Oaks Street, Murray, Utah, with a viewing from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be a viewing on Friday April 14, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the same location. Interment at Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery. For those desiring to view the recorded service, please click on the blue "Watch Services" tab above.

Gwen always said that she was a miracle, and everyone agrees that knowing her and spending time with her truly was a miracle.