

Shanae Neesha Gale

February 14, 1993 ~ December 16, 2024

Shanae Neesha Gale, age 31, passed away on December 16, 2024, at her home in Taylorsville, Utah, due to complications related to epilepsy. She was born on February 14, 1993, and was the beloved daughter of Neesha LuAnne Dalrymple and Alan Briant Gale. Shanae deeply cherished her three brothers — Briant Gale, Zachary Gale, and Zane Gale.

Shanae grew up in West Jordan, Utah and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She attended Copper Hills High School, graduating in 2011.Shanae was a percussionist in the Copper Hills High School Band and Marching Band. She played bass drum, and tenor drums in parades, concerts, and competitions.

After high school, Shanae pursued her passion for helping others by attending the Utah College of Massage Therapy, where she became a licensed massage therapist. Her dedication to her craft reflected her caring nature and desire to bring comfort to those around her. She also embraced a new challenge by taking up karate alongside her mother. Shanae excelled in this discipline as well, earning a blue belt and demonstrating her characteristic determination and strength.

In April 2016, Shanae was married to Austin Schembri for a brief period of time.

Shanae's life was filled with creativity, determination, and a wide range of talents. She explored many activities from an early age, including baton, jazz, tap, and swim team. At the age of six, she discovered her love for ballet, training at the Academy of Ballet Arts before continuing at Mountain West Ballet School.

Shanae was very involved in Mountain West Ballet's twice-yearly productions from 2001-2008. Shanae performed in numerous productions with Mountain West Ballet, including *The Nutcracker* and various spring performances. Her Nutcracker roles included Mademoiselle, Soldier, Party Girl, Prologue, Chinese Dragon Head, Snow Corps, Waltz Corps, and Chinese Warrior. She also performed in spring ballets as Minion (*Snow Queen*), Turtle (*The Frog Prince*), Czardas & War (*Coppélia*), Clock Spirit (*Cinderella*), Garland Waltz (*Sleeping Beauty*), and Wolf (*The Frog Prince*). Additionally, Shanae contributed behind the scenes as Prop Mistress, always eager to assist wherever needed. Despite suffering a severe ankle injury which eventually required multiple surgeries, Shanae's resilience allowed her to continue dancing in roles that did not require pointe work.

Shanae faced significant health challenges throughout her life with unwavering courage. At the age of 14, she began experiencing seizures and was diagnosed with epilepsy. Despite the frequent seizures and their impact on her independence, Shanae approached every medical appointment, test, and treatment with optimism and strength. She underwent multiple surgeries, including procedures for vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), brain resection, and responsive neurostimulation (RNS), all while remaining determined to live life as fully as possible.

At 18 years old, Shanae faced another trial when she was diagnosed with melanoma after a mole on her scalp was removed. She endured two surgeries to remove the cancer from her scalp and neck and remained cancer-free thereafter—a testament to her resilience.

Shanae's greatest gift and expression of Christlike love was placing her son, Luke, for adoption with the McDaniel family in 2014. Through open adoption, her family grew to include Winnie, Shay, Luke, Mark and Thomas.

Shanae's vibrant spirit extended beyond her challenges. She had an infectious love for life and brought joy to those around her. Born on Valentine's Day, she embodied love in all its forms—whether through her relationships with family and friends or through the passions she pursued so wholeheartedly.

Though Shanae's time on earth was far too brief, her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. May those who mourn find solace in remembering the moments they shared with her—the laughter, the determination, and the light she brought into their lives.

Shanae is survived by her mother and stepfather, Neesha and Doug Dalrymple; her stepmother, Rina Rosenhan; her brothers Briant (Karlee) Gale, Zachary Gale, and Zane Gale; biological son, Luke, and his brothers Mark and Thomas. She was preceded in death by her father Alan Gale, and grandparents Frank Gale, Theda Bassett, and LaVell Butt.

Shanae's funeral service will be on Monday, December 23, 2024, at the West Jordan Utah Prairie Stake Center, 5360 W 7000 S, West Jordan, Utah at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery, 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, UT 84092. A viewing will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at the West Jordan Utah Prairie Stake Center from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and prior to the funeral service from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Chelsea Hutchison Foundation, which serves individuals, families and communities affected by epilepsy by raising Awareness of the common yet little-known condition SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy), by providing support and equipment for prevention of this occurrence, and by creating a safe space and raising awareness within the greater community.

https://chelseahutchisonfoundation.org/

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nyTe_ZFcoqZ-h3RREUv-vofilBKaXz5zBAOjQqHJX17Q5oASJ_1lZTaHS2qw4uZK.vi_-