

Symphonie Wheeler Newton

January 29, 1997 ~ April 7, 2022

Symphonie Wheeler Newton of Riverton Utah was born on January 29, 1997. She is the only daughter of Marc L and Harmonie King Wheeler. On Thursday April 7, 2022, after many years of fiercely fighting the disease of Major Depressive Disorder, at the age of 25 she chose to, in her words, “drop the body” and “wake up”. She was preceded in death by her son Roman, and Grandmother Maureen Wheeler. She is survived by her child Atlas Chesnut (3) and his father Austin Chesnut, her parents; Marc L and Harmonie King Wheeler, her brothers; Arthur (Casandra), Watson, Truman, and her grandparents; Gaye and Ray King and Larry and Cheryl Wheeler.

Symphonie “Fifi” was stunning inside and out, and absolutely unforgettable. She had the most mesmerizing eyes, making it difficult to look away. She had an even more beautiful soul. Friends said of Symphonie:
“She had a smile that was contagious and a heart as big as the moon”.
“She had such a powerful presence that I loved her the moment I met her”.
“She was a conduit of beauty, though she was struggling to keep her own head above water, she found ways to comfort, love and add light to the people she met”.

When Symphonie was born, she was perfectly calm, looked deeply into her mom’s eyes, then deeply into her dads, with her stunning big brown eyes. Her younger years were filled with endless giggles. She was kind, calm, wise, independent, quiet, thoughtful, and accepting. She was incredibly smart with school and excelled quickly to the top of any job she dedicated herself to. She had the ability to be calm and think clearly during chaotic events, making her a favorite babysitter. She was able to walk into a room, assess the situation, make quick decisions and move on. Her decisiveness also made her the perfect project planning or shopping buddy. She went to beauty college and loved makeup, hair, and nails. She had an exceptional natural talent for art and loved drawing and tattooing. Her strong style and art abilities made her home such an unforgettable and authentic place for her and her family.

A precious and caring mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend who was loved as deeply as anyone could be. Her biggest joy came from her family, and she found joy in spoiling Atlas with an artistically wonderous room, unique books, and purposeful toys. She painted and played puzzles with him and planned birthday parties filled with fun, friends and family. Being with her son Atlas brought her the largest smiles and loudest laughter.

Symphonie had a wonderful sense of humor and made all those around her laugh. She had a talent for organizing and minimalism. We were often worried about what she was throwing away in the name of simplicity. She loved style and design. She along with Austin built and designed a beautifully custom apartment. When you walk in you know she designed it. Her artwork and sensitivity to people drew tattoo clients to her. We are thankful that so many are walking around with her artwork. She loved her job as a bartender, it gave her the opportunity to serve others

and be around people even though she often felt so alone. Symphonie grew up as a dancer, dancing all the way through her senior year. She was a cheerleader, on the track team, and played softball at different times. Most of all, she was the quiet yet magnetic person who people were drawn to. It may have been her extensive knowledge of therapy but people really felt understood by her. So many amazing memories, though our future with her was robbed.

We are grateful for the knowledge that she is with us in spirit, closer than before, though unseen. “Without this body I'll be able to be with him [Atlas] even longer, closer, more, than I can in this body”. We are grateful for the knowledge that she is in the arms of her son, (Roman was an adult in her Near Death Experience) and her grandmother. We are grateful that we will be with her again. We are grateful for the beautiful time we had to enjoy her.

We take comfort in the fact that she knew she was loved beyond measure, even if the depression wouldn’t let her feel or embrace it. We take comfort that she felt she had accomplished her dreams. We take comfort that she loved us, and so many others, as much as the depression would allow her to.

Symphonie will be laid to rest with the ashes of her son Roman in her arms, next to her parent’s future resting place at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at the Bluffdale 5th Ward, 15040 Mountainside Drive in Bluffdale Utah.

A viewing will be held on Friday April 15, from 6-8 PM at the Larkin Mortuary in Riverton, 3688 W 12600 S, Riverton, UT 84065. Another viewing will be held prior to the funeral services at the church Saturday morning beginning at 9 AM.

To view the previously held funeral services, please click the “Watch Services” link above.

** Please fight for suicide awareness and prevention. If only one family is saved from the anguish of losing a loved one to this tragic and senseless loss of life, then our beloved Symphonie’s death will not be in vain. This silent and underserved epidemic of suicide is catastrophic:

-We must remove stigmas, and bring pain out of the darkness, into the light.
-We must love, ask, and listen, to help others find a way to talk and to heal.
-We must rid ourselves of judgment and fear of those struggling that are different from us.
-We must fix the separated state of healthcare providers and truly heal the whole person, rather than spinning wheels for years in a sea of specialists, causing further exhaustion and hopelessness for the mentally ill.
-We must fix the complex maze and reactive state of health insurance, causing further helplessness and financial stress for the mentally ill.
-We must fix select policies of counseling centers, hospitals, and police departments that are uncompassionate. “Just doing their job” disregards families and the overall well being of the mentally ill.
-We must do more….. we must do better.