

Amy was a star in high school, but she shone most brightly as a friend. Her senior classmates nominated her for the Homecoming Court her senior year, and the entire school elected her Homecoming Queen. When Amy's name was announced as the Queen, the student body and all of the teachers stood as one and cheered.

Amy loved her family and was truly a homebody. She had a strong and loving relationship with her Mom and Dad as well as her brother. She cherished vacations with family and close friends, and holidays (especially Christmas) with aunts, uncles and cousins. She loved to sit and talk with Mom and laugh with and tease her Dad.

Amy did a lot of babysitting and dog sitting, giving all of those in her care the undivided attention they loved. When she was young and later worked at the Healthy Hearts Wellness Center, she developed a love of exercise and shared that with her mentor and friend, Connie Wold. Amy's smile made exercising easier and clients of all ages hated to see her leave when she graduated from high school.

Amy loved Watford City and was proud to be from North Dakota, but when she graduated from college, she was ready to move on for more challenges. She had shown that quiet courage when she was selected to attend a national leadership forum in medicine after her junior year in high school, and traveled to San Francisco, CA for two weeks.

Amy attended and graduated from the University of Mary graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in medical technology, following in her father's career. Amy long held the dream of going to medical school, but after she interned her senior year of college at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, CO, she decided to put medical school on hold and took a full time job there. She worked on a special research project. Her work on the project was submitted to the FDA and presented at a scientific meeting. She then went to work in the Molecular Diagnostics Lab, a highly technical area that does testing on the sickest patients. Her colleagues recognized her exceptional work ethic and talent, but will miss her most as a friend.

Amy loved living in the Denver area. She didn't miss an opportunity to take in concerts, visit museums or try new restaurants; it was while she lived in Denver that she learned to ski. Also in Denver was Amy's first love, Brad Purdy. Brad and Amy had dated for five years and through Brad's career as an airline pilot, the two were able to explore various parts of the world from Scotland to the Caribbean.

Amy had recently decided to move back to North Dakota and was planning on working in Bismarck and looking forward to pursuing her dream to be a doctor. She was on her way home with her year old Springer Spaniel, Bella, for Thanksgiving, when she was involved in the car accident which took her life.

Amy is survived by her parents, Jim and Linda Svihovec, Watford City; her brother, Nathan, Bismarck; her paternal grandparents, Delmar and Veronica Svihovec, Hettinger; maternal grandmother, Heinie Connell, Bismarck; maternal grandfather, Fay Connell and his wife, Lynn, Bismarck; uncle, Guy (Teri) Connell, Bismarck; aunts, Cyrisse (Les) Wietstock, Casselton, Collette (Terry) Kraft, Mandan, Maureen Svihovec, Valley City, Jolene (Dave) Erickson, Hettinger, Sue (Mike) Finneman, Broomfield, CO, Nancy (John) Lengowski, Mandan, Joan (Mike) Jankoviak, Bismarck; many cherished cousins and countless friends who mourn her passing. Amy was preceded in death by her dearly loved uncle, Duane Svihovec.

In her short life, Amy was a beacon of joy. Her smile lit up the world and warmed the hearts of all it shone on. She had a genuine love of people of all ages, all animals – but especially her pets, and most of all her Bella. She loved to laugh and joke, but never at the expense of anyone. She had a pure and sweet spirit. Her love of music and movies and being with friends and family, of Christmas and holidays and exercising and living each day secure in her abiding faith in God and in Jesus as her Savior will live on in those she loved.

In Loving Memory

Amy Marie Svihovec



April 29, 1986 ~ November 24, 2009

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Date And Place Of Birth *Date And Place Of Death*
April 29, 1986 *November 24, 2009*
Bismarck, North Dakota *Grassy Butte, North Dakota*

Funeral Mass

11:00 AM, Saturday, November 28, 2009

Watford City High School

Celebrant

Father Dennis Schafer

Readers

Tara Kraft Maureen Svihovec Lauren Jankoviak

Ushers

Ron & Myra Anderson Kent & Jolynn Pelton

Bill & Cari Liebel

Musicians

Jane Swenson ~ Accompanist

Gene Veeder & Jessie Scofield ~ Duet

Erik Stenehjelm ~ Vocalist

Joan Connell & Lauren Jankovak ~ Flute & Solo

Jody Osborne & Crystal Mulder ~ Duet

Guy Connell ~ Musician

Casketbearers

Howdy Lawlar Cordell Wold Gene Veeder

Warren Jarland Erik Stenehjelm Jamall Wold

Justin Shipman Jacob Ness Scott Samuelson

Honorary Casketbearers

WCHS Class of 2004 and Class of 2007

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*A rose once grew where all could see,
sheltered beside a garden wall,
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
it spread it's branches, straight and tall.*

*One day, a beam of light shone through
a crevice that had open wide –
The rose bent gently toward its warmth
then passed beyond to the other side.*

*Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
be comforted—the rose blooms there,
Its beauty even greater now,
nurtured by God's own loving care.*

Amy's Life Story

Amy Marie Svihovec was born to Jim and Linda Svihovec on April 29, 1986 in Bismarck, ND. From her baby years on through life, Amy was a gentle soul. Her big green eyes looked out on the world with a kindness that was the hallmark of her life.

When Amy's younger brother Nathan was born in 1988 the family was complete. Amy loved her little brother from the first time she saw him and continued to be his biggest fan, coming home from college to attend his football and hockey games and supporting him in all aspects of his life.

Amy was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith at Epiphany Catholic Church in Watford City. Amy's faith was her bedrock. She passed along that faith when she taught CCD during her high school years. Amy not only loved attending mass with family, but she lived her faith every day becoming a role model for her younger cousins and kids in Watford City. Jim and Linda have often heard from parents that they hoped their daughters would grow up in Amy's footsteps.

Amy was raised in Watford City and graduated with honors from Watford City High School in 2004. Amy was not only an exceptionally intelligent young woman; she was involved in a wide variety of activities. She was on Student Council for all four years of high school and was the Student Council President her senior year. She was also Senior Class president and a member of the National Honor Society. She was an amazing musician, playing flute in the band. Her family especially enjoyed her solo performance at the concert at the Richardton Abbey her senior year.

Amy was a leader in high school, an honor student who won many awards in those areas. Some of them were: Who's Who in America, I Dare You Leadership Award recipient, and was named KXMD Student of the Month her senior year.