

In Memory of

Abigail J. Jackson

Class of 2006 Birthday - 11 September 2005

Abigail Joy Jackson passed from this world into the presence of her Lord on September 11, in Rochester, Minn. Her unexpected death was the result of an infection complicated by diabetes.

She is the second of four daughters born to Jeff and Margaret Jackson. Her name, Abigail, means "source of joy", and so she has been. Her loving heart, forgiving nature, witty humor, tenacious memory, readiness to comfort and her youthful joy are but glimpses into this developing young woman who has touched so many, so uniquely.

This past summer she greatly enjoyed time with her friends and her family. She loved her job at J.C. Penney's. She was looking forward to her senior year at Memorial High School.

Abbi's medical needs brought all of us to places and people we would never have otherwise known. We wish to thank her friends for their love and care for her. We thank the staff at Sacred Heart Hospital, especially those kind and competent souls who serve in the Critical Care Unit. Additionally, she greatly appreciated Dr. Aron Adkins for his skill, patience and kindness towards her. These and many others prolonged and enriched our daughter's life.

It was on September 11 that her earthly life ended — I say "earthly life" in contrast to that life which is eternal. Her earthly days have been shortened, but we are confident that this is not the last chapter in the life of Miss Abigail Joy Jackson. For, in her youth, she received Jesus Christ as her personal savior; and though her faith was challenged, and at times distanced, in the quietest of moments, she affirmed to me her faith and trust in Christ. Because of her faith, we are confident that her sorrows have ended, and her life continues in the 'presence of the Lord. Though grieving, We have hope.

Her parents, Jeff and Margaret Jackson, and her sisters, Joanna, Sarah and Lydia, survive her. Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Kathleen Van Hosen of Omaha, Neb. Her paternal grandmother is Joan Miles of Augusta, Wis.