



## Mari Pesek

December 17, 1987 - September 11, 2013

Mari Frances Pesek, 25, the youngest daughter of Tom and Gretchen (Linder) Pesek, was born December 17, 1987, in David City, and passed away in a car accident in Oregon on September 11, 2013.

A memorial funeral mass will be Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 10 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Brainard with Father Matthew Eickhoff officiating. Family will be greeting friends Monday from 5-7 pm at the church followed by a 7 pm Wake Service and Rosary. Burial will be at a later date. As per the request of the family, Mari was cremated. Memorials have been suggested to Masses or to Family Wishes.

She grew up in Brainard and graduated from East Butler High School in 2006. She was the class salutatorian and a member of the 2004 and 2005 Class D State Champion cross country teams. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating with highest distinction in 2010 with a degree in environmental studies. She completed her master's degree in prairie ecology at the University of Kansas in Lawrence in August. She was the Butler County Czech Queen in 2008.

Mari and her brother Alex were in the midst of a month-long camping and hiking trip. They had just completed hiking the John Muir Trail in California and had climbed to the summit of Mount Whitney. Mari was always adventurous, as well as creative and artistic -- her family and friends particularly looked forward to receiving handmade gifts and birthday cards. She excelled at all things craft-related, but was an especially good knitter. She had a gift for finding beauty in the unexpected, including spiders, which she studied in both her undergraduate and graduate careers. She was humble, thoughtful and extremely funny. She loved animals, especially her cats. Most of all, she a warm and generous friend, sister, daughter and girlfriend, as well as a good listener (when she wanted to be), and a good soul.

She is survived by her mother and father, as well as by sisters, Cara Pesek of Lincoln and Anne (Zach) Pesek Taylor of Salt Lake City, Utah; her brother, Alex, of Lincoln; and her boyfriend, Joe Link, of Lawrence, Kan., as well as by aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles and Frances (Vogeltanz) Pesek of Brainard, and Norman and Margaret (Terwilliger) Linder of Dunning.

# Comments

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“ Extending heartfelt condolences for your loss. Cherish the loving memories of laughter and times spent together, and may those memories bring you joy and warm your heart. The death of a loved one can leave us feeling lost and heartbroken, but Psalm 34:18 assures us "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves". Isaiah 25:8 says He (God) will swallow up death forever, and Acts 24:15 holds out the hope of the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in death. May Jehovah, the Father of tender mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation (2 Corinthians 1:3,4), comfort you in your time of need.

**Laura** - October 05, 2013 at 06:11 PM

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“ Pesek's, Our hearts were saddened when we heard the news of Mari. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We remember Mari from Cross Country meets where Aquinas and East Butler competed. John is the coach at Aquinas and our oldest daughter ran with Mari. Please accept our sincere sympathy over your loss.

**John & Deb Svec** - September 17, 2013 at 11:00 AM

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“ Our deepest, deepest sympathies. Mari was such a ray of sunshine. We will continue to pray for peace for your family.

**Karla Wall** - September 16, 2013 at 08:41 PM

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“ I offer my deepest sympathy, and sincere condolence to the family. May the fond memories that you shared bring comfort to your heart...May the Heavenly Father promises give you the strength and inner peace for the days that ahead.. Revelation 21: 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning , nor out cry, nor pain be any more....

**Ernestine Lonzo** - September 16, 2013 at 02:30 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Mari was friends with my daughter, Holly Burke, from Lawrence. You are in my prayers.

**Debbie Lemieux** - September 16, 2013 at 12:10 PM

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“ We are so very sorry to hear about the tragic loss of your daughter Mary. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Bob & Sandi Dobesh** - September 15, 2013 at 07:06 PM

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“ There are really no words. Allow me to express deep sympathy and know that I pray for your family's healing.

**Dorothy (Dobesh) Young** - September 15, 2013 at 11:36 AM

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“ We send our thoughts and prayers for an outpouring of God's comfort and love. May the Lord fill your hearts with precious memories of Mari and may He fill the void with Himself. Precious (important and no light matter) in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints (His loving ones). Psalm 116:15

**Al and Karen Hoffbauer** - September 14, 2013 at 08:54 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to your family. My family is sending all of our prayers.

**Jill Paffrath** - September 13, 2013 at 11:24 PM