



Katherine Michelle Arbaugh

May 4, 1984 - January 6, 2007

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**"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the Faith."**

On January 6th, 2007, Katherine departed this life surrounded by her family at Dobson House Hospice home after a courageous 8 1/2 year struggle from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Katherine was born in Mesa, Arizona on May 4th 1984. She attended Waggoner Elementary School and Kyrene Middle School in Tempe Arizona before the accident and completed her schooling at McClintock High School in the Special Needs Program.

An intelligent, outgoing happy child who loved the outdoors and sports, Katherine was active in Girl Scouts, youth basketball and softball including the school teams at Kyrene Middle School and as a member of the Tempe American Little League District Championship All Star team in 1998. A member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, she participated in the youth choir, youth hand bell choir and was a member of the UMYF and Youth Council.

The injuries sustained from the automobile accident were severe, leaving her a non verbal quadriplegic, yet she managed to touch many, many lives with her spirit and humanity. Katherine and her family were blessed with numerous loving caregivers in her home through the past 8 1/2 years and Katherine was fortunate to have these additional "mothers."

Therapies she received through Rehab Without Walls and Spire Hyperbaric Institute significantly enhanced her life. In addition, Katherine received outstanding medical care with particular thanks to the doctors and staff of Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn where she was a patient repeatedly. The Special Needs Program at McClintock High School directed by Bob Hales and Darlene Waggoner, RN, was Katherine's home away from home for 6 years. The attention and love from the teachers and therapists there was treasured.

Katherine is survived by her parents, Larry and Mary Arbaugh, her sister Caroline Arbaugh, her grandmothers Betty Arbaugh and Elizabeth Brand, aunts Melody Chang and Cheryl Johnson and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers Glenn Arbaugh and J.C. Brand and her aunt, Carol Bowers.

The words of the Apostle Paul best summarize how Katherine lived life "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith."

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 14th, 2007 at Lakeshore Mortuary, 1815 South Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A sharing and celebration of Katherine's life will be held on Monday, January 15th at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 2540 West Baseline Road, Mesa, AZ at 7:00 PM.

Arrangements are entrusted to Lakeshore Mortuary, Mesa. Please join the family in paying tribute to Katherine at www.mem.com.