

Carey Jo Thomas

November 24, 1985 – May 20, 2008

A celebration of life for Carey Jo Thomas, 22, was held Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at the Wheatland United Methodist Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with the Reverends Joel Dingman, Lori Modesitt, and Cynthia Wolf officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, as a result of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle rollover south of Glendo, Wyoming.

Carey Jo was born November 24, 1985, in Loveland, Colorado, the daughter of C.A. and Connie (Bower) Thomas. She was reared and educated in Wheatland graduating from Wheatland High School in 2004. She was a recent graduate of Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, with a degree in Land Range Management, Cattle Reproduction, and Animal Nutrition.

Carey was a member of Covenant Lutheran Church, the Wheatland Softball Team and the Torrington Twisters, the Wheatland Golf Team, and American Legion Auxiliary. She served on the Chadron State Agriculture Board and was a member of the Future Farmers of America. At a third and fourth grader basketball camp for boys, much to the chagrin of several of the boys, Carey received the "Mr. Hustle Award". She enjoyed the outdoors, working on the ranches, and golf. She made people laugh and will leave a lasting memory in everyone's heart. It was noted by a family friend that, "Carey blazed her own trails".

Survivors include her parents and a brother, Kevin Thomas of Wheatland; adopted maternal grandmother, Pauline Ware of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Godparents, Mike and Bev McBride and daughter, Bonnie of Timnath, Colorado; Guardians, Pat and Shelley O'Connor and son, Ryan of Torrington, Wyoming; Aunt Dee and Uncle Dave Shannon of Gillette, Wyoming; Uncle Dale Bower of White Sands, New Mexico and cousins, Kaitlin Bower and Jason Bower and family; cousins, Justin Bremer and Holly Rising and their families of Gillette; Uncle Joe and Aunt Merit Thomas of Cheyenne; many other aunts, uncles, and cousins; and her dog, Merven.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Alvin and Helen Bower; paternal grandparents, Julia and Fat Thomas; and adopted maternal grandfather, Reverend Robert Ware.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Thomas, E.J. Dawson, Dan Koerselman, Ben Koerselman, Clay Moore, Justin Bremer, Clint Rising, Ryan O'Connor, Bart Gray, and Tyson Budd. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her family and many friends.

Memorials to the Carey Jo Thomas Memorial Fund in care of Platte Valley Bank, P.O. Box 337, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201-0337, would be appreciated by the family.

Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.