Schelli D. Abts

LIBERAL, Mo. - Schelli Dawn Abts, 25, of Liberal, Mo., died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, in an automobile accident in Barton County, Mo.

She was born Nov. 1, 1978, at Fort Scott, to Allen L. and Corkie Lee (Walker) Abts. She was a lifelong Barton County resident. She was a 1997 graduate of Liberal High School, where she played basketball and volleyball.

She worked at Wal-Mart in Pittsburg for four years while attending college. She graduated from Missouri Southern State University as an X-ray technician in August 2002 and worked at St. John's and Freeman hospitals in Joplin. She was enrolled in the ultrasound program at Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Mo., and was about to become a certified ultrasound technician. She was a member of Liberal United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Allen and Corkie Abts of Liberal; two brothers, Shawn Abts of Liberal and Shannon Abts of Joplin; her paternal grandparents, Clarence "Bud" and Berneta Abts of Liberal; her maternal grandparents, Hollis "Corky" and Margaret Walker of Liberal; two nephews; one niece; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Daniel Funeral Home in Lamar, Mo., with the Rev. Bill Radford officiating. Burial will be in Barton City Cemetery northeast of Liberal. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniel Funeral Home.

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