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Melissa Kay Peterson



April 21, 1977, to Sept. 17, 2002

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Melissa Kay Peterson, 25, of Des Moines, died of cancer on Sept. 17 at her home in Des Moines.

She was born April 21, 1977, in Ames to Robert and Sharon (Eitmann) Jacobson. She grew up in Mildford Township and had lived in Des Moines since 1999. She was a 1995 graduate of Nevada High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wartburg College in 1999. She married Jesse Peterson on Aug. 7, 1999. She earned a master's degree from Drake University in integrated corporate communications in 2002. She worked for United Way of Central Iowa as public relations manager. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Roland.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse of Des Moines; her parents, Robert and Sharon Jacobson of rural Story City; a brother, Michael of rural Story City; a grandmother, Twila Eitmann of Treynor and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 20, at 1:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Roland. Burial was in the Roland Cemetery, Roland. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United Way of Central Iowa or the American Cancer Society. Soderstrum Funeral Home, Roland, handled arrangements.

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