JERRICA HILLEMAN-RUDEN
Farrar

Accident kills skier, 11, at Minnesota site

A Farrar girl died in a skiing accident Friday in Minnesota.

Jerrica Hilleman-Ruden, 11, was skiing Friday afternoon at Lutsen Mountain in Grand Marais, Minn., when she left the ski hill and collided with a rock. Hilleman-Ruden was taken to North Shore Hospital in Grand Marais, where she died of neck injuries.

Cook County, Minn., sheriff's officials ruled the death an accident.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at St. Mary Catholic Church, where a vigil will be held at 6:30 p.m. Arkley Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jerrica Hilleman-Ruden, 11, of rural Farrar, died Friday at North Shore Hospital in Grand Marais, Minn., of injuries suffered in a skiing accident. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Elkhart, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in there.

Jerrica was born in Des Moines and lived near Farrar most of her life. She was a sixth-grade student at Bondurant-Farrar Community Schools and a member of St. Mary Holy Cross Catholic Church, D.A.R.E. and Awana. She enjoyed playing in the school band, singing and outdoor activities.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Teri Phelan-Ruden and Jeff Ruden of rural Farrar; four sisters, Jessica Lewis at home, and Megan Ruden, Emily Ruden and Erin Ruden, all of Fort Dodge; and her grandparents, Janet and Patrick Phelan of rural Farrar and Vicky and Bob Ruden of Marcus.

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Jerrica Ann Hilleman-Ruden, 11 of rural Farrar died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002 at North Shore Hospital in Grand Marais, Minnesota of injuries suffered in a skiing accident.

Jerrica was born May 25, 1990 in Des Moines to Teri Hilleman and the late Jerry Hilleman. She was a sixth grade student at Bondurant-Farrar Community Schools.

She is survived by her mother and step father, Teri and Jeff Ruden; four sisters, Jessica Lewis at home and Megan Ruden, Emily Ruden and Erin Ruden all of Fort Dodge and her grandparents, Janet and Patrick Phelan of rural Farrar and Howard and JeNell Hilleman of State Center. She was preceded in death by her father Jerry Hilleman and a cousin Jerry Ray Blood.

The funeral service was Tuesday in Elkhart and burial in the Catholic Church Cemetery.