Holton, KS



Madison Eileen Taliaferro, 18, of Holton, KS passed away peacefully, with her many family members by her side on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO; after a courageous-long-fought battle with cystic fibrosis.

Madison was born September 16, 2000 in Olathe, KS the daughter of Michael D. and Desiree D. (Razak) Taliaferro.

Madison was a senior at Holton High School and had attended Washburn Rural High School from 9-10th grade. She was an active "high schooler"; as a member of Resist, SADD, JCYC, Unity Task Force, Notables and Vice-President of her senior class. She was also Holton High School football manager, a youth counselor for Tallgrass Christian Camp, a member of Central Church of Christ, and member of the youth group.

Survivors include her parents, Mike and Desiree Taliaferro and brother, Keegan Taliaferro all of the home; maternal grandparents, Galen and Shari Monaghan of Holton, KS, Virgil and Becky Razak of Wakarusa, KS; paternal grandparents, Don and Ruth Taliaferro of Topeka, KS; maternal great-grandmother, Sandy Studebaker; aunts and uncles, Brett and Allie Summers of Holton, KS, Jesse and Andrea Razak of Berryton, KS and Jason and Amber Taliaferro of Topeka, KS; 7 cousins, Olivia and Emma Summers, Caden and Harper Razak and Mira, Ava and Molly Taliaferro; beloved dogs, Sadie, Sophie, Chloe and Cooper; boyfriend, Ethan Teter; best-friends, friends, classmates and many doctors and nurses.

She was preceded in death by her donor, Alex Lott.

Madison's family would be honored for anyone to attend her Celebration of Life that will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 21, 2018 at Holton High School. Burial will follow in the Holton Cemetery. Visitation and viewing will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorial may be given to the Benefit of Madison Taliaferro (to be designated to Madison's school activities) c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.