



ASHLEY RENEE BLACK KRAJCA

Mrs. Ashley Renee Black Krajca, age 25, was tragically killed early Thursday Morning, July 30, 2009. She was very happily married to Dr. Justin Krajca of Carrollton, Texas. They were currently residing in Miami, Florida, where Justin is in his 2nd year of orthopaedic surgery residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Krajca was born August 24, 1983, and was the daughter of Clyde and Claire Black of Lovelady, Texas and Deborah Sherrer of Glen Rose, Texas.

Survivors include her grandmothers Edna Merrifield, of Wharton and Sue Cooper, of Dallas; father-in-law and mother-in-law Don and Denise Krajca, of Carrollton; and brother-in-law Jeremy Krajca, of Richardson.

Preceded in death by her infant siblings Casi and Cody Black.

As a teen, she excelled in sports at The Colony High School in The Colony, Texas. She loved softball, basketball and was a District Tennis Playoff participant. She attended Texas A&M University in College Station where she met her future husband, Justin, on the Tae Kwon Do team. When Justin graduated from A&M, he attended medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center of Houston and Ashley transferred to The University of Houston, graduating with a degree in Psychology. They married while Justin was in medical school and Ashley worked as an insurance manager until they moved to Miami to begin Justin's residency and Ashley's life-long dreams.

Mrs. Krajca enrolled at the University of Miami to pursue Marine Biology and was selected into the South Florida Student Shark Program. She made numerous trips into the Florida Keys catching, tagging and researching sharks, her passion in life. The weekend before her death she fulfilled a life's dream of hers by helping to film a documentary for a new Discovery Channel program scheduled to begin in 2010. Her last call to her parents was to report on the thrill of that latest adventure.

Mrs. Krajca will be remembered as a very genuine and caring person who could always make one laugh. She was a loyal and faithful friend to all that she knew. It's said that she made everyone she met feel like they were her best friend. Her passion for life will live on through her husband, family and countless friends.

Services were held Tuesday, August 4th, 2009, at the Callaway-Allee Funeral Home in Crockett, Texas at 10:00 am. Interment followed at the Antioch Cemetery in Lovelady, Texas.

A celebration of her life was held at the Old Lovelady Gym following the services at Antioch.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a scholarship that is being established in Ashley's name. Donations can be made payable to the University of Miami. Please write "Ashley Krajca & Sharks" in the check's memo and mail to Neil Hammerschlag, 4600 Rickenbacker Cswy., Miami, Florida 33149.

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