

In Memoriam - Samantha Li

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Samantha's obituary was broadcast on Notice Digest last Wednesday. Owing to a technical error of Atlantic Funeral Home on-line condolences were not received at the website specified. If you wish to e-mail condolences to the family please send to: samantha@fizz.phys.dal.ca . The obituary reappears below.

Samantha Li, age 24, of Halifax, died suddenly in a tragic car accident near New Glasgow, NS, on 11 July, 2009. She was born in Toronto in June, 1985.

Her secondary education started at Lawrence Park Collegiate, Toronto, and continued at Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax, after her move there at age 16. Samantha began her university studies at Dalhousie University with a concentration in Music. Subsequently she transferred to the English programme; English was her first love. She graduated in May, 2009, B.A. with first-class Honours. Supported by a SSHRC postgraduate scholarship and the James W. Tupper Fellowship, she was about to pursue a Masters degree at the University of British Columbia. Samantha was respected by her fellow students and professors alike for her extraordinary intellect and unique creativity.

Samantha's musical studies began at the piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. After a hiatus she took up the violin in Halifax, studying under Jennifer Jones and Philippe Djokic. She was a member of the Dalhousie Chamber Orchestra, the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra and two string quartets.

Samantha was a gentle and generous spirit, always thoughtful of and kind to others. Her luminous presence touched many. She was loved by all those who knew and interacted with her.

Samantha is survived, and sorely missed, by her mother, Jane Li (Belleville, Ont.); father, Stephen Payne (Halifax); partner, Andrew Gormley (Halifax) and aunt Jacqueline Kinsman (Timaru, NZ). She leaves her little cat, Pepper.

A service celebrating her life occurred on Friday, 17 July, at Atlantic Funeral Home, 6552 Bayers Rd., Halifax.

As an expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dalhousie University or to the Samantha Li Memorial Fund c/o External

Relations, Dalhousie University (Tel. (902) 494-8801 or Toll Free 1-800-565-9969). Funds will be used to establish an award/prize or scholarship endowment.