Sera Day Coryell Nursing Education Scholarship

Sera Day Coryell was a caring and generous daughter, sister and friend. Many remember her as a vibrant spirit with a passion for cooking impromptu feasts for her friends. Her parents, Jim and Marcia, remember her amazing intellect and compassion as she helped those around her with an exuberance that was unfazed by her own health issues. Her sisters remember her protectiveness and loyalty.

Having grown up in Redding and San Luis Obispo, Sera completed her undergraduate studies at University of California Santa Cruz later deciding to dedicate herself to becoming a nurse practitioner. While attending Cuesta College’s Nursing Program she received top grades in all her nursing school prerequisite classes while also working full time at Central Coast Pediatrics.

Sera passed away peacefully in the arms of her parents and sisters Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011. Unbeknownst to anyone, she bore a silent heart arrhythmia that took her life when an ear infection spiraled out of control (she had been taking immune-suppressing medication for her ulcerative colitis, a burden she carried with grace and humor for years).

She left her family and friends with gentle memories of her kindness, her talents and her exuberance and they in turn decided to sustain her legacy by establishing the Sera Day Coryell Nursing Education Scholarship.