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NAMESAKE OF LAURA'S SMILE MILE PASSES AWAY

Laura David fought a long and difficult battle with ovarian cancer



30-year-old Laura David of Slinger, WI passed away peacefully under the care of hospice Sunday July 3, 2011. Laura was the inspiration for Laura's Smile Mile, a 5K run/walk to raise awareness for ovarian cancer. The 5th annual event was held June 4, 2011, at Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront.

Laura was first diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the age of 23, just three months after her wedding. She underwent numerous treatments, including several surgeries, chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant. She stayed strong through her faith in God and her positive attitude. Laura battled cancer head-on with a smile that was unforgettable.

Laura has touched so many people through her caring, loving and positive spirit. Her spirit complimented her passionate work with autistic children at the Wiebusch and Nicholson Center for Autism, Inc. as well as her support of the charity named after her.

Every year, Laura gave a speech to the participants, volunteers and the numerous survivors during Laura's Smile Mile. Each speech focused on the love and support of family, friends and strangers who helped to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. She encouraged survivors to dream big and to stay positive.

She lifted spirits and inspired many; we will never forget her smile.

Visitation and funeral will be held at Phillip Funeral Home in West Bend. Date and time will be posted on www.phillipfuneralhome.com.

For information on Laura's Smile Mile go to www.laurassmilemile.com

