

In Memory Of Amy Finstad



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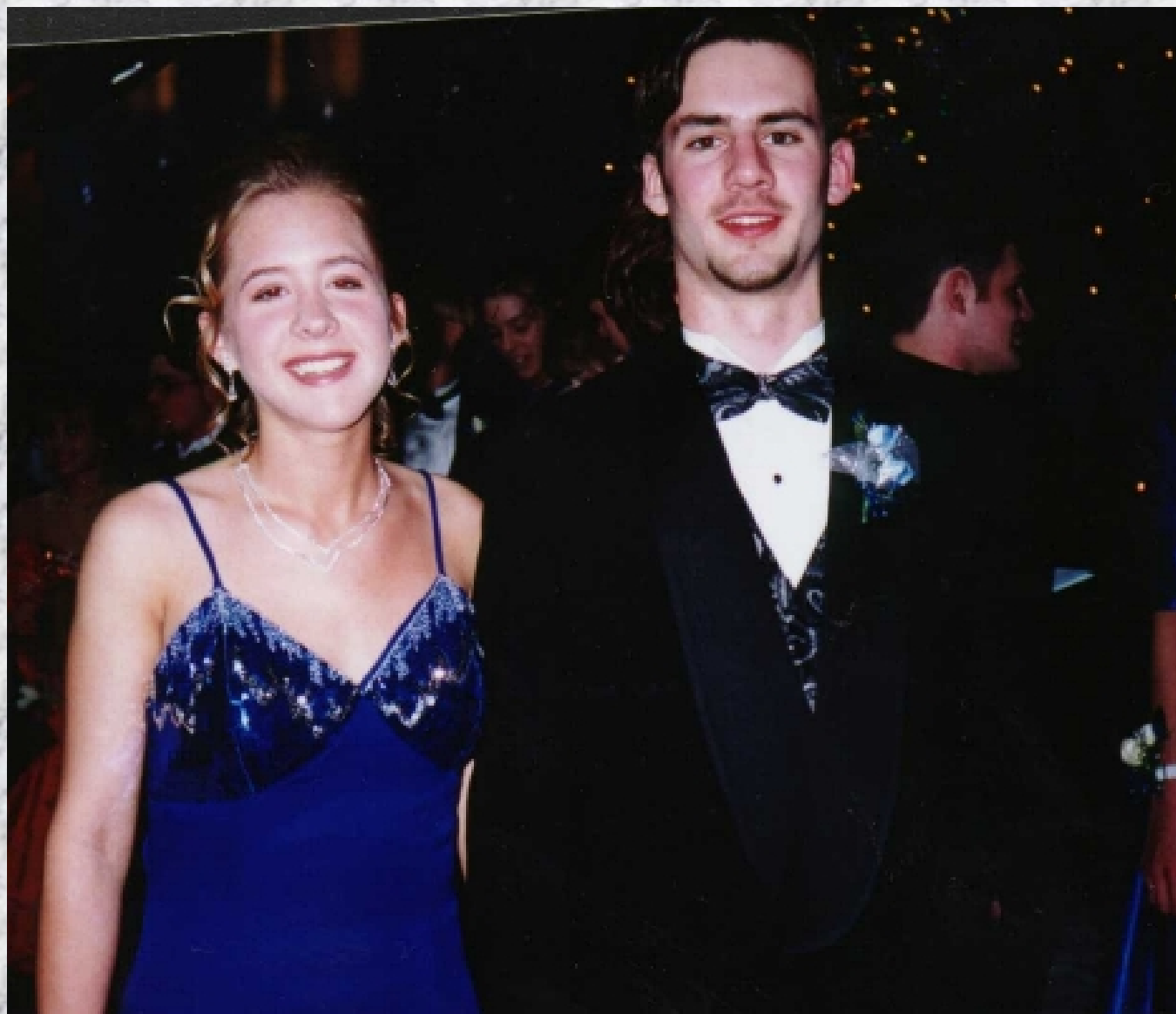




































Car accident takes the life of young Lisbon woman

A one vehicle rollover on Saturday, December 5, took the life of a young Lisbon woman. The accident occurred on Ransom County #54 about 6 miles south of Sheldon at about 12:30 p.m. The vehicle was driven by 20-year-old Amy Finstad, of rural Lisbon.

Finstad was southbound on the pavement when she lost control of her vehicle on the icy road. She then entered the west ditch and rolled her vehicle. Finstad was not wearing her seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Finstad, a Jamestown College nursing student was on the way home to visit her family and to see her new niece Kayley, when the accident occurred.

Residents of Lisbon were stunned by the news. Some expressed hope that it was just a rumor. By Sunday morning as the announcement was made in all of the churches and residents prayed for the grieving Finstad family, the reality set in.

Amy, who was well known for her brilliant smile and outgoing personality, was dead.

At the prayer service held at Armstrong Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 4, the local community as well as members of the Jamestown College community tried to surround the family with support.

Amy is remembered by her mother, Lorie, as helpful and cheerful. "Amy helped me so much with the younger children, getting them dressed, fed and off to pre-school and daycare," said Lorie.

The family seemed to be comforted when community members shared memories of Amy. A close college friend shared the memory of her last major discussion with Amy. It was about childrearing practices and though the girls didn't agree on the issue they parted friends and the disagreement is part of her treasured memories.

Some of the memories brought



tears, but others brought shared laughter for those who knew Amy so well. A mother of one of Amy's past boyfriends shared that her son had once told her that Amy could talk about shampoo all the way to Fargo. "And, he told his mom, the scary part is she made it interesting."

Amy's funeral was held on Wednesday, December 9 in Lisbon. For full obituary see obituary page.









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Campus mourns student's death

In Memory of Amy Finstad

On Saturday, December 5th, Amy was killed in a car accident a few miles from home.

She will be sorely missed and her death reminds us of the fragile nature of human life.

Amy was a lifeguard and a member of the Jimmie Jones. She was a nursing student and she worked at High Acres Manor. She was someone you remembered after the first time you met her. If you saw someone walking through the hallways in Seibold with a Diet Coke in one hand and a purse in the other, it was probably Amy.

She was an outgoing person. She touched many lives, in so many positive ways. She had a



Amy Finstad

great sense of humor. Amy was always optimistic. For her every day was a new day. Amy had a strong will, she was determined to get the most out of life. Amy would never let the

world get in the way of her dreams.

Amy could brighten a room full of people when she walked in. She had a big heart. Amy made everyone's day brighter. Amy had a hug for everyone who needed one. She had a warm smile. Amy brought joy to everyone she met. Amy would help anyone and everyone who needed assistance. She had a radiant smile. She was always happy. Her life had a great impact on a lot of people who will miss her and the fun times they had with her.

Her friends and classmates are thankful for their memories of her. We will ALWAYS remember Amy.

Leave a note to Amy or her family

If you would like to share your reflections on Amy, there will be a notebook circulating around the third floor of Seibold hall. Talk to Keri Bakker if you want to write in the journal. This notebook will be available until Christmas break when it will be given to Amy's family.





































































First hurdle passed...

John Finstad continues to campaign for seat belt law

by Janet Hansen

This week, beginning on Valentine's Day, February 14, is National Child Passenger Safety Week. Statistics published by the National Safety Council show that traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to children of all races ages 0-15. Six out of ten children who die in crashes

wearing her seat belt she would be alive today.

Officer Gary Odegaard, originally from Milnor but now working as a State Patrol Officer out of a Fargo office, reconstructed the accident scene for Finstad. Odegaard agreed that with the seat belt buckled, Amy would have been safe.



By MIKE MCCLEARY of the Tribune

John Finstad, right, talks with North Dakota Highway Patrol trooper **Roger Clemens** Tuesday in the Great Hall of the Capitol after the passage of a seat belt bill that Finstad is backing.

Saving other people's kids

■ Man whose daughter died in crash pushes hard for seat belt bill

anything before, but he played a key role in getting the bill passed. He spent Monday and Tuesday lobbying lawmakers face-to-face, telling them what it's like to lose a child, and how important that strap of fabric is.

Finstad has convinced a few

Finstads to be featured on Prairie Public TV

On Thursday night, April 8, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Lori and John Finstad of Lisbon will be featured on the

Plains Talk program on Prairie Public Television - Channel 13. They will be sharing their experi-

ences concerning the loss of their daughter, Amy, in a car accident. They will also tell how Amy's death has caused them to become active in getting legislation passed regarding seat belt laws for juveniles.



Finstads witness signing of “Buckle up for Amy” law

The John Finstad family, who lost their daughter, Amy, in a traffic accident last December 5th, traveled to Bismarck in early April to witness the signing of the new seat belt law for which John had

spent much time lobbying. The state will not implement the law immediately, but will spend some time publicizing it and explaining it to the young people, under age 18, which it will affect. According

to John Finstad, Governor Schaefer will be proclaiming a day this summer as “Buckle Up for Amy Day”. The law will begin to be enforced on Labor Day week-end.

Amy
was thrown
clear from
the crash,



leaving
her car behind.

She also left her
family, her friends,
and everything she
wanted to do in life.



Buckle up.

It's not just the law. It's your life.





IF I HAD A FLOWER FOR EVERY MEMORY
I COULD WALK FOR MILES IN A BEAUTIFUL
GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.

IN MEMORY OF
AMY B. FINSTAD
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Buckle Up For Amy