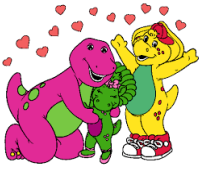


Amanda Josephine Weed Memorial Scholarship



The family of Amanda Josephine Weed is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Wyoming Area graduating senior who has been accepted and enrolled in a two- or four-year college.

Amanda was born July 2, 1990 to Karen and Charles Weed. She was the sister of Tom Obrzut Jr. and Mark Obrzut, both Wyoming Area graduates, and Rebecca Weed Evansky.

Shortly before her 3rd birthday, Amanda was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer that affects nerve cells and accounts for six percent of all cancers in children. Despite the hard work of the doctors and nurses at Geisinger Hospital in Danville, Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Amanda died in May 1994.

Throughout her treatment, she remained upbeat and was such a brave little girl saying once, "See Mommy I didn't die in the hospital." She endured more than most adults would be able to handle and she handled it with wisdom beyond her years.

Before her diagnosis, Amanda enjoyed her short life. She liked reciting the alphabet and numbers, playing with dolls and baking cookies with her grandmother Isabel Bellanca. She especially liked Barney the Dinosaur. She would sing Barney's "I Love You" song every day. Amanda was extremely smart, loving and sweet. She is missed immensely by her family.



She attended Cookie Corner in Wyoming and would have been a member of the Wyoming Area graduating class of 2008.



On the 10th anniversary of what would have been her graduation, her family decided to start a scholarship to honor her memory and to bring attention to the horrible disease which took her life.

In a solid essay of at least of 500 words, please tell us:

Why do you deserve the Amanda Josephine Weed Memorial Scholarship?

Name a difficult obstacle you overcame in your life and how that was achieved?