



## Rachel Kjar

January 31, 1991 - July 7, 2016

Rachel Kjar, age 25, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in her sleep on Thursday July 7th after falling ill several days earlier.

Rachel was born on January 31st 1991 in Salt Lake City. She was a radiant, extraordinarily beautiful, sweet-hearted, and talented child who was commonly referred to as “Angelic”. She loved picking & eating berries in the back yard, and swimming and boating with her family every summer. She sang for several years in the International Children's Choir with her siblings.

At the age of 15 it was discovered that Rachel had a brain tumor that needed immediate removal. The resulting brain surgery left her with very limited vision and other on-going health problems. She faced these challenges with incredible faith, patience, and determination.

In the ten years since she consistently gained strength while pushing the limits of what her limited body could do. She was an accomplished flutist and performed in her High School Concerto night as a soloist, and toured Europe with the Utah Ambassadors of Music Honor Band before graduating with high marks from Jordan High School.

Rachel's love of art is multi-faceted, and she developed a gift for recognizing and creating things of beauty even with the little sight she had left. She designed and created jewelry, and provided many with unforgettable custom

pieces. She had an eye for fashion, and was always stylishly dressed. This May she received her bachelor's degree in graphic design at Dixie State University. She is a great photographer, artist, an integral part of the family business, and designed popular neckwear to be sold in the family retail stores.

It was a joy to watch her become an aunt. She had a natural soothing and nurturing influence on her nieces and nephews, and was always so thoughtful in the way she spent time with them. She took the best photographs of those precious moments. Her nieces and nephews loved every minute with Aunt "Ray Ray".

The greater legacy that she leaves with us is that of her incredible faith, determination, patience, genuineness, kindness, charming wit, wisdom and spiritual insight far beyond her years. She was the best of us, and had learned in just 25 years what many may never learn in a lifetime.

While we are grief-stricken by the sudden loss of our dear daughter, sister, and friend Rachel, we know that she has been taken home to her Heavenly Parents, that she is happy, and that she sees clearly the glorious things that have awaited her.

Rachel left behind her loving family – Marvin Castleton Kjar, Kristen Galbraith Kjar (parents)

Shaun & Audrea Ritter (Brother) Nick, Rylan, Emma (Nephews & Nieces)

Megan Kjar & Sean Christiansen (Sister), Juliet (Niece)

David & Brittany Kjar (Brother), McKay, Asher (Nephews)

Jonathan Kjar (Brother)

Rebekah Kjar (Sister)

In lieu of flowers we would ask that any donation would be made to the LDS

humanitarian aid fund at [LDS.org](https://www.lds.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Ivins Cemetery

200 West 400 North  
Ivins, UT

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Granite South Stake Center  
2126 Gryfalcon Dr.  
Sandy, UT 84092

## Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

Granite South Stake Center  
2126 Gryfalcon Dr.  
Sandy, UT 84092

## Memorial Service

JUL 18. 7:00 PM (MT)

Red Cliff LDS Chapel  
1285 N. Bluff Street  
St. George, UT



# Tribute Wall



“ 17 files added to the album *Graveside Service*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - July 19, 2016 at 01:03 PM

DK

“ MARV AND KRIS;  
THANKS FOR SHARING SWEET PRECIOUS RACHEL  
WITH US. SO BLESSED TO HAVE HER COME TO THE  
TEMPLE FOR BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD AND HER GRANDMA  
KJAR SHARED WITH US SO VERY MUCH WE FEEL LIKE WE  
KNOW AND LOVE HER SO VERY MUCH. THE FUNERAL WAS  
THE VERY BEST MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL  
LOVE DEAN AND LARAE KJAR

Dean and LaRae Kjar - July 17, 2016 at 06:35 PM

SM

“ I am so sad to hear this news of such a sweet, kind, and talented young girl. I had the opportunity to be in quite a few classes with Rachel before graduating with her in May. I never knew of her struggle to see. Wow, is all I can say of her talent that she had. Be proud to know how incredibly sweet she was. Sending condolences to your family. Way too young!!!!

Stacy Macdonald - July 17, 2016 at 06:31 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Kjar.*



July 17, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sincerely- Jodi and Jeremy Lindsay purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rachel Kjar.*



**Sincerely- Jodi and Jeremy Lindsay** - July 14, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rachel Kjar.*



July 14, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Rachel Kjar.*



July 14, 2016 at 12:16 PM

KS

“ Dear Family of Rachel,

*What a glorious tribute you wrote for Rachel. And what a sad loss. My prayers are with you. I did not know Rachel as a grown-up. My all-time favorite memory was when Rachel was about 6 years old in the International Children's Choir. We were in the Lion House singing for the first Law and Religion Symposium... one song for each of the 5 different countries attending that day. When we started singing the Ghana Birthday Dance, a giant man from Ghana swooped up tiny Rachel into his arms. (She was the smallest child in the choir and about 1/4 of his size or less.) He danced and twirled, all the while holding her and singing. We were in awe at the magic of the scene. Then the two other giant men from Ghana picked up the next two smallest children and danced with them. The whole feeling in the room became a warm oneness. I don't know if Rachel ever knew, but she surely does now, that her melting of the hearts of those men was a highly significant key that helped open the lock for the building of the temple in Ghana. I heard this told many years later by General Authorities on at least two occasions. Otherwise, I would not know either. We mostly never know. Probably Megan and her brothers remember this day. It is firmly ingrained in my mind like it was yesterday. May you feel Rachel's angelic warmth and comfort near you at this time, as she dances in her newfound freedom from pain.*

*Love and hugs to each one of you,*

*Kathy Sorensen*

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**Kathy Sorensen** - July 14, 2016 at 12:01 PM



*Thank you so much for sharing that beautiful memory Kathy. She melted a lot of hearts in her 25 years.*

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**Megan Christiansen** - July 14, 2016 at 03:49 PM

SR

“ Rachel's example of pressing forward and accomplishing much in spite of her illness. So thankful that the brain tumor did not take her sooner and she could grow into a beautiful young woman inside and out. Hoping she's getting to know our son Eric Christopher and they are great friends and perhaps more than that. My heart goes out to the family. Hugs and love from NH. Love the Rudy's

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**Sherrie M. Rudy** - July 14, 2016 at 05:20 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Kjar.



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July 13, 2016 at 11:01 PM