

Chino Hills Champion (CA)

'Amazing' girl loses cancer fight

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Karla Ann Asch-Rosen, the 15-yearold who battled a brain tumor for more than a year, died at home on Sunday, Feb. 5, surrounded by family members. "She was amazing all the way to the end," said her stepdad, Michael Rosen. "We're sad, but so blessed."

Mr. Rosen said **Karla's** journey inspired the community. He said he was grateful **Karla** didn't suffer pain in her final days.

The afternoon before she died, her girlfriends were with her talking, drinking shakes, and even painting her toenails hot pink.

During the last year, residents and groups held fund-raisers, donated gifts, cooked meals, wrote encouraging letters, held prayer events, and stood by the family. Many of her supporters wore a blue bracelet with the word "Amen," a word she chose to signify her life.

A week before she died, **Karla** said she wanted the community to know how thankful she was for their love, prayers and support.

Karla was born June 29, 1990, in Anaheim. She lived in Chino Hills for six years, attending Litel Elementary School, Townsend Junior High, and Chino Hills High.

She was a member of the Chino Hills High School dance team, played AYSO soccer and made its all-star teams. She was passionate about youth ministry at Inland Hills Church. **Karla** enjoyed the outdoors, music, water sports and dirt bike riding.

Friends said **Karla** loved to be around people, made friends easily, and saw the good in everyone.

She is survived by her mother and stepdad, Ruthe and Michael Rosen; dad, Rick Asch and his companion Colleen Beattie; brothers, Brandon Rosen, 8, and Cole Rosen, 5.

The family held three services Friday that focused on **Karla's** life. A celebration of life service was held at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, followed by a reception at Inland Hills Church with refreshments, a photo journey of **Karla's** life, and a balloon release. A graveside service was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

Donations in memory of **Karla** may be made to Inland Hills Church, 14670 Ramona Ave., Chino, CA 91710, for a prayer walk project that will include plants, flowers, benches, and a walking trail for prayer and reflection. Indicate "**Karla**/prayer walk" in the memo section.

Donations also may be made to **Karla's** account. Funds will be given to organizations that were important to her. Checks may be made payable to **Karla Asch-Rosen** Account, Union Bank of California, 13225 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709.

Karla Ann Asch-Rosen

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