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## In Memory of Samantha Brooke Ratledge

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Samantha Brooke Ratledge, 22 of Scott City, Missouri died Sunday, September 1, 2019 at Kentucky Lake. She was born November 12, 1996 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Gary "David" Ratledge II and Nikki Goodwin.

She was a waitress at The Keg in Murray, Kentucky. Sam graduated from Kelly High School in Benton, Missouri where she was a two-time first team All-State softball player in her sophomore and junior years and also achieved All-State track and field status in the long jump, the triple jump and the 4x1200 relay. From high school, Sam went on to Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri, where she was a key member of the school's softball team. She played two years and was outstanding, starting her freshman year when they won the regional tournament. That year Sam batted .340 with 32 hits including four doubles, four triples, a home run and 15 runs batted in. The following year, she batted .375 with 57 hits, including 13 doubles a triple and seven home runs with 33 runs batted in. She was an outstanding defensive player and could play anywhere.

After two years at MAC, Sam signed to play softball at Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Florida in the fall of 2016. She returned home and was attending Murray State University, pursuing a degree in occupational safety and health.

Sam enjoyed sports and crafts as well as being mechanically inclined and a very hands on girl. She loved life, family, friends, playing pranks and gave it her all in every facet of life.

She is survived by her mother, Nikki Caldwell of Glenn Allen, Missouri; her father David (Rhonda) Ratledge of Scott City; a brother, Blaze Stephens of Glenn Allen; a sister, Brailey Ratledge of Scott City; maternal grandparents, Dennis and Karen Goodwin of Quincy, Illinois; paternal grandparents, Gary (Sharon) Ratledge of Benton, Missouri, Ronnie Burton of Sikeston, Missouri and Doris (Russ) Breymeyer of Benton; maternal aunts, uncles and cousins, J.D. (Krista) Goodwin and children Connor, Chloe, Blaine, Tyler and Isaac, Teresa (Ron) Hollis and children Courtney and Shannon, Troy (Tammi) Roberts and children Justin, Cherish and Gracie, Leslie Gallagher and Rob (Aime'e) Gallagher; paternal aunts, uncles and cousins, Tom (Amy) Ratledge and children Caleb, Isaac, Abbey and Megan, Shawna (Jamey) Kight and children Nicholas and Elizabeth as well as many more cousins and loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Carol Goodwin.

Our family would like to thank the Calloway County Fire-Resue volunteers who brought our daughter back to us.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the time of service on Saturday at the Kelly High School in Benton.

Funeral service will be at 3:00 pm on Saturday at the school with Revs. Michael Casteel and Dennis Lowe officiating.

Burial will be in Unity Baptist Cemetery in Benton.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Calloway County Fire-Rescue, PO Box 612, Murray, KY 42071 to assist them in purchasing updated sonar equipment.

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