

## **Michelle Christine Knapp**

Michelle Christine Knapp, 23, of Lubbock and formerly of Centerville, Ohio died Sunday August 13, 2006 in Tulia.

Michelle was born in Fontana, Calif. on September 5, 1982 to James Ian Keith and Carol Jean (Brown) Knapp. She graduated from Centerville High School class of 2000 where she was a Gold Medallist in the High School National Science Olympiad.

Michelle's interests were small mammals especially bats. She graduated from Harvard University class of 2004, and had been attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she was pursuing her Ph.D. in Mammalogy. She was an active member of St Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, serving as a Eucharist minister and director of the Junior Daughters of the King.

Michelle is survived by her parents, James and Carol Knapp of Centerville, Ohio; a brother, David Knapp of Centerville, Ohio; four sisters, Jennifer Rael of Louisville, Ky.; Karen Wells of Monroe, Va.; Kristin Nichols of Centerville, Ohio; and Kristy Hager of Baltimore, Md.; as well as ten nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Sunday, August 20, 2006 at St. Francis Episcopal Church 225 N. Main St (St Rt 741) Springboro, OH with Rev Joseph Redmond officiating.

A separate memorial service will be held at St Paul's Church in Lubbock at 4:30 p.m. on August 24, 2006 with the Rev. Dr. Steven Sellers and the Rev. Ryan Kuratko officiating.

A memorial fund has been established at Texas Tech to support graduate student research efforts in its Department of Biological Sciences. Donations may be made to the "Texas Foundation, INC" and sent to Todd Rasberry, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1034 for the benefit of the "Michelle Knapp Memorial Fund."

Memorial contributions can also be made to St Paul's Episcopal Church, 1510 Avenue X, Lubbock, TX 79401 for the benefit of the Junior Daughters of the King. Condolences can be sent to the family via [www.andersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.andersonfuneralhomes.com).

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