

Graduate dies in recent car accident

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Lena Erika Kramer, who graduated from Bowling Green State University in December, died Thursday, Feb. 22, as a result of a car accident near Napoleon, Ohio. She was 23.

Kramer graduated with a degree in the Bachelor of Science Education with an emphasis in Special Education. She was actively involved with Fellowship of Catholic University Students and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

According to her family, she loved hiking, camping, reading, walking and spending time with her friends. She was interested in theology and the lives of the saints. Her patron saint was Saint Edith Stain, who taught her about truth and humility. She wanted to live the truth being dependent on God and His graces.

She had the opportunity to work with children and young adults as a co-worker with the Regnum Christi Youth mentoring programs. She also worked as a resident advisor at the University and as a camp counselor at Camp Walhonding in Loundonville for four summers. Also, she worked with Catholic youth in the Toledo/Bowling Green area.

She is survived by her parents, Roger and Amy Kramer; her sister Kara; her paternal grandparents, Robert and Jeanne Kramer; her maternal grandmother, Mary Jacqueline Semonin; her special friend, Brian Bauer; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Funeral Mass was held on Monday at St Paul's Catholic Church in Norwalk. A memorial mass will be held at St. Thomas More Parish, on Tuesday, March 6 at 12:15 p.m. All are invited to join in prayer and celebration of Lena's life. Students are welcome to bring photographs, poems or other mementos that they would like to share and display in her memory.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lena's memory may be made to either Regnum Christi at Mater Ecclesiae, c/o Lena Kramer Memorial Fund, 4780 Tower Hill Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879 or to Legionaries of Christ, c/o Lena Kramer Memorial Fund, 475 Oak Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410.