

# For friends, Taryn Datsko still dances



**Taryn Datsko**

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**MADISON** - Whether a close friend or an acquaintance passing through the halls of Daniel Hand High School, those who knew 16-year-old Taryn Datsko will never forget her kindness, radiant smile and effervescent energy.

"I remember her dancing down the hall smiling," said Stephanie Hubley, senior class president.

"She walked with grace down the halls."

Hubley took a self-defense class with Taryn and remembers how the participants were awed over her flexibility that came from years of ballet.

Students, teachers and administrators wore silver and white ribbons to honor the life of a girl, who lived each day with laughter and a smile.

"She was one of those people who would come into the room with a smile and it would light the whole room up," said Matt Lawrence, a senior at Hand.

August 26, Taryn's bright future came to an end when her Jeep Wrangler flipped over onto Route 79 in Madison during a morning downpour. She was heading to her summer job at Robert's Food Center near the Madison traffic circle. According to her



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**Friends leave flowers and letters off Route 79 for Taryn Datsko, a 16-year-old Daniel Hand High School senior who died two days after she was injured in a car accident on that street.**

She was responsible, reliable and always had a smile on her face."

A co-worker, Nicole Broderick, a college student and Guilford resident, used to play softball with her and other co-workers at Daniel Hand High School after work. Taryn worked in the food court making sandwiches and serving dinners. Broderick remembers a playful Taryn who would always chat with her on breaks.

"She would always put these stickers we had in the store all over me that I would have to peel off before I went back to the courtesy booth," Broderick said.

Taryn bought gummy fish candy and shared it with the people in the seafood department. She would always tell her co-workers stories of the vacations to different Club Meds she and her father would take.

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