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Recent Graduate from Chester, S.C., Killed in Automobile Accident in Mecklenburg County

Hannah Ruth Floyd, 24, who graduated from Winthrop on Dec. 18, died Sunday, Dec. 26, as the result of an automobile accident in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at First Baptist Church of Chester with Revs. Clay Waldrip and Steve Bishop officiating. The interment will be in Old Purity Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Dec. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at Barron Funeral Home.

Born in Chester, S.C. on Dec. 8, 1986, Floyd was a member of First Baptist Church in Chester and also attended Second Baptist Church of Chester. She was a graduate of the S.C. Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics and an honor graduate from Winthrop University, having received a B.A. in psychology and B.S. in biology where she worked as a research assistant.

"Hannah was a beautiful and bright young woman who had real pizzazz. She was a pleasure to teach, and was no doubt capable of going on to a top-notch graduate program. The death of a young person is always tragic, but with this one comes the loss of someone with great promise to someday contribute much to society,” said Joe Prus, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology.

Biology professor Paula Mitchell had Floyd for a general zoology class in spring 2008 and awarded her the Certificate of Achievement as the student with the best academic performance. "With her double degree in psych and biology, Hannah had tremendous potential as a researcher," Mitchell said.

Floyd was an avid softball player, having been selected in 2002 for the Chester Dixie Girls All Star Team. She had a love for animals which inspired her to serve as a volunteer for the Chester Animal Shelter. She planned to further her education in neuropsychology so that her talents might be used to help others.

She is survived by her father, Bill Floyd of Chester; her mother, Fran Floyd McNaughton and her husband, Bryant of Chester; one brother, Tripp Floyd of Chester and several aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, and her beloved pets, Zoe and Tina.

Memorials may be made to Chester County Animal Shelter, 2714 Dawson Dr., Chester, SC 29706 or Friends of The Animals, P.O. Box 58, Chester, SC 29706.
Barron Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Online condolences to the family can be made at http://www.barronfuneralhome.com.