



Arabella Grace Carr

May 25, 2001 - March 5, 2022

Ella Carr died in a back country skiing accident on Saturday, March 5 at the Anthony Lakes area in Oregon. Ella pursued a life of purpose and intent. She continually strove to create her world to fit with her grand design. Through all of her life, she and her older brother cultivated a loving and supportive relationship that only grew stronger over the years.

Ella was born in Vail, Colorado and her family moved to Truckee, California before her first birthday. When she was 2 years old, she was diagnosed with “failure to thrive.” A diagnosis of Celiac disease was finally the answer. With a new approach to food and loving support from her family and friends, Ella grew into an inspirational person who much more than thrived. She touched many people in her time in this world.

Growing up in Tahoe, Ella benefited from so many local opportunities. Ballet with Sierra Nevada Dance and Inner Rhythms, sailing camps on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, Club soccer, Nordic skiing as a Strider-Glider at Tahoe XC. She skied on the Squaw Valley Ski Team starting at age 4 as a Shooting Star, then Mighty Mite, and then onto Far West. She also raced for the North Tahoe High School Ski Team, and at 5’1” she was recruited by her friends to play on the varsity basketball team.

She mixed up her Tahoe experiences with Camp Merriwoode in the North Carolina mountains for 8 summers.

She was a student at Kings Beach in the dual immersion language program, Alder Creek Middle School, Creekside and North Tahoe High School. She excelled at school.

Where Ella really found her stride was on the North Tahoe High School Cross Country Team. She was an NTCC Laker Legend, which means she was for all 4 years varsity, state championships team, all-state, and all-academic. The cross-country experience filled her heart with a passion for running that kept growing. She loved running on mountain trails most of all, for miles and miles. She completed 2 ultra 50K marathons, winning her second. She had sights on being the fastest person to complete the Tahoe Rim Trail; she intended to do the notorious Barkley Marathon.

After high school, Ella sought to broaden her horizons on the east coast. She chose Wesleyan University in Connecticut. She met amazing friends there. She played rugby and raced on the Wesleyan ski team. During Covid restrictions, she yearned for the mountains and the West. She took the next semester off and worked as a ski race coach for the development team at Squaw Valley. Then she WWOOF-ed (work on organic farms) in Oregon and Alaska.

She transferred to Whitman College in Washington in January, continuing her studies of understanding and caring for the earth and of foreign languages. While it was a little intimidating to arrive in the middle of the academic year, she quickly found her people. At Whitman's Outdoor Program, Ella enlarged her circle of friends, and together they went on to create many of their own outdoor adventures.

She loved to watch the sunrise during mountain runs, back-country ski ascents and cold swims in rivers, lakes and ponds. She found some kindred

spirits who purposefully sought out discomfort with her.

In the spaces between the happenings she found love. She had seemingly achieved her highest joy at the end of her life.

Ella is survived by her parents, Hale and Don, her beloved brother, Austin, her grandparents, Clifton & Sarah Sneed; Uncles, Chris (& Anita) Sneed, Al (& Bonnie) Sneed; Aunt, Laura Carr, and so many more loving family members.

Ella's family would like to express their deepest gratitude to friends and family who have surrounded them with love and support. There will be a service for Ella at the Olympic Village Lodge in Palisades Tahoe at 3:00PM on Sunday, March 20.

In lieu of flowers, Ella's family will create a scholarship in her memory through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation.

Donations can be made online at:

https://ttcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1180

Charitable donations can also be made by check to:

Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation

PO Box 366

Truckee, CA 96160

Tax ID: 68-0416404

(530) 587-1776

(Please specify that the donation is in memory of Ella Carr)

The Carr Family will work with TTCF to distribute the charitable funds through the local community scholarship process.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Olympic Village Lodge
1901 Chamonix Place
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

Tribute Wall

MC

“ My deepest sympathy for all who loved and cherished Ella. I
tenderne when she was my student at Creekside. She was timid girl
carrying a fire burning within. Her obituary reads like a life week
lived fully and joyfully. I'm so sorry for your greatest loss. May her
spirit carry you through the hard days.
Monica Caldari

Monica Caldari - April 30, 2022 at 07:47 PM

MC

I remember her as a timid yet fiery! Sorry for the typos... my phone has
a mind of its own.

Monica Caldari - April 30, 2022 at 07:51 PM

MH

“ My memories of Ella are from ages 4 through 8. She attended King’s Beach Elementary, where she was my daughter’s classmate in the Spanish Immersion program. During this time, I observed her within the classroom as well as in activities outside the school, including playdates at my home. At this period, Ella had been diagnosed with celiac disease and her diet was vastly different from that of her classmates. It struck me at the time how resilient Ella was. She never whined or complained about being different in this regard. She seemed to take it in stride and I put it down to wonderful parenting and support from her big brother, Austin. It was notable that this petite child had the tenaciousness and resolve of someone much older. Ella was consistently kind. I never observed frustration, even when she was possibly not feeling well physically. Ella had the ability to engage my quiet introspective daughter with her calm and steady temperament. Ella was an intelligent and insightful student, intuitively understanding what the most important take aways were within the classroom. Though our family left Truckee at the end of third grade, I am certain Ella became a strong and independent adult with a wide, diverse circle of admirers and wonderful friends. She touched our lives as a young child and we can only imagine how many others were swept up by her specialness.

Margaret Halverson and Kate Halverson-Kolkind

Margaret Halverson - March 19, 2022 at 09:17 PM

MH

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Margaret Halverson - March 19, 2022 at 09:17 PM

EM

“ I didn't know Ella, but I have tears for the passing of this beautiful soul. Last February Samantha and Jeff Swigard went to Illinois to pick up two Alaskan Malamute puppies, one for them and one for me. On their arrival in Truckee, Ella met my little boy Grizzie, and his brother Nyack who is the Swigard's pup. Samantha sent me this photo right after Ella's passing. Although I didn't know her, I cherish this photo to remember the beautiful face of the beautiful young woman who held my puppy, and welcomed him to his new life at Tahoe.



Ed Miller - March 18, 2022 at 03:42 PM