Nicole Elizabeth Pekarek was born October 25, 2000 to Jason and Joey (Aasby) Pekarek in Pierre, SD. Her older siblings, Taylor and Matthew, welcomed her with open arms. Even as the youngest of three, she was a spitfire. With her foxy grin and witty sense of humor, she could make anyone laugh. Whether she was playing cards with the older crew or playing hide and go seek with her younger cousins, everyone enjoyed her company. With her heart of gold, she touched those both young and old. Nicole had the keys to life and lived them, doing things we can all admire.

Nicole had an adventurous personality, if there was anything new to try, you can bet she was there. Her outgoing personality and willingness to be a part of all activities made it easy for her to make friends. Riding horse, being with her animals, especially her goats, working on the farm, drawing, her new found talent of beading, and hanging out with friends were some things she truly enjoyed. Her love for new things didn’t stop at home. She was a beloved student at Highmore High, trying her hand at almost every sport, including golf, and finding volleyball to be her favorite. She was a member of FFA, state FBLA officer, as well as a statistician for the boys’ basketball team.

She was member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Stephan, where she was an altar server. Nicole gave the greatest gift through her death by being an organ and eye donor.

Nicole will be greatly missed for many things, but her enthusiasm for life will never be forgotten.

Nicole is survived by her parents, Jason and Joey Pekarek of Highmore; sister, Taylor Pekarek of Brookings; brother, Matthew Pekarek of Highmore; grandparents, Janet Pekarek of Highmore, Keith and Corinne Aasby of Highmore; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Ronnie Pekarek.
In Loving Memory
Nicole Elizabeth Pekarek

Date Of Birth: October 25, 2000
Date of Death: September 13, 2016

Prayer Service:
7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday, September 18, 2016
Hyde County Auditorium
Highmore, South Dakota

Funeral Service:
10:30 a.m. ~ Monday, September 19, 2016
Hyde County Auditorium
Highmore, South Dakota

Officiating:
Father Christianus Hendrik, SCJ
Father Vincent Suparman, SCJ

Pallbearers:
Pat Cowan, Hayden Cowan, Telson Cowan,
Spencer Mewes, Payton Mewes,
Tyler Mandelko, Wil Kolb, Brody Benson

Honorary Pallbearers:
All of Nicole's Cousins

Final Resting Place:
Pekarek Family Farm

Vocalists: Darcy Pugh, Kimberly Jensen,
Lana Kopplin, Shaly Werdel
Organist: Chantrel LaMont

Music:
"On Eagle's Wings"
"I am the Bread of Life"
"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"
"Beautiful Girl"
"See You Again"

Lector: Deb Cermack
Ushers: Travis Olson, Austin Carroll, Randy Hague
Guestbook: Kim Knox, Lori Peterson

Flower Bearers: Patti Werdel, Kelly Hague,
Peggy Kusser, Connie Carroll

As I sit in heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don’t feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You’ll be taking one for me...