

Northern student dies in car crash Campus, community mourn for Shaina

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The community is mourning the death of Shaina Evans after the news of her death early Sunday.

"She did light up every room she walked into," her father Gary Evans said this morning, calling her a beautiful, caring person and friend.

"And, most importantly, a wonderful daughter," he said.

Evans, of Kalispell, died after the crash. The Associated Press reports that the vehicle she was driving rolled several times on Secondary 236 when she failed to negotiate a long, left hand curve and slid off the roadway at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Trooper Scott Fox with Montana Highway Patrol reported.



She and an 18-year-old passenger were thrown from the vehicle, with the passenger sustaining injuries and being transported to a Lewistown medical facility where she was treated and later released.

Evans died at the hospital.

Gary Evans said that his daughter's smile was his favorite thing about her, "which led to her wonderful personality."

Born in Havre before moving to and attending junior high school and high school in Kalispell, Evans, 20, returned to Havre from Kalispell to play volleyball for the Skylights.

Evans would have been a junior this coming year and was a favorite on campus, Montana State University-Northern Athletic Director Mark Samson said.

"She was always very outgoing and rambunctious and very friendly," he said. "She was just that type of person."

"She was never idle," Gary Evans Said. "She was always going, wanting to do something for somebody or to better her life — that certainly enriched her family."

Evans' death is hitting the college community hard, Samson said.

"It has kind of hit us all like a ton of bricks," he said, adding that the college is working to coordinate things for teammates and friends on campus to deal with their grief, although nothing is set, yet.

"Yesterday, we were dealing with the kids a lot," he said.

"She'll be missed. It's going to be something that we're all going to have to deal with for a while," he said.

Arrangements are being made through Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.