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PMF eBulletin – September 2023

In memory of Tory Wren



Last October, the family, friends and fellow students were devastated to hear of the sudden death of Tory Wren. All of us at the charity send heart felt condolences to her parents, Stephen Wren and Claire Carmalt at this cruel twist of fate. Tory's mother Claire, writes:

Victoria Wren, known to most as Tory, was a 3rd year medical student at the Peninsula Medical School who died suddenly in October 2022, age 20. Tory had a bubbly and enthusiastic personality along with a very caring nature. With her contagious smile and laugh she was able to brighten any room, even more so as she would bring such colour into the room with her red hair and funky outfits. She had a particular ability to include everyone and was one of the kindest souls. Tory loved nature, flowers, sunsets and her hamster Delilah. Family and friends were really important to Tory and she went out of her way to always check up on them to see if they were okay.

In the year book as she was leaving primary school, Tory wrote that she wanted to be a doctor, a singer, or do drama! So from an early age she knew she wanted to do medicine and she worked hard to achieve this, carrying out work experience at several hospitals and a research laboratory. She worked at a pharmacy where during Covid lockdown she would drop prescriptions off to the elderly in her own time. She was thrilled to get a place to study Medicine at the University of Plymouth. She loved being by the sea, making so many close friends and really enjoying the course.

Tory was in her third year, enjoying her clinical placements, when she died. She had particularly enjoyed working in the hospital and experiencing a range of surgical procedures and she had even started to be involved in a research project. She started feeling a little unwell in October last year but was happy as she had passed the last exam and she was looking forward to Halloween with her friends. After collapsing at her student home, tragically she could not be revived despite huge efforts from her housemates, paramedics and the Devon Air Ambulance. The coroner confirmed a natural cause of death due to a pulmonary embolism.

Tory had both the compassion and ability to be an excellent doctor and, in her memory, we have been raising funds for the PMF raising £11,600 (+£2,298 in gift aid) so far. As well as Tory's dream of becoming a doctor she was very keen to get involved in research, particularly after some experience in a biomedical research laboratory. Hence, it is a fitting tribute to Tory to raise funds for medical research at the place where she was living her dream.



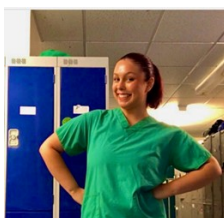
Isabel Brooks also writes a tribute note on behalf of Tory's medical student friends:

It is almost a year since our dear friend and colleague Tory passed away. Tory was a vibrant, colourful, kind, and enthusiastic young woman. She led a life of achievement and passion and touched so many individuals. As we move forward in our medical careers, we think of her every day, among flowers, sunsets and within the hospital. She was loved within Peninsula Medical School and Derriford Hospital by students, staff, and patients. She would have become an excellent doctor and had an interest in Parkinson's Disease after working with PD patients for some time. She is sorely missed by family, friends and within our community.

Sudden death in the young is desperately sad. The PMF is grateful to have the opportunity to share with readers the story of this talented young woman who would undoubtedly have become a fine doctor and medical academic. We will explore with the Medical School how we can mark her passing and the contributions made on her behalf towards local medical research.

Meantime, Any donations to the fund in memory of Tory Wren would be gratefully appreciated

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