

Mary Grace Tucker

May 5th, 1994 – July 31, 2005



Mary Grace Tucker was a Laser swimmer who died in a tragic car accident on the way home from the 2005 Long Course State Meet in Bentonville, Arkansas. Mary Grace was so much more than any words can describe. She was so full of life and loved everything she did. Mary Grace's Laser teammates wanted to honor her memory and decided to rename the Laser Summer "Red Hot" Swim meet after her. We believe that she would be honored that this swim meet bears her name.

The impact that her life and death had on the Laser Swim team is impossible to underestimate. She loved being a "Laser". She loved swimming. She loved her teammates. She loved practicing and winning. She loved the butterfly. She loved her family. She loved pizza. She loved shopping. And she was only eleven.

We will never know the adult that Mary Grace Tucker would have become, but we were privileged to know the young woman that she was. Like most young people she was involved in a number of different activities, but she found that swimming was her favorite. A desire to improve her skills and speed motivated her in practice and in meets.

Mary Grace discovered that friendship grows with large amounts of chlorine, pool water, goggles, and giggles. She learned that people, like Speedos, come in a variety of styles – try them on and find the perfect fit.

All of us who knew Mary Grace will cherish memories of her as we continue life's journey. Swim your best this weekend in memory of Mary Grace, and with the knowledge that you too can make an impact on someone's life!

