

## Hilton mourns teen's death

### Smith

#### Paige Smith, student killed in Greece crash, remembered as a 'shining star'

Victoria E. Freile and Gary Craig Rochester Democrat and Chronicle USA TODAY NETWORK

Paige Smith, the Hilton teenager and Hilton High School cheerleader killed in a crash in Greece Sunday evening, had a life fuller in her 18 years than many do in a much longer lifetime.

Julie Tennant, a close family friend of the Smiths, said she joined the Smith family after the tragedy Sunday night and recognized just how special Paige Smith's life had been.

"It dawned on me that Paige was so lucky because she had an amazing family and she, at such a young age, had her one true love," Tennant said Monday. "... Paige was an amazing girl. She had tons of energy. She was a bright soul.

"She loved everything with all of her, including her parents and her sister and her boyfriend and her dog." Smith had dated her boyfriend, Hilton High School senior

See SMITH, Page [10A](#)



Flowers are left on the side of a road near the area where Paige Smith of Hilton was killed in a crash.  
TINA MACINTYRE-YEE/@TYEE23/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



## Paige Smith PROVIDED

---

### Hilton mourns teen's death

#### Smith

Continued from Page 1A

Max Chamberlain, for seven years, Tennant said.

Smith was one of two Hilton High School students, both seniors and members of the school's varsity cheerleading squad, involved in the crash. She was a passenger in a Volkswagen driven by Brianna Scarpulla, also 18, who suffered serious injuries and was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital for treatment.

She was listed in guarded condition Monday evening; police say the injuries are not life-threatening.

The crash occurred on Latta Road, just after 6 p.m. on Sunday. Scarpulla was driving west, lost control and drove into oncoming traffic where she struck an eastbound sport utility vehicle. Smith was pronounced dead at the scene.

The SUV driver, a 64-year-old Greece woman, suffered injuries that also were not considered life-threatening. She was also taken to an area hospital for treatment, said Sgt. Jared René of the Greece Police Department.

Tennant set up an online gofundme fundraiser early Monday morning and by early evening had raised more than \$7,000 in memory of Smith. Donations will be used for funeral services, burial costs and to celebrate Smith's life, said Tennant, who also lives in Hilton.

"Paige Adele Smith was a shining star who brightened every life she touched," Tennant said via the online fundraiser. "She was taken much too soon."

Tennant said the family plans to celebrate Smith's life and to release balloons with handwritten messages for Paige.

"Hopefully they will reach Paige in heaven," Tennant said. "She was an amazing girl."

Smith also worked part time at Yolickity Frozen Yogurt Bar in Greece. She was considering attending a local community college, Tennant said.

A second online fundraiser has been established to assist Scarpulla, who remains hospitalized. Funds collected will be used to assist Scarpulla and her family with medical expenses.

Hilton Central School District spokeswoman Grace Griffie on Monday said grief counselors will be available for students and staff throughout the week. Local exams will be taking place at the school this week, but school

officials will allow struggling students to postpone this week's local exams, she said.

Regents exams are also scheduled for this week and cannot be rescheduled, she said.

Hilton High's Class of 2018 is scheduled to honor 340 graduating seniors at a commencement ceremony at The College at Brockport on June 23.

[VFREILE@Gannett.com](mailto:VFREILE@Gannett.com) [GCRAIG@Gannett.com](mailto:GCRAIG@Gannett.com)