



The Central Division will have one less beautiful snowflake landing on our hills this winter. Sadly, 8 year-old Camilla “Coco” Jacobson of the St. Paul Ski Club died unexpectedly, earlier this summer. Camilla was the daughter of ski jumpers Ty and Veronica Jacobson (nee Myhra) and the granddaughter of Jack and LeeAnn Myhra of the St. Paul Ski Club (SPSC) and Bruce and Mary Jacobson of the Ishpeming Ski Club, as well as one of ten Jacobson siblings currently skiing in the division.

Like all her siblings before her, Camilla began skiing when she was only 2 years old! As her skills progressed, so, too did her unique charm and personality as a skier. In fact, after her first run down the SPSC 10m landing hill, she eagerly asked her family if she was now ready to go down the 20m. That effervescent enthusiasm was something Camilla brought into everything she did. Even though she was secretly a bit of a nervous skier, she never let that stop her from progressing to each level and taking on the next hill. And while she enjoyed the challenges that came with progressing in the sport she loved, Camilla was not an overly competitive skier. In fact, she often got more excited about the tie-dyed participation ribbons that were given out than the placing ribbons because she loved the colors! She was just as delighted to see others succeed as she was to succeed herself. She was unfailingly inclusive, and on any given day you could find her offering a hug or supportive, kind words to her fellow skiers, whether they were in her division (like Ava Chapman, Annika Edlund, cousin Teresa (Tt) Myhra or younger sister Agatha Jacobson) or just her good friends and siblings (like Alaina Newton, Aisley Edlund and older sister Delia Jacobson).

This connection to her ski community was very special to Camilla and she cherished the relationships she was building with her friends and family on the hills. At times, that connection to those around her was so strong that it even affected her form! Often being reminded to look straight in the outrun, Camilla just couldn't seem to help herself as she would inevitably turn her head left and look to the crowd, her huge smile shining bright as she looked out through her goggle gap! Her sisters even recall times when she kept her head straight as an arrow but her bright, blue eyes were still straining to the left as hard as they could!

Her connection to her fellow skiers wasn't only felt in Camilla's own heart, but she left traces of herself among the group too! There are more than a few SPSC skiers who take their helmets off now during the playing of the national anthem because of her and if you watch closely, you'll see some young skiers making the sign of the cross before they jump, a trait they picked up from watching Camilla over the years.

In her young career as a skier, Camilla had already accumulated some meaningful highlights. Though her home club was the SPSC, Camilla also travelled with her family to other hills in the Central Division to compete, including Eau Claire, Ishpeming and Itasca (the last two being where she proudly skied the 13m and 15m hills respectively in the 2020/2021 season)! However, her proudest accomplishment just may have been where she ended things this past winter, her final ski season, taking jumps from the bar on the SPSC 20m hill!

A beloved young member of our skiing community, Camilla's big, sparkling bright, blue eyes, freckled face, and joyful heart are deeply missed by all who knew her. So, to our fellow skiers, this season when you're finished warming up with your practice jumps on the hills, take a moment and think about our sweet angel up in heaven wearing her bright pink ski suit, and consider “going one more time” for Coco.

