

Western, Leah Paulette | 1978-2011

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Funeral for Leah Paulette Western, 32, of Chico is 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at New Beginnings Church in Chico with burial to follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 3. Jack Skidmore will officiate, and visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Western died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, in Decatur.

Born Oct. 16, 1978, in Fort Worth to Terry and Carolyn Western of Chico, she was a graduate of the University of North Texas and Regent University in Virginia. She counseled victims of sexual violence and family violence. She also participated in mission trips.

Western was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lamar and Oneita Cole, and J.T. and Martha Western.

She is survived by her parents; sisters Cynda Western Felini and husband, Michael, of Anna, Katrina Wiggins of Wichita Falls and Melissa Himes and husband, Nathan, of Arlington; brother Ethan Western; and nieces and nephews.