

'Sweet' how family, others remember Misty Herrin

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A sweet, innocent little girl.

That's how Misty Jo Herrin's grandmother in North Platte described the 3-year-old who died of brain injuries Dec. 22.

Misty's father—Trampus Schultz, also of North Platte—said Misty was "Daddy's sweet little girl."

The last time he saw his daughter was during a three-day visit before Halloween, he said.

Schultz said Misty enjoyed playing with her stepsister Jayna Schultz who was 3 years old.

"It's really a horrible tragedy," he said.

A day-care provider in Gothenburg, who wished not to be identified, said Misty was "an absolute pill."

"She was a little card," the provider said. "If I'd tell her 'no,' she'd crinkle her nose and look at me like 'Are you serious?' "

The provider, who had cared for Misty and her 7-year-old sister Ashley since September, said she remembers the child dancing to a music channel.

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Sweet as her picture is how Kathy Jesseph remembers Misty who visited Kathy and her husband Al at Camp Rock Haven south of Willow Island.

Kathy said Misty, Ashley and their mother Doris Herrin moved to Gothenburg and in with the Jesseph's son Adam about a month ago.

"Misty wasn't shy and liked everyone," Kathy said. "She'd run up and give hugs to everyone."

The family and Adam spent Thanksgiving with them at Rock Haven, she said.

"I'd also see them when I went to Adam's house to visit," Kathy said. "They weren't in our lives too long."

A few times Kathy said Doris would bring out the girls to play.

Otherwise Ashley was in school and later in day care with Misty, Kathy said, noting that Doris worked at McDonald's Restaurant.

A week before Misty died, Kathy said her son gave the child and her sister a black-and-white puppy they named Frankie.

Kathy and her husband are caring for the puppy.

"It's pretty hard right now," Kathy said.