Friends mourn former high school classmate

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Emily Brunton would do anything to make people laugh.

The 19-year-old former Stouffville District Secondary School student died Wednesday at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto after suffering life-threatening injuries in a head-on collision Dec. 16.

The vehicle Ms Brunton was driving collided with a vehicle driven by a 57-year-old Fenelon Falls woman on Glenarm Road near Sandringham Road in the City of Kawartha Lakes, near Woodville.

The other driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ms Brunton was airlifted to Sunnybrook where she remained in a coma until Wednesday.

"Emily was always happy. She hated to see other people sad. It bothered the (heck) out of her to see others sad," said longtime friend Krystie Bray. "She was random and spontaneous and she made everyone happy."

Ms Brunton attended Stouffville Secondary for grades 9 and 10 and the first semester of Grade 11 before transferring to Uxbridge Secondary School where she graduated in 2009.

At the time of the accident, Ms Brunton was living in Woodville, which is northeast of Cannington, with three friends.

Along with loving life, Ms Brunton had a passion for music.

'It bothered the (heck) out of her to see others sad.'

"Her music was her life," Ms Bray said. "I'm going to miss the way she makes everyone smile. I'm going to miss the fact that she was such a good friend I could talk to about nothing."

"Everybody now is completely devastated," said Chantel Monette, who first met Ms Brunton at Stouffville Girl Guides many years ago. "She was somebody who was really easy to talk to ... accepted you for who you were."

Funeral arrangements were unknown at the time of publication.

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Emily Brunton, shown with friends Rebecca Muir (left) and Krystie Bray. (right), died Wednesday after suffering serious injuries in a two-car crash near Woodville Dec.

16. She grew up in Stouffville before completing high school in Uxbridge.

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