

People were amazed at Bear's beauty, just recently Bear and her cousin Juanella (Naughty) were searching for the perfect gift for her boy friend Romy. After much searching they finally found a bear whom she called Shanti after her favourite movie "Om Shanti Om". An elderly lady then approached Bear and Naughty and asked them "are you both from here?" the lady then held Bear's arm and told her "She was the most beautiful girl she had ever seen in her life". She humbly thanked the elderly lady with that beautiful smile.

Bear enjoyed travelling to different communities with her family to places like Coober Pedy, Oodnadatta, Nepabunna, Beltana, the APY lands, and Yappala being her favourite destinations.

Bear in her teenage years really came out and showed that she was one classy chick. Bear was friendly, kind and polite to all people in the community. She always had a concern for the needs of the most disadvantaged people. Bear's dream from a young age, was to work as a social worker with refugees. Very recently she told her mum and dad that she was going to work hard to realise that particular dream.

In her teenage years Bear also connected with all members of her extended family. She took the time to visit and communicate with them all on regular occasions.

Aunty Bear had a very special loving relationship with Woola, Dunyeeng, Little Blue Cloud, Bimbim and Leglie.

Cousins and nieces including Naughty, Debra, Letisha, Tishara, Tina, Stacey, Gangel, Little E, Ginger Megs, Bubbin, Tara, Anna, Taliha, Munitji, Adam, Skye, Google, Tiffany and Astro, were all treated like sisters by the Bear.

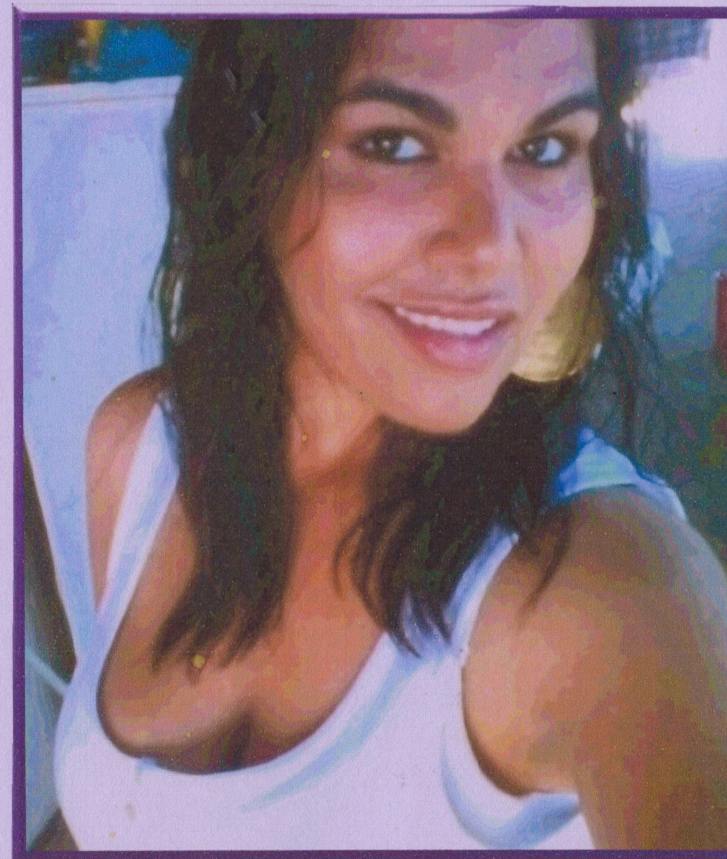
No doubt everyone has their own special tender memories of her. She will be remembered as a kind, happy carefree, beautiful young woman who was naturally very caring. She had a great sense of humour and a beautiful smile that will be missed by all who knew her.

Bear's immediate family members adored and loved her immensely, and were so proud that she was such a beautiful person on the inside and out.

Sadly on the 6th January 2010, Bear tragically passed away in Adelaide with her Mum and Dad by her side. Her passing has broken the hearts of all her family and friends and left a gaping hole in the happiness and well being by all members of her large family.

Till we meet again Bubba, may you rest in peace with your Lord and Saviour.

*In loving memory of
Twyla Phoneque Celeste McKenzie*



"Twyla Bear"

16/5/1991 - 6/1/2010



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Baby daughter of

Alwyn and Irene McKenzie (Nee Wilton)

Sister of Margaret (Wubma) and Kahran (Yura)

Sister in-law of Pai, Shirley and Liam

Loving aunty to Taliah (Woola), Kashaan (Dunyeeng),

Zahran (Little Blue Cloud), Kaltesha (Bimbim), Lesley

(Ceglie) and Kiesha.

Loving little Nanna to Kasara (Deadly)

Grand daughter to

Malcolm (deceased) and Ruth McKenzie

and Sigh Wilton (deceased) and Ethel Wright

Loving Niece to

Ken, Donald, Angelina, Molly (deceased), Beatrice,

Margaret (deceased), Vivian, Malcolm (Tiger), Heather,

Rex, Deidre and Regina (Dodo) McKenzie Family.

Loving Niece to

Maureen, Beverley, Bevan, Deanna, Nigel (deceased),

Annette, Keith, Adrianna, and Vicki Wilton Family.

*She had many sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles and other
extended family members who she loved and respected.*



Twyla Bear was born on the 16th-May-1991 at the Queen Victoria Hospital in Adelaide. She was welcomed into the world by her parents, her brother and sister and Aunties Vivienne and Maureen.

Bear spent her first few days after leaving the hospital, at Aunty Deidre's with Rita and Karl and her family.

The family then moved home to Davenport Community at Port Augusta where she spent the rest of her life, apart from a few months last year when she stayed with Wubma in Adelaide.

As a baby she was the cutest and prettiest little bundle of joy that one could ever encounter. With both parents managing busy jobs, they shared the special job of caring for Bear with her Aunty Annette and family day care worker, Shirley Davis.

Before starting school Bear was lucky enough to go with her mum and dad to Europe where she experienced first hand, the cultures of people from far away lands. During her time in Europe, Mum and Dad fondly remember her wanting to enter and pray in every church and cathedral through out Paris and Barcelona.

Once back in Australia, Bear really took up the role of being a little socialite and weddings of relatives were a prime target for her. For several years in a row, Bear weaved her magic to ensure that she was invited to be the Flower Girl in each of her older cousins weddings.

From a very young age Bear took a strong interest in her culture and she continued to strengthen her cultural knowledge throughout her life. She quickly learnt to sing and dance to Adnyamathanha songs and with the support of her cousin Noblelene, she actually got to perform with the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

Bear attended primary school at August Park and Caritas College. Her high school years were at Caritas College and Port Augusta Secondary School. During these school years Bear proved that she was a gifted sports person. In netball she won the Best and Fairest Award at one Spencer Gulf Championship. She also won a trophy for Shadows Jn basketball team.

Bear's dark looks, made people think she came from a variety of cultures. For example whilst in Spain she was approached by some American students who asked to take her photograph, as she looked so typically Spanish. When told that she was actually from Australia, the students still insisted on taking her photo as she was the most Spanish looking person they had seen.