Carolyn M. Brown, 25, a student at Boston University and formerly of Fishersville, died on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the Emergency Room of Boston Medical Center. She was born on December 30, 1986, in Bear, Delaware, a daughter of Jeffrey P. and Jo Anne Brown. Carolyn was co-valedictorian of the Class of 2005 at Wilson Memorial High School. At Wilson, she attended Governor's School, and was a member of the marching band and of the debate team, placing in the state competition. As a student at William and Mary, she also studied in Russia prior to graduating with a degree in chemistry. She was attending Boston University pursuing a PhD in Pharmacology. Carolyn was described by her family and friends as loving and creative, and by her professors as brilliant and conscientious. She will be sorely missed. Carolyn was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. She is survived by her parents; her brother, Benjamin; her sister, Rebecca Altomonte and husband, Daniel, all of Fishersville; maternal grandparents, Richard and Pauline Baker; paternal grandmother, Alice Brown; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Her paternal grandfather, Raymond Brown, preceded her in death. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2012, at St. John's Catholic Church by Reverend Rolo Castillo. Burial will follow at Augusta Memorial Park. At 6 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2012, a Rosary will be said in the chapel of McDow Funeral Home, following which the family will receive friends until 8 p.m. Loving members of the family will serve as pallbearers. Memorial donations may be made to the Augusta Free Clinic, 342 Mule Academy Road, Fishersville, VA 22939 or to St. John's Catholic Church, 300 Maple Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980.