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Erica was riding her bike home from school on November 25, 2008. It was the last day of school before Thanksgiving break. A woman driving a Ford Expedition looked down at her cell phone and struck Erica. The accident occurred just a few houses from our home.

Erica suffered a serious head injury and was airlifted to The Children's Hospital in Denver after first being rushed to Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland. Erica's injuries were so severe the doctors couldn't do anything to save her.

Two days later, on Thanksgiving Day, Erica died. She was just 9-years-old.

Driving is a privilege. We owe it to those we share the road with to pay attention and focus on our driving. No call, email or text message is worth more than a life.

personal mission

Losing Erica left a hole in our family. This amazing little girl who was the center of our world is no longer there making us smile with her silly jokes and funny faces. What hurts most is knowing that this didn't have to happen. It was completely preventable. It is my personal mission to make sure other families don't have to go through the pain mine goes through every day.

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my daughter, erica, was nicknamed "sunshine." she had a presence and smile that would light up a room. she was known for her knock-knock jokes and funny faces. she loved to draw and wanted to be an artist when she grew up.