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Burbank High student Adrienne Wilson, who died Tuesday, suffered from a rare liver cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma.

Burbank teen dies after bout with cancer

■ Public memorial service Tuesday for Burbank High School student.

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BURBANK — Adrienne Wilson died Oct. 9, 2001, at her home in Burbank. She was 15.

Wilson was diagnosed in May with hepatocellular carcinoma, a rare liver cancer, and had spent the past several months in intense chemotherapy.

"She loved art, music, cooking, dancing and the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' and always wanted me to take her to see it. She also loved Halloween. We were just making costume plans for Halloween last week," her older sister, Andrea Wilson said.

Those who attend are asked to avoid wearing black

and, instead, to wear blue, Adrienne's favorite color. The service will be a secular one, and people are asked to refrain from referring to God.

A video tribute and biography will be shown during the service.

Wilson was born April 8, 1986, in Birmingham, Ala., and she had lived with Andrea in Burbank since 1997. The 4.0 student had been participating in home-schooling for the 2001-02 school year.

Wilson is survived by her sister and guardian, Andrea Wilson; brother Alex Wilson; and friend John Ceravolo.

A memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd. in Hollywood.

In lieu of flowers, people can make donations. Friends of Adrienne are asked to write a story or poem about how Adrienne affected their life and to share it during Tuesday's service.

NOTE: The Burbank Leader described John as a friend for legal reasons only. Adrienne always thought of him as the only father she ever had.