

# Vegas woman who couldn't stop growing dies at 34

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A Las Vegas woman who suffered a rare disorder that made it impossible for her to stop growing has died. Tanya Angus was 34.

Karen Strutynski says her daughter stood 7 feet 2 inches and weighed about 400 pounds when she died Monday, apparently from a tear in her heart.

Angus was 5 feet 8 as a teenager and had modeled on runways before she was diagnosed with acromegaly, or [gigantism](#), at age 22.

She grew so much over the next decade that her rings had to be modified, she had to use custom utensils, and she got around in a motorized [wheelchair](#).

Strutynski says her daughter was sometimes depressed about the condition but also saw it as a gift from God and an opportunity to help others with the disorder.

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