



Tyler Grace

September 13, 1984 - April 21, 2008

Tyler Grace -- Bourbonnais Visitation for Tyler John Grace, 23, of Bourbonnais, will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, where he was a member. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Monday (April 21, 2008). Mr. Grace was a substitute teacher, most recently at Reed-Custer, Manteno, Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, and the Kankakee Area Career Center. He was born Sept. 13, 1984, in Kankakee, the son of Robert D. and Therese L. Jamnik Grace. He was a 2007 graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. He had also attended Kankakee Community College and St. Xavier University, where he played baseball at both. He attended Bradley elementary schools and BBCHS. He had been very involved in high school activities and received many honors and awards. He was a member of the National Honor Society and had been a gym leader. Tyler enjoyed sports and excelled in cross country, basketball and baseball. He played on Bradley Central's 1999 State Championship team and the BBCHS 2001 State Championship baseball team. He was a blood donor. He was an avid Cubs and Notre Dame fan. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with his family and friends. Tyler was the kindest, most easygoing and loving person you could meet. Everyone who knew him loved him. He will be greatly missed. Surviving are his parents of Bourbonnais; two brothers, Austin Grace of Ocala, Fla., Nolan Grace of

Bourbonnais; paternal grandparents, Tony and Betty Grace of Bradley; maternal grandmother, Carol Jensen Jamnik of Bourbonnais; aunts and uncles, Michael and Jewelann Grace of Braidwood, Marshall and Linda Grace of Huron, S.D., Ryan and Kim Grace of Bradley; and several great-aunts and great-uncles; and several cousins. Deceased are his maternal grandfather, Louis Jamnik; and two uncles, John and Mark Jamnik.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rob, Therese, Austin, Nolan, and Carol,
I miss Tyler everyday. His smile, blushing when I kid around with him, and his sense of humor. He was loved by so many people. You all are in my nightly prayers. Miss you Tyler.
Love ya,
Aunt Linda

Linda Grace - April 18, 2011 at 11:56 AM

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“ You may remember me i was the exchange student from ireland,the guy who roomed with tyler during freshman year at st xavier (2003) You welcomed me to your house on several occassions that year. I came across this tragedy by mistake whilst on the internet, i was simply searching tylers name through google to find out what he had been doing recently as i didnt get a reply from his email account. I found out that a dear friend had passed. The year i spent at st xavier was an exciting year where we all grew up and learnt alot about ourselves. I was a bit older than tyler but he taught me alot about how to approach life objectively and how lucky i was to have such a great room mate. Tyler found himself in that year in st xavier. He cut loose and pushed a few boundaries and so i bestowed upon him the nickname 'wild tyler' due to comically getting written up by supervisors for blurring the college guidelines...this was of course serious business-however I thought of it more as growing up. Tyler had a great year at st xavier,the quiet kid that walked into pacelli hall got to experience life for the first time as a young adult. He had fun as we all did, we always looked out for him . But He was more than a great respectful room mate he was an ambassador for your country...an example of what a quality upstanding american with solid family values should aspire to be. You should be proud of your son Mr &Mrs Grace. Rod

rod - January 31, 2011 at 10:41 PM

TG

*Yes Rod we certainly remember you fondly as Tyler's St.X roommate. Didn't know how to get a message to you though but often wondered if you knew about Tyler. You can email me at tgrace60@hotmail if you'd like to. Thank you so very much for your tribute to Tyler. We miss him terribly and it meant the world to us. Hope all is well with you. Sincerely
Therese Grace*

Therese Grace - February 06, 2011 at 03:49 PM



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“ *I am praying for you all. I have known Austin for two years and in that time I have been blessed with his friendship and love. My heart is very heavy right now and I'm constantly thinking of your entire family. God Bless you, Amy##imported-begin##Amy Castaldo##imported-end##*

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“ *He will be greatly missed i loved the kind of guy he was he would help as a teahcher i wish that he would still be r teacher we all love him mos asked and injoyed how he would play games wit all of us i love tyler gr. 1 of his students from RCMS,Autumn Fisk*

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“ Tyler Grace had an electric personality that could pull anyone out of their shell. ½He was always making people laugh by cracking jokes or just being himself. ½There is not a single memory I have of Tyler that does not bring a smile to my face. ½I will forever treasure his unique smile and never forget how he brought to life the meaning of "lighting up a room with a smile". ½There was never a dull moment with Tyler and I will carry his memory with me wherever I go.##imported-begin##Laura Edmonds##imported-end##

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“ Words cannot even begin to describe all of the feelings that have transpired this week. ½Tyler has not only been a great friend to many, but has been one of my best friends throughout my entire life. To the entire Grace family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. ½I want you to know that Tyler will always be a part of my mind and soul.##imported-begin##Reid Savoie##imported-end##

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“ To Therese, Rob and the Boys and also Carol Jamnick, May God hold you in His arms and help ease the pain of the sad loss of Tyler. ½You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With Much Sympathy,

Sue(Power)& Dave Boudreau##imported-begin##Sue(Power) & Dave Boudreau##imported-end##

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“ There are few people that you can invite anywhere and not be worried if they will know other people or if they will have a good time. I was never worried about that with Grace. He always had a great time no matter where he was or who he was with. He had such an easy going personality that calmed me down so many times whenever I'd sweat the small stuff. He was everything to me. He was my prom date, wedding date, shuffle board partner (except whenever Kyle was home and he would drop me so that he could win :), a frequent visitor throughout college, my "go-to" guy, but most importantly he was my friend. A friend that could never be replaced or forgotten. I will miss him more than he will ever know.##imported-begin##Kaylee Gamble##imported-end##

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“ Deepest sympathy for your family's loss.

TCHS's prayers go out to all.

Bobby Stark

##imported-begin##Bobby Stark##imported-end##

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“ Rob, Therese, Austin and Nolan as well as Aunt Betty and Uncle Tony. ĩ½You and your family have always been there for all of our occasions and we feel bad that we cannot be there for you this week. ĩ½We love your family very much. I was so touched by all the messages left on this site by his friends and family, co-workers and parents of students. ĩ½What a testimony of a life lived fully and joyfully. ĩ½I don't think that anyone will ever be able to understand his passing at this time. ĩ½We love you and pray that God wrap his arms of comfort around you and give you peace that passes understanding.

##imported-begin##Rick &Terri Peters##imported-end##

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“ I have fond memories of Tyler. ĩ½He was always trying to make people laugh in class, thereby making my job a little harder (I was a fairly new teacher then). ĩ½I gave it my all to try to hold it together to not laugh when he cracked a joke or wore his "invisible goggles" with Cody Erickson, but it never worked. ĩ½I will never forget. ĩ½My thoughts are with you and your family.

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Maria Davila Arseneau##imported-begin##Maria Davila-Arseneau##imported-end##

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“ From the moment I met GraceFace, I was instantly drawn to him. Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing him for very long, I realize now that the past 2 years of having him in my life have been such a blessing. I don't think he ever knew how much he impacted my life. There are few people I've met who can make me smile or make me laugh like he does. Even after we've said our earthly goodbye to him, every memory of him brings me such joy and laughter. There isn't much else for me to say besides I love and miss him so much already.

To Mr and Mrs Grace, thank you for raising such a wonderful son. I am truly blessed to have had him in my life. Not a day shall pass until I see him again will ever think differently.##imported-begin##Bri Robbins##imported-end##

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“ DEEPEST SYMPATHY, YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.##imported-begin##MADONNA MAZZUCHI-ZASADA##imported-end##

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“ Linda, Marshall, and entire family, know that you are in our prayers at this saddest of times and may you find comfort in God's love and in each other.##imported-begin##Sallianne Gunderson##imported-end##

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“ To each and everyone of you: Your messages have warmed my heart. Please continue to pray for all of us daily as we somehow must manage to continue on without our beloved Tyler. He treasured his friends and said "Friends- you are the best!!"###imported-begin##Therese Grace###imported-end##

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“ Bobby G,

I'm going to miss hearing Tyler stories...locking his keys in the car with it running...sitting around the kitchen table reading notes that his students wrote him...and many more.

Take it one day at a time.

Peace and Love to you and your wonderful family.###imported-begin##Karen DeCarlo###imported-end##

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“ I had an opportunity to meet Tyler when he was a child. In front of my eyes is the picture of the young cheerful boy. The news of his death shocked us. Dear Rob, Therese, Austin, Nolan and Carol;

there is no words that could express our sorrow and pain. Although we live far away we grieve with you and keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

We are with you,
Majda###imported-begin##Majda Jamnik###imported-end##

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“ Rob, Therese, Austin, Nolan, and Carol,

It has been just about a year now. ĩ½I pray for all of you daily. ĩ½May God continue to give you guidance and strength through this terrible tragedy. ĩ½Man I miss you Tyler.....

Aunt Linda

##imported-begin##Linda Grace##imported-end##

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“ I Can't even imagine what you are going thru. ĩ½Just wanted to let you know my thoughts are with you at this sorrowful time in your life. ĩ½##imported-begin##Monica Powell##imported-end##

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“ Now that some time has passed, and I have attempted to let it all sink in, I have started to really focus on all the memories I have of Tyler. ¶½Mr. and Mrs. Grace-I'm sure you know how much we all miss your son, but I cannot imagine the pain you have been going through as parents. ¶½My thoughts and prayers are and will continue to be with your family each and every day, probably for the rest of my life. ¶½

When I think of Tyler, I think of all the times we have both been home from school, and it seemed as if no time had passed at all. ¶½I'm hoping that someday, when we all meet Tyler again, that's how it is-as if time hasn't passed, finding that things are just the way they were when you left them. ¶½I'm really going to miss the way he made me smile and laugh over the years. ¶½He really did light up the room, and this entire town is going to have a different feel to me when I realize that I cannot just call or text him anymore. ¶½I've read the posts from his students, and it is so clear to me that Tyler really impacted so many individuals. ¶½I always knew he would make such an excellent teacher and coach, and I'm glad he DID take the opportunity to do that for some time. ¶½I miss him so much, and I know everyone does. ¶½He deserves to be missed, he was an amazing friend to so many people. ¶½I am really pulling for your family through this difficult time, and I really want you to know that I admire your strength and courage more than I can even express. ¶½I will never forget Tyler Grace, I can promise you that. ¶½Thank you for giving us someone worth remembering in such a special way.##imported-begin##Julie Krause##imported-end##

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“ Tyler is and will always be one of my friends. From five year old soccer to college baseball we were always on the same sports teams and having a blast. We always found ways to have fun. The best time with him that I ever spent was living with him at eastern for two years. These were some of the best years of my life. Nothing but smiles and laughter. I couldn't imagine what school and life would've been like with out him. I'll never forget him. RIP buddy.##imported-begin##Ben West##imported-end##

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“ I've only known Tyler for 8 months, but they have been some of the best 8 months that I will never forget. No matter what was going on or the situation, Tyler always had a smile on his face that was contagious to everyone around him. He always made the best out of anything we did. I am honored to have gotten to know him and will never forget the fun times we had together. He will be forever missed and loved by everyone! My thoughts and prayers are with Tyler and his family.##imported-begin##Jennifer Riegle##imported-end##

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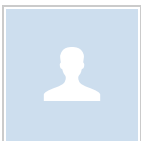
“ Tyler was such a hard-working athlete. The one thing we could always count on during cross country practices was that Tyler would show up to do his best. He was a part of some fun teams, and I'm certain is treasured by his teammates. As a parent, I'm grateful for the time Tyler invested in our district's young basketball players over the past couple of months, trying to prepare them for high school. My 8th grade son said that of the kids recently involved with Tyler, he thought he was a little more upset than some others. "After all," he said, "I've known Tyler since I was like 6..." I had no idea he'd remembered hanging out with Tyler and the other CC kids at those meets and practices eight years ago. Just goes to show you the impact Tyler had on all he met. Rest in peace, and all my condolences to the Grace family. God Bless. Doug Wadley

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“ (I went to beauty school with Therese.) Words cannot express how sorry I am for the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. Sue Danca (menard)

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“ Bob and Therese, Marla and I would like to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of Tyler. Our prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Gary

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“ Carol, Therese, Bob & Family,

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Tyler. We are still in PCB, FL for two more weeks--sorry to miss the visitation. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers! Nancy & Freeman Mietzner

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“ Please be assured that your brother and your entire family will be in my prayers. Brother Ryan

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“ Dear Grace family, we were saddened to hear of the loss of your son. We are thinking about you during this difficult time and sending our heartfelt sympathy.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jozefa Rozman, Marija Ravnikar;

Louis Jamnik cousins from Slovenia

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“ It is tough to explain how a room changed when Tyler Grace walked in the door. The grin on his face was contagious. He was always quick to remind you not to worry about the small stuff. He preached, "Live every day to the fullest", and he definitely practiced what he preached. I know Tyler is looking down on us now, making sure we always feel like he is in the room. He was a natural leader and an amazing friend never to be forgotten.

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“ Rob, Therese, Austin, Nolan, & Carol

I love you guys to death and I know the rest of my family feels deeply the same way. I am not good with showing outward emotion, so I will try and put my feelings into words. When I returned early this morning to Huron, I was flipping through the channels trying to relax from the long ride and I came upon a sermon from Notre Dame. Although it was now 5am, I could not turn it off, the priest looked just like Tyler. The sermon was about saying good-bye to your loved ones. The father giving the sermon (Robert Doud, CSC, Political Science) said that he never says good-bye, but rather I will see you later. this will be my new saying from now on, see you later. He stressed that God is always with you no matter what, and God is with Tyler no matter what he has done. Whatever burdens a person, no one will ever know except God, no one else will ever know. Although it is hard for us to accept what has happened, Tyler was a fine, outstanding young man that had a bright future ahead of him and he would have made a difference in this world whatever he chose to do. It was my pleasure and honor to be not only his ¹/₂uncle, but his friend as well. I will not say goodbye Tyler, but I will see you later. You are in a better place. Take care until we all see you then. Please look over the Cubs & the Bears for they sure need the help. We love you Tyler and miss you already.##imported-begin##Marshall##imported-end##

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“ Bob & Theresa,

I travel all the time and just heard of this. I am torn up inside; I'm sitting here crying as I'm typing this. My heart & prayers go out to you. Tyler is a gem in my heart. I have read all the tributes by people like the Turrells, Arthurs, and others--they are spot on. The tributes by parents of children he coached--he had "it," that special ability to bring people together, to make others believe in themselves that . . . with a little guidance from him . . . they could achieve that extra level. He will always be a perfect match for the lives of these children that he touched so deeply--I know that. I feel so blessed to have coached him, to have worked with such a fine person. He was a young man who acted beyond his years--he had a mature look at the world, but was always able to crack a smile at my bad jokes (a smile with shiny braces when I knew him best). I think he just wanted Coach Mac to feel like someone would laugh at his jokes. He was the kindest of persons I've met. I think the world of Tyler and his family & friends. Bob, Theresa, Austin, & Nolan, please accept Nicole & my deepest sympathies. I will carry his memory & kindness with me forever. Sincerely, Tim, Nikki, Kendall, Maddy, & Kyla
###imported-begin###Tim McIntyre###imported-end###

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“ Tyler was a wonderful young man who was always smiling and cheerful. We were lucky enough to have known him and will remember him so. Our thoughts go to his wonderful parents Rob and Therese, his two brothers Austin and Nolan and grandma Carol. Love, Blaz and Marjeta
###imported-begin###Blaz Koncan & Marjeta Skof###imported-end###

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in your friends, family, and most of all God's love. Our love and deepest sympathy,
Robin and Randy Hoscheid

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“ Mr. Grace...you were literally one of the most amazing people in my life. I remember when you made a birthday card for me and it said from your "From your favorite teacher Mr. Grace" :) You always are and will be my favorite teacher. You made me smile when I told you, Tiffany thought you were a cutie. You helped me with life and math problems all the time...Mr. Grace, there will be a part of you at our school, but forever in our hearts.
WE ❤️ YOU MR. GRACE!!!
Caitlynn Avery

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Carol & Jim Richards

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“ Every one will miss you at RCMS. You were one of my favorite teachers there. You will never be forgotten. You were a fun person to be around and you were always smiling. My love and prayers are with you family especially my principal Michael Grace.
sincerely,
Shannon Bourke

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“ I had the pleasure of teaching and coaching both Austin and Tyler while at BBCHS. ĩ ħ½I am so saddened to hear of Tyler's passing. ĩ ħ½He was a bright, funny, hard-working, and dedicated young man. ĩ ħ½Both boys were polite and respectful in all they did. ĩ ħ½In a career where thousands of students will pass through my classroom door, only a few will I remember for a lifetime. ĩ ħ½The Grace's are two of them. ĩ ħ½My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.##imported-begin##Kevin Gum##imported-end##

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“ While I did not know Tyler, I know what a wonderful young man he was because his mother was so proud of him. ĩ ħ½My prayers are with your family during this time, and throughout the future. ĩ ħ½Only God can give you the strength to get through each minute.##imported-begin##Amanda Allison##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grace was the nicest guy

he cared about everybody he was always there for you when you needed somebody

he was my favorite sub. teacher and nothing will ever take his place he will always be missed and loved by the 7thh grade reedcuster students

my prayers go out to the Grace family

love the reedcuster 7th graders##imported-begin##Lauren b.##imported-end##

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“ Thanks for being such a wonderful teacher.

You will be greatly missed and we all know you are in a better placee.

I wish you the best as the family.

and say i am very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Reed Custer School##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grace was a great guy. He will be greatly missed, and never ever forgotten. He was the best subs you could ever meet. He was so much fun on the field trip to Camp Manitoqua. He was in my group and he had so much fun. We all love and miss you Mr. Grace.##imported-begin##Becca Bernardy##imported-end##

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“ Words cannot express our deep sorrow and pain at hearing of your loss of your dear son, Tyler! We remember him as a good, sensitive, loving person and know that this is a great loss for you, as well as to his extended family and relatives, his community, his church, and all his friends. ¶½We grieve with you and keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness!

I am so sorry I (Laura) could not come for the visitation/funeral this week. ¶½I had an unexpected problem come up (with our car) while Randy has left for the United Methodist General Conference in Texas for this week. I didn't find out about the services in time to make proper arrangements to be able to be there for it. ¶½I have thought of you-all throughout the day today and want you to know we are grieving along with you. ¶½Both Randy and I want you to know our prayers and loving thoughts are with you today and in the weeks ahead. ¶½Tyler will be remembered; we pray also for the peace of his soul!

 ¶½¶½With heartfelt sympathy and love,

--Laura and Randy Robinson###imported-begin###Laura Robinson and Randy Robinson###imported-end###

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“ Rob, Therese, Austin, and Nolan,

Words are hard to come by these days. ¶½My heart is broken. ¶½Please know how much I love you and will always be here for you. Tyler was a great young man who always made me smile and laugh. ¶½Love ya Tyler.

Aunt Linda###imported-begin###Linda Grace###imported-end###

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“ He was a great teacher and he always listened to us. Sorry for your loss.He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Kaitlyn Willis##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and deepest sympathy are with Tylers family. i½My daughter, Elizabeth, went to school with Tyler, he was a nice young man. i½You will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Adams Harrison##imported-end##

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“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Julie Stewart##imported-end##

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“ To the Grace family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

LaDonna (Cavender) Marquette

Brett Pollett##imported-begin##LaDonna (Cavender) Marquette##imported-end##

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“ Tyler was my son's teacher during the fall in Manteno. Zackary gave him candy during the end of his student teaching and he told him how much he liked it. He made Zackary feel special. As a substitute teacher, I sat down and shared conversations with him during lunch. He will be missed. The Taylor Family

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“ he was an awesome teacher and he will be missed very much by everyone.

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“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grace,
I did not know Tyler very well or very long but I do know he was a fine young man who cared about the kids he coached. His whole attitude seemed to focus on helping the kids and not on himself. That is a rare, positive trait in our society and one that I believe he must have learned at home. In no way can I say I know how you feel or what you are going thru but I can say that you and your family will be in my prayers and I believe that God will help you thru this tragedy. With deepest sympathy,
Denny Lehnus

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“ He will always be in my prayers and remember as one of my son's best friends and also as another son to me that is how i had always treated my son's(franks alexander) friends as they were my son's also.

Love and prayers,

Jackie Sportiello###imported-begin###Jackie Sportiello###imported-end###

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“ Just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My oldest brother passed in a similar way and I know how hard it was on my family and his. i ½ I am sure that your brother is now home with the Lord and will always be watching over all of you. i ½ From his obit, one can see that Tyler was a great person who will be sorely missed by all. i ½ Take care and May God Bless all of you.###imported-begin###Jacquelyn Gehrsitz###imported-end###

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“ I only met Tyler briefly last year but he struck me as a fine young man. Reading about him I can see that this was true. This is a terrible loss and can only pray that God is with him and your family. I know that Mary Beth is grieving and J.D. is especially upset about his friend. There is not much one can say to help at a time like this, just know that you all are in the thoughts and prayers of so many. Please call on me if I can do anything for you.
i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ i ½ Kevin###imported-begin###Kevin Nelson###imported-end###

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“ Marshall, Our thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Mona Jensen-Olson##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Tyler was such a wonderful young man, and we will miss him very much.##imported-begin##David and Lucy Fitzpatrick##imported-end##

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“ Bob, Theresa, Austin, Nolan,

 We are so sorry for your loss, Tyler was a wonderful young man that we will never forget. We are so fortunate to have such great memories of him that we will cherish forever. May he rest in peace. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Steve and Lisa Turrell##imported-end##

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“ I have always thought of you all to be great and loving people.... my heart goes out to the entire Grace Family.##imported-begin##Scott Moreland##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We am truly sorry to hear about Tyler. In your time of sadness please know as friends we are always here for your family.##imported-begin##Glaeser Family##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss, you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Mylee Arseneau and Travis Rabideau##imported-begin##Mylee Arseneau##imported-end##

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“ Tyler~ I can't believe this. When my mom first told me the first image that popped into my mind was you in the yellow spandex shorts and yellow hat for class clash day. It was so funny. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. They say God only takes the best and you truly were. i ½We will all miss you! XOXO##imported-begin##Jennifer Graham i ½(Brownfield) i ½i ½##imported-end##

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“ I recently had the opportunity to work with Tyler in my classroom. i ½He was a quiet yet compassionate presence in the room. i ½I was so impressed by how he seemed to immediately know which students needed help and reached out to them. i ½In just a brief period of time, he made a difference i ½in the lives of many people. i ½My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ I just want to let you know that my heart goes out to all of you. You will be in my prayers each day. I lost both my parents over the last few years and I know how difficult this time must be for you. It was so good being able to read Tyler's obituary. I just finished reading it to my 9th grade homeroom and they were touched by it also. All my classes are praying for you each day. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Anna-Barbara Roy##imported-end##

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“ Tyler was one of the kindest and friendliest people that I have ever met. I didn't see him often, but when we did cross paths it was always great to catch up with him and find out what was new. I will miss him greatly, and I'll keep Tyler's family and friends in my prayers. ##imported-begin##Aaron Buckley##imported-end##

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“ Dear Theresa, Rob and Boys also to Carol Jamnick,

My entire heart and soul and deepest prayers are all with you. May God's unending Love comfort you. My deepest sympathy Love, Michelle Fager and Family##imported-begin##Michelle Worby Fager##imported-end##

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“ I met Tyler my junior year at Eastern. ĩ½We worked together in the ITC. ĩ½Tyler always knew how to get anyone to smile. ĩ½He always found a way to help other people wether he knew them or not. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ĩ½You raised a very respectable and fun loving son.
ĩ½###imported-begin###Rachael Dudley###imported-end###

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“ Tyler was a heck of a ball player and an even better human being. The world would be a far better place if we had more people like him. ĩ½He will be sorely missed.###imported-begin###Phil Pippin###imported-end###

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“ Tyler worked in the ITC at EIU and I was his supervisor. My husband and I thought Tyler reminded us of our youngest son who knew how to enjoy life and have fun and yet accomplish important things in his life. ĩ½He has been a guest in our home and brought life to any gathering we had going on. We loved Tyler.

Terry###imported-begin###Dr. & Mrs. Les Hyder (Terry)###imported-end###

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“ Tyler was the best friend anyone could ask for. I don't even remember life without him. He was my best friend. We've been through so much together. No matter what happened in our lives, we could always count on each other being there. It's going to be tough without him, but I know he will still always be there for me when I need him. Rest in peace, buddy. You were, and always will be, a part of me.##imported-begin##Kyle Arthur##imported-end##

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“ My heart aches with you and I'm sorry I cannot be there in person. We send our deepest sympathy and support to you and your family during this darkest of times. May you find solace in the knowledge that his spirit is at Peace, that our God is loving and so many hearts are reaching out to you.

Love,
Malia & Eric##imported-begin##Malia Kapono-Nelson##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I went to BBCHS with Tyler. He was always so much fun to be around. He had such a good spirit. Your family and friends will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Katie Ryan##imported-end##

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“ Tyler Grace
 Jackie and i never watched you in active sports, running cross country, shooting or dripping a basketball, thowing a baseball or swinging a bat, but the frist time we met you,you showed us a big smile.Not only that but a gentleman.You kind of stayed back out of way and let us old folks take the front stage. Your action won our respect for you, your family as a whole, is a loving family the right kind of people that other like to be around. Jackie and I will always hold you close to our hearts forever and forever.

Uncle Oz and Aunt Jackie
 April 25th, 2008

Uncle Oz & Aunt Jackie

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“ My thoughts are with you and your family.

Maria Mares

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Dianne Brack

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“ Tyler was a wonderful person and I am glad that I had the opportunity to spend time with him. I had the privilege of teaching a kindergarten class with Tyler for three weeks. The kids adored him and I enjoyed teaching alongside him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. ”

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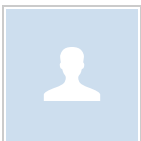
“ Tyler was so wonderful and always knew how to make people laugh. He made it possible to survive math class. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be so greatly missed. ”

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“ M/M Grace and entire Grace family, Words are so inadequate at this time. We are so sorry for your loss. The wonderful memories you have of Tyler will help over time to heal your wounds. Your friends all over the area will be a tremendous support for you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Roland and Cheryl Underwood ”

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“ Bob, Therese, & Family I'll keep you and your family in my prayers. My God bless you, comfort you, and give you strength. God Bless! ”

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“ We love you all and Tyler will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Alyshia & Neil Nicholson##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and my heart is with our family during this time. ÿ½Therese was always proud of her son, Tyler. ÿ½We would always talk about EIU and Notre Dame. ÿ½I never got to meet Tyler but no matter what I always heard good things about him from his mother. ÿ½I will be thinking about your family during this tough time.##imported-begin##Jennifer Hummel##imported-end##

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“ ÿ½With all of us Quatraro boys being the same age as the grace sons i have had the pleasure of knowing the family really well. And from what i saw, Tyler was an exceptional athlete and an even better person. His presence will be missed by an entire community. May god be with the entire Grace family during this difficult time.

Anthony, Frankie, and Nick Quatraro##imported-begin##Anthony Quatraro##imported-end##

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Judging by how I knew brother Austin, I know what a fine young man Tyler must be.

##imported-begin##Kevin Leisinger##imported-end##

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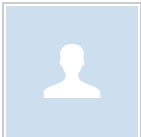
“ To Tyler's family my deepest condolences. Tyler was a great person to know and a joy to be around. He will be missed greatly. Tyler and I had gone through middle school, BBCHS, and took a few classes at KCC together. I have not seen him for a while but always thought very highly of him!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Matthew Smyrock##imported-end##

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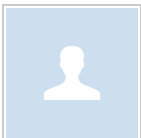
“ Mr. Grace was a student teacher in my son's class at Manteno Elementary this past fall. My son was very upset when he learned of Mr. Grace's death. Devin was very fond of him.##imported-begin##Hanne Hernandez##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Mary Kotek & Cynde Lee##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere sympathy to your family.

Although we have not seen Tyler since little league and pony league days, he will be remembered by us as a great, caring, thoughtful person. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this very difficult time.

##imported-begin##John and Karen O'Lena and Family##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Tyler's family at this time. i¿½Tyler was a terrific student. From reading the other comments, I know he did indeed make that difference that all teachers strive for!!!##imported-begin##April Flood##imported-end##

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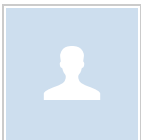
“ On behalf of everyone at Trinity Catholic, our thoughts and prayers are with the Grace family. i¿½At a time when words fail, I pray God's peace that passes understanding for your family. i¿½##imported-begin##Katrina McDonald##imported-end##

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“ Tyler and I first met on the baseball field. I was a freshman and he was a sophomore at the time. We both played center field and we spent a lot of time together out there and we got to know each other pretty well. As a freshman, I naturally didn't have many friends and was rather timid. Tyler took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. He introduced me to many of the friends I have today, and I owe that all to him. He was someone that I looked up to and strived to be like. I will never forget the smile that never seemed to leave his face. It was an honor to have him as a friend and teammate.##imported-begin##Brian Ashton##imported-end##

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“ I had only met Tyler a couple times, but I'll never forget his smile. i¿½It lit up a room. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. i¿½##imported-begin##Kristin R. Larsen##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Grace was a great man that everyone loved as a friend. He was always there for anyone who needed help in any class. He will always be remember as a great guy who taught students at Reed-Custer Middle school. May he rest in great peace.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ Theresa, i¿½I was sorry to hear of the passing of your son. i¿½You and your family will be in out thoughts.

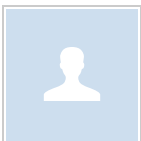
Becky##imported-begin##Becky Suprenant Hanf##imported-end##

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“ Tyler coached Mitchell on the 7th grade travelling basketball team recently and he had such a good time with him. We are also family of Kyle Arthur and would often hear about the fun those two had. We are very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you and your family. Tyler was a wonderful young man and will be missed greatly. May your memories always comfort you. i¿½##imported-begin##Rod, Natalie,Kelsie & Mitchell Kahl##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Tyler was such a great person, and anytime I would see him he always had a smile on his face. He will always be remembered as a great friend and all around person. i¿½Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sarah Grise##imported-end##

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“ My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the grace family. I knew Tyler from BBCHS. He was a great person and awesome friend and will be missed. Robin&Tim L'Ecuyer my mother and Father sends their best regards as well , for they knew the grace family as well.###imported-begin##Tara L'Ecuyer###imported-end##

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Grace and family,

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We know Austin through our daughter and son in law (Natalie and Jon Leisinger). Know that our prayers surround you for comfort and peace.

Sincerely,

Bob and Charlene Zettler

###imported-begin##bob and charlene zettler###imported-end##

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“ To the Grace Family.

Your son was a student teacher for our son Nicholas Schumacher at Manteno Elementary School. He was loved by all the students and especially from Nicholas. Our son would always come home with so many positive things to say about Mr Grace, and all the great things they did in school together. He was very Saddened to hear the news on Tuesday. You and your family will be in our prayers. I want you to know that he made such a positive impact on so many children, and he left behind so many great memories that he will be truly missed by the staff, the children, and the parents of Manteno District 5.

###imported-begin##The Johns-Schumacher Family###imported-end##

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“ I went to BBCHS with Tyler. His personality made him especially fun to be with. He will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Aimee Guenette##imported-end##

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“ Our heart goes out to your family. Please know that we will keep your family in our prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Scott & Donna Wascher##imported-end##

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“ My prayers go out to Tyler and the Grace family. He brought such warmth and energy to his classes. Simply, being around him would bring a smile to my face. Tyler was a wonderful young man and he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Maria Razzano##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you. Tyler was a wonderful boy.##imported-begin##Debbie O'Connor##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with your family. Mr Grace was a 2nd grade student teacher to our daughter Theresa, she adored him. i ½She has the letter and the Chicago Cub's bracelet that he gave her when he had completed his student teaching in her class. i ½We will always keep Mr Grace and your family in our prayers

The Meegan family##imported-begin##Meegan family##imported-end##

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“ Mr and Mrs Grace

We are terribly sorry for your loss. We had the pleasure of working with your son at Reed Custer Middle School. Are prayers are with you and your family. i ½i ½

Mary Kotek and Cynde Lee

RCMS custodians##imported-begin##mary Kotek i ½& Cynde Lee##imported-end##

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“ Tyler-

You will be missed by all bud. i ½It was great knowing you while I did and I had a great time with you whenever I was with you. i ½I know that you are in a much better place down and looking down on all of us.

My thoughts, prayers, and love are with the entire Grace family.

Much Love, Chad Tallon##imported-begin##Chad Tallon##imported-end##

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“ I am never going to forget my sophomore year of basketball. I met one of the greatest and funniest guys I know. I will never forget playing under Coach Tyler Grace.##imported-begin##Shawn Downey##imported-end##

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“ TO THE GRACE FAMILY,

 I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, TYLER WAS A GOOD KID WHO GOT ALONG WITH EVERYBODY. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO ME IN HIGH SCHOOL AND I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM.##imported-begin##MM3 (SW) TURRELL, ANDREW USN##imported-end##

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“ Lindsey,

My heart goes out to you and your entire family. Because of you I was able to know Tyler and see how close the two of you were. With deepest sympathy, your friend Amanda.##imported-begin##Amanda Eubanks##imported-end##

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“ Tyler was our daughter Abigail's 2nd grade student-teacher at Manteno Elem. this year, and she absolutely adored him. ĩ½She always shared funny stories about things he would do or say in class. ĩ½He made such a big difference in so many of the children's lives, and he was so pleasant to be around and spend time with. ĩ½Abigail is very saddened at the loss she is experiencing right now, though She will always remember her fond thoughts of Mr.Grace! ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May your wonderful memories of Tyler be cherished forever!##imported-begin##Jonelle Eck##imported-end##

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“ As a group, we extend our thoughts and prayers to the Grace family. Nolan, you are in our thoughts every minute. Take care & know that we are here for you.##imported-begin##Beth Kirkman##imported-end##

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“ Tyler coached Mitchell on the 7th grade travelling basketball team recently and he had such a good time with him. We are also family of Kyle Arthur and would often hear about the fun those two had. We are very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you and your family. Tyler was a wonderful young man and will be missed greatly. May your memories always comfort you. ĩ½##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ Tyler was part of a wonderful family and has two of the best parents I've ever known. i½He has two great loving brothers who will miss him terribly. i½We pray that during this time Rob, Therese, Austin, and Nolan can somehow find peace in their hearts through God's Love.

##imported-begin##Stephen La More##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Linda Ann Steer##imported-end##

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“ One of my greatest memories of Tyler is asking him to winter ball my freshman year. i½I remember being very nervous when I called him, but he was so kind and said "yes". i½I was so excited because I knew he'd be such a fun date. i½He was such a gentleman and so much fun to be around. i½Although I'm very sad, I can't help but smile while I type this because I am picturing him with his braces and big tie and me and my red dress and big hair and all the parents taking photos of the group. i½We miss you Tyler.##imported-begin##Laura Fennema##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy to you and your family, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dave and Ann Harms##imported-end##

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“ Tyler was such a happy person. He was going to make a great difference by being a teacher. We are going to miss out by not having him around... RIP Tyler##imported-begin##Megan Bell##imported-end##

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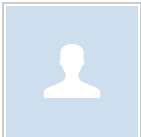
“ Austin, You and your family are in our prayers at this sad and difficult time. i ½ Gary and Donna##imported-begin##Gary and Donna Belger##imported-end##

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“ Hey man, I know we weren't always the best of friends, but I gotta admit you made me laugh and you were always good friends with Ben, that made me happy. I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Mallory Hedditch##imported-end##

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“ Tyler,

I will miss you buddy! Still feels like yesterday we were out in the back yard playing wiffle ball until the sun went down! I will always remember our good times my friend.

To the Grace Family,

You all are in our thought and prayers during this difficult time. May God be with you during your healing process.

Mark and Rebecca Williams

##imported-begin##Mark Williams##imported-end##

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“ Graces,

I can always remember looking across the pews at church and seeing the smiles from all of Graces!! Tyler will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

God Bless###imported-begin###Jason Price###imported-end###

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“ To Tyler's family:

Words can not express the sadness I feel for your loss. I'll forever remember Tyler as an energetic, courteous, thoughtful young man that always had a smile on his face. I pray that you will find the strength to cope with this tragedy, and that, in time, his memory will bring not tears, but a smile.

###imported-begin###MaryKay Honel###imported-end###

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“ NULL###imported-begin###cirsten###imported-end###

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“ Our thoughts and prayers will forever be with you and your family.###imported-begin###The Eubanks Family###imported-end###

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayer is God will give you the strength to face the days ahead.###imported-begin###Phyllis Schall###imported-end###

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“ Therese & Rob,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jim & Charlie Shafer##imported-end##

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“ Rob, Theresa, Austin and Nolan,

My deepest sympathy goes out to you over the loss of Tyler. He was a great friend that was always fun to be around. The fact that so many people are so shocked and saddened by this can attribute to the positive effects he had on so many lives. Please know that my thoughts are with you during these difficult times. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

Kyle O'Connor##imported-begin##Kyle O'Connor##imported-end##

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“ To the Grace family, you are in my prayers. Austin-sitting here writing this, you and I have been freinds since we were 3 at St. Joes pre=school. What a time! I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have a freindship with Tyler. He was a great freind, ahtlete, and human being. I will never forget the State Championship game, and the big grin on his face, he was so happy for all of us and especially Kyle.

I will never forget him!! May he rest in peace! Again you and your family are in my prayers and if you need anything!! Let me know! God Bless##imported-begin##Chad Turrell##imported-end##

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“ I shall always remember Tyler for his wit, sense of humor, and creativeness. i½There was scarcely a dull moment when he was around. i½I am thankful for the few years I knew him. i½He is a credit to this university, to his family, and to himself. i½God bless his memory and his family.##imported-begin##Dr. Andrew M. White##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Joyce Harban##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sorrow and condolences go out to your family. i½May our Savior, Jesus, give you all strength and healing.##imported-begin##Joe & Ivette Cordero##imported-end##

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“ I am so truly sorry for your loss. i½You are in i½my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Darci S. Mills##imported-end##

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“ Tyler worked often in the seventh grade wing, and had been in my room several times. ¶½He was so courteous and kind to everyone he worked with, students and teachers. ¶½He went on our 7th grade camping trip April 17 and 18. ¶½He fit in so well. ¶½I spent a lot of time with him during the daily rotations, and also during the evening activities. I just wish to express what a fine young man he was. ¶½No words are adequate enough, but he will be greatly missed. ¶½To meet Tyler was to be touched by his heart, and that is the greatest gift anyone can give.##imported-begin##Rora Luttrell##imported-end##

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“ There are few people in the world I respected more than Tyler, though I never really told him.

I was a shy kid growing up- without Tyler I still would be. ¶½When I felt out of place, he made me feel included. ¶½When I was worried about something, he reminded me not to sweat the small stuff. ¶½When I thought I might not be accepted, he made sure I felt loved. ¶½¶½¶½¶½¶½

He did all of this in his way...by answering his phone, showing up, and smiling.

We laughed, we got in trouble, we played games, we joked, we pondered the future.

He gave me more than I ever gave him. ¶½I can never repay him. ¶½Not ever. ¶½##imported-begin##Paul Richardson##imported-end##

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“ I remember baseball lifting with Tyler, way back in 2001-02. He was a really nice/fun young man and my friends and I all liked him very much. He was a good guy, and will be sorely missed. I know Tyler is up there somewhere playing baseball and joking around, and he will forever be in my memory.##imported-begin##Jody Riordan##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Caitlynn Avery##imported-end##

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