



Joshua Thompson

September 26, 2016

Joshua (Josh) Thompson, 22 of Elizabethtown passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 26, 2016. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Matthew and Laurie Thompson and brother of Zachary Thompson. Joshua graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School in 2012 and attended Bloomsburg University where he majored in Finance.

A people person, Joshua could light up a room with his smile and make people laugh with his mischievous pranks and great sense of humor. He loved spending time with family and friends, and enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, and was an avid Yankees baseball fan. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Joshua is survived by his paternal grandfather, Jack Thompson, of Willow Street, maternal grandparents, Cyrus and Carol Hoover, of Lancaster and Paula Cormier of Bangor Maine. In addition, he is survived by 14 aunts and uncles and 12 cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Kim (Baba) Thompson and his uncles, Mark Thompson and Donald "Sonny" Seachrist.

Family and friends are invited to attend a viewing on Monday, October 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Groff's Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster PA. An additional viewing will be held at

The Groffs, Tuesday morning, October 4, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with a Memorial Service to follow at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster at 11:00 a.m. located two blocks away on 538 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made "In Memory of Joshua Thompson" to either Bloomsburg University, 50 East Main Street 4th Floor, Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1301 or the Retreat of Lancaster County, 1170 South State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Lancaster, PA 17603
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Memorial Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster
538 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Thompson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I'm so sorry your life ended so young with so much ahead of you. It's nice talking to you.... you're such a kind man and J know you're in Heaven!!*



Ashley Provence - September 23, 2020 at 04:59 AM

KW

“ Laurie, Matthew, & Zachary,

There is nobody in the whole world like Josh. His humor, kindness, and smile were unlike anybody else's. I can't remember the first time I met Josh at Rheems Elementary School, but somehow over the years he has become my very best friend. He has held my hands and wiped my tears after a few of my break ups and always reminded me how I deserved the world. He has made me laugh in situations I never thought I could even smile in. I like to think I did the same for Josh. The last time Josh and I hugged was a little over a week ago and I will never forget that moment. He told me he was trying his hardest to get through this hard time and that no matter what all he cared about was his parents opinion of him. Laurie and Matthew he loved you guys and was so thankful of everything you guys have done for him the past few years, even though I am sure he had a hard time admitting that to you. Josh wouldn't want any of us to be sad and I know he would be making fun of me for crying or making fun of the mascara running down my face. Although I know Josh is no longer struggling and I find peace in that, I also know not a day will go by that I don't think of him. Laurie and Matthew you raised an amazing son and I thank you for bringing him into my life. I love Josh and will miss him forever. I pray your family gets through this difficult time and finds peace as well.

*Love,
Katie Weller*

Katie Weller - October 03, 2016 at 06:52 PM

JS

“ Laurie, Mathew, and Zachary

Our deepest heartfelt sympathies are with you. We cannot imagine the pain you are experiencing, but perhaps Helen Keller's words can offer some measure of solace: "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Your friends, John and Barb Srogoncik

John and Barb Srogoncik - October 03, 2016 at 04:11 PM

BP

“ Laurie, Matthew and Zachary,

We don't have the words to express how shocked and saddened we are. Our hearts go out to you and we pray that you will find comfort in the memories you have of Joshua's infectious smile and warm spirit. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our most sincere condolences.

The Peterson family

Brad Peterson - October 03, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Thompson.



October 02, 2016 at 02:27 PM

LB

“ Dear Laurie,
It is so difficult to find the words to express the sadness I feel for your family's pain from the loss of Josh. As mothers, it is our worst fear, that our children will leave the world before we do. I can't begin to imagine your grief as a mother, or that of your husband and son. So I will simply share my deepest thoughts of care and concern, my wish for you that the happiest of memories with Josh bring you some level of comfort, that God wraps his arms around you and holds you tight and that the love of family and friends sustains you.
Most sincerely,
Liz Braungard

Liz Braungard - October 02, 2016 at 12:43 PM

KT

“ Matthew and Laurie,

I am so very sorry for you and your family in the loss of your precious son. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers, as will our family group. God grant you strength in this sorrowful time.

Kris Trainer (TNG)

kris trainer - October 02, 2016 at 11:47 AM

EM

“ Dear Laurie , Matthew and Zach, we were so saddened by the news of Josh's passing! Since our kids were older than yours, we did not know them personally, only by seeing them in church and youth group. We can not imagine the pain you are feeling but I keep crying thinking about all you are going through. Sending LOTS of Love and support. Laurie, I hope you know that I am here for you and would like to get together if you would like in a few weeks when things settle down. Maybe you can come to the cafe for a cup of coffee or we can meet for lunch somewhere or maybe we can do something together with Matthew and Len. Sending loving thoughts to all of your extended family!!!
Evanna and Len

Evanna Morris - September 30, 2016 at 04:16 PM

CA

“ Laurie and family;
I am so sad to hear of your loss. I can only pray that God will lift you up through this difficult time and sustain you with the strength you need each day. I never met Josh but as a fellow college employee and coworker (and mom of a son close in age to Josh), my heart breaks for you all.
Know that we are sending our love and support from your college family.
Sincerely,
Chris Achenbach

Christine Achenbach - September 30, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joshua Thompson.*



September 30, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Matthew, Laurie and Zachary,*
We are so sorry for your loss. We can't even imagine the pain you are going through right now.
Josh was such a wonderful young man. I remember when he and John Patrick met in nursery school. John was rather shy and Josh would come over to him and they would both be playing and laughing in no time. They couldn't wait to see each other every day. Who knew that a friendship was forming that would last through high school and beyond. I remember how handsome they looked at prom and the big hug I got from Josh at graduation.
We used to love "lasagna nights" when the boys would come for dinner and I would tease Josh that I made one pan for him and one for the rest of us....that boy could eat! He was always so polite and I would always get a "thank you" and a big hug. I'm going to miss those hugs.
We hope that your memories of Josh will replace the tears with smiles in the coming days. Our sincere sympathies to you and your entire family. You will be in our prayers.
The O'Connell Family.



karen o'connell - September 30, 2016 at 09:58 AM

TF

“ 13 files added to the album *New Album Name*



The Detwiler Family - September 30, 2016 at 08:46 AM

TF

“ Laurie, Matthew & Zachary,



How do we even begin to express the heartbreak we feel for you at this very difficult time. When we heard the news about Joshua, our hearts instantly broke, tears flowed and our minds raced back in time to all the wonderful memories of our many times spent together. Although we were only neighbors for a short while your family touched our family for a lifetime. The memories of our boys simply being boys, running from your house to ours to Wes's, riding their bikes up and down the street, the countless sleepovers, the road trip you all made to visit us after we moved away, to the weekend Joshua and Michael went to Camp Woodward. I can still hear them giggling with excitement as we drove up there and seeing them completely exhausted as we drove home. Just like you it was so common to look in the rear view mirror and see those three smiling faces conspiring about their next big adventure or giggling over their last one.

We pray that you can hold onto those wonderful memories and that they can somehow bring you a sense of peace to ease your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, please accept our deepest sympathies.

Love, hugs and prayers.

Ron, Wanda and Michael Detwiler, Jessica Detwiler-Hirsh, and Jennifer Detwiler-DeWall

The Detwiler Family - September 30, 2016 at 08:45 AM

JG

“ *Matthew, Laurie and Zach,*

I only met Joshua once. However through my conversations with Matthew I knew what a wonderful kid he was. The world certainly did lose a great one this week. My deepest sympathy to all of you at this most difficult time. May wonderful memories of him help to ease your pain.

Jill Gilbert

Jill Gilbert - September 30, 2016 at 07:44 AM