

Drew Decker

March 26, 1986 - March 21, 2010

Funeral services for Andrew David Decker, 23, will be held at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, March 25, 2010 at St. Luke United Methodist Church. The Rev. Phil Thrailkill and the Rev. Dr. Ben Gafford will officiate. The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Mr. Decker died Monday, March 22, 2010. Born in Hartsville, SC, he was a son of William David and Laura Henderson Decker. He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church and attended Midlands Technical College. He was previously a Boy Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was exceptionally skilled in using computers, was a lover of animals, and had a simple love of life.

Surviving are his father and mother of Hartsville, SC; sister, Kelly Decker of Columbia, SC; paternal grandparents, Ralph and Bobbie Henderson of Hartsville, SC; maternal grandparents, William and Norma Decker of Florence, SC. aunts, Donna (Mike) Stafford of Dayton, OH, Mary Jane Goodson of Florence, SC, Linda (Michael) Duffield of Cary, NC; uncle, Rock (Roxie) Henderson of Roanoke, VA; loving cousins.

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers have been with you everyday since I heard the news. If you ever need anything please call. You are loved very much. Alisha###imported-begin##Alisha Luther###imported-end##

April 04, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ Drew was such a good friend of Chris' and mine. When we lived in Columbia he would come over to see Emily and us all the time. He loved Mr. Samson so much from the day Emily and I brought him home...he was the one that decided Samson was Mr. Samson because he is so important. Everytime I talk to him since then he would always keep me on the phone forever just talking about whatever. I am so sorry for your loss, this is so tragic. I also do want to thank you for taking such great care of Emily during this time as well. You are in my thoughts....
Love,
Sarah Rogers & Chris Land###imported-begin##Sarah Rogers###imported-end##

April 02, 2010 at 11:46 AM



“ Laura our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin##Jean Andrews and Jeanie###imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 08:26 AM



“ wow.. Drew was an amazing guy.. he always put a smile on my face. I went to school with him, ill never forget him. he touched my life with his kindness. There wasnt a day he didnt have a smile on his face. my thoughts an prayers are with the Decker family.Drew You will never be forgotten. You are forever in my heart. You are my angel. RIP Drew I Love an Miss you!###imported-begin###Jessica Hickok###imported-end###

March 29, 2010 at 03:56 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Drew. I will keep your family in my prayers.###imported-begin###Craig Knox###imported-end###

March 27, 2010 at 06:38 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.I didn't find out about the funeral times until it was over or I would have attended.
We have not had the privelege of meeting you or your son, but I know he and the two of you are kind, loving people. We know that because we have come to know and love Kelly.She is a sweetheart,an intelligent, beautiful young woman with a sweet,Christian spirit. We know she is a comfort to you at this diffucult time.
Mike and I as well as Mikey and his brother Kevin, sister Summer and all of Mike's extended family have been praying for you and your family and will continue to do so. Only God is powerful and loving enough to understand your hurt, disappointment and confusion. Only God knows answers to things we do not. I pray you find some confort knowing He loves Drew and Drew is wrapped in Jesus's arms, Let us know if there's anything we can do and I hope to meet ya'll sometime. April and Mike###imported-begin###Mike and April Harris###imported-end###

March 27, 2010 at 05:52 PM



“ Decker family, Roxie, Rock, Trey, and Eric praying for you all and asking that God will bring comfort and peace to you during such a difficult time.##imported-begin##Colt Emswiler##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 11:46 PM



“ I went to school with Drew. He was truly one of a kind. He would make you smile no matter what your mood was. Drew was very smart and had a good head on his shoulders. He will be dearly missed. I am so very sorry for your families loss. Know that God is with you in this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Megan (Faile) Wiggin##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ Dear Laura, David, Kelly, Bobbi and Ralph - we are so saddened to hear about Drew. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead Debbie & Richard Wynne##imported-begin##Debbie Brown Wynne##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 11:51 AM



“ David, I am so sorry about this tradgedy in your life, my prayers are with you and your family.MNBL##imported-begin##Larry McKenzie##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 11:37 AM



“ Laura and family, I am so sorry to hear about your son. What a good looking young man and from the comments I read, he was loved a lot. I can not imagine losing my son or how I would go on without him. Just know that many are praying for you and your family. Lean on the Lord for strength, comfort and peace. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Debbie Wallace Weaver (THA Class of 1975)##imported-begin##Debbie Wallace Weaver##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ Dear Decker family,

I am deeeply saddend by your loss. I pray that God would give you strength with comfort and help you all through this indiscribable pain. You have my prayers, concern, empathy, love, and support. Please tell me if I can help you in any way (383-7484 day).

With love,

Your friend Mark##imported-begin##Mark A Palmieri##imported-end##

March 26, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ **TO THE DECKER FAMILIE:** We are deeply saddened by the loss of your precious son. May Gods strength and grace carry you through this most difficult time. Our Prayer are with you. Gene and Teresa Gibson##imported-begin##Gene and Teresa Gibson##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 10:24 PM



“ Dear Laura and David, I just learned of your tremendous loss. My heart and prayers go out for you. Be assured of my prayers as you go through your valley of sorrow. My love to you both and your family. Billiew911###imported-begin##Billie McManus###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:38 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. ###imported-begin##Gary Justice###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:08 PM



“ Laura, Kelly, and David, I did not learn of your loss until late Wednesday afternoon. Words cannot express my sorrow and heartache for all of Drew's family. Some things happen that we do not understand and question - Why? We just have to be strong in our faith and belief that God has a plan for everyone, and that one day we will understand. Hold on to all of the precious memories that you have. I certainly remember that sweet little boy that I taught years ago. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and may God give you the peace and comfort that you will need in the days ahead as you go through this most difficult time.
Diane Bass###imported-begin##Diane Bass###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 08:32 PM



“ Dear David, Laura, and Kelly,
I am so sorry for your loss, I only wish that I could be there. My fond memories of Drew are from when we were all on vacation together and Drew thought it was so funny to have two kiss tattoos on both of his cheeks. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
love, amy###imported-begin###Amy Tiefenthaler###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 06:08 PM



“ Laura, Kelly, and David,
On behalf of my entire family I send my deepest condolences. I cannot imagine what you are going through right now, but I pray God grants you a feeling of serenity and peace, and wraps his arms around all of you. My parents would have been at the funeral but they are out of the country. If you need anything, please feel free to call.

With love,
Lindsey and Jason Dawkins###imported-begin###Jason
Dawkins###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 04:45 PM



“ You will be missed,
Drew.###imported-begin###Erica Boykin###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ I am very sorry about your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

holley johnson###imported-begin##holley Johnson
Glover###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. A parent should never have to experience what you all are going through. Drew was always there for his friends whenever they needed him. He was always happy and full of life. He is going to be greatly missed. Remember that God never gives us more than we can handle. Though your sadness may never completely go away it will get better.###imported-begin##Kim and Heather Sellards###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 01:16 PM



“ David and Family, At this time I know words cannot mean a lot, but please know you are in my prayers and thoughts. I did not know Drew, but David has always been kind and always has a smile for everyone. God will be with you now and always. Lean on him. Jeri Cox###imported-begin##Jeri A. Cox###imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ David,
I wish I could remove the pain you and your family are feeling. I want you to know I have prayed for you daily since this happen and I will continue. You have always been a friend to me, anything you need from me all you need to do is let me know. If you just need someone to listen I'm always here, call me day or night anytime. You and your family will continue to be in our prayers. God bless you.
Barry Davis and Family##imported-begin##Barry Davis##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 12:45 PM



“ *To the Decker and Henderson families:
We remember your Drew only from Roxie and Rock's wedding in Tulsa 20+ years ago, when he was just a little boy. No one can possibly understand the grief and sadness you must be going through at this time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and we're wishing you strength and peace as you reflect on the good memories of the years that you had Drew with you. With love from Roxie's family in Oklahoma and Missouri.##imported-begin##Deanna and Jeff Watson##imported-end##*

March 25, 2010 at 11:15 AM



“ *You are in our prayers. May God bless you. We wish you peace at this sad time, and may your friends and family ease your pain. Take refuge in our God. Let him wrap his arms around you and give you that calmness you need.##imported-begin##Linda and Grady Edwards##imported-end##*

March 25, 2010 at 10:51 AM



“ *Laura, I am so very very sorry to hear of your loss. I hope that you and your family will find comfort from the prayers and love of family and friends.*##imported-begin##Susie Benton##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ *David,*

Just a few words to let you know that my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Doug Pate##imported-begin##Doug Pate##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:30 AM



“ *David and family,*

Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss. May you find the peace that passes all understanding in the coming days and may your hearts find comfort in knowing that you are being thought about by your loving friends who are here for you.

Peace,

Janet Barker, Office Manager, Sonoco - Elon Plant##imported-begin##Janet Barker##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:15 AM



“ David: I make my living using words, but I'm not able to make anything meaningful come together right now. I have two daughter's about Drew's age, and I worry about them every day. We live in such a screwed up world today. I'm sure friends and family are comforting you as best they can, and I know all of us who can't be there with you are grieving with you. Mike##imported-begin##Mike Munden##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ Laura and family: You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers,today and in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Dawn Seago Powell##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 09:07 AM



“ My and Bill's prayers are with you and your family during this painful time. No one can possibly understand your loss but know that we are all thinking of you.Mary and Bill Motley Chicago Illinois##imported-begin##Marry Gatch Motley##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ David, We are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family have been in our many prayers. We will continue to pray for all of you at this most difficult time in your lives.##imported-begin##Tom and Becky Inabinet##imported-end##

March 25, 2010 at 05:54 AM



“ I am so soory for your loss.. I know there are no words that I can say to take away your sorrow and grief. Your family will be in my prayers###imported-begin##Debbie Avinger###imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 10:14 PM



“ My condolences to the Decker family.###imported-begin##Emily (Smith) Gibson###imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 10:14 PM



“ David and Laura
Once again I want to express my deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your precious son. Please know you have been in my prayers since I first heard of this tragedy. Even though I will not be with you, know I will be there in spirit. May you sense the love of your many friends and family as they comfort you with their support and prayers. May the Lord uphold you in the days to come. May He grant you the strength to carry on. May you feel His presence as He holds you close. God bless you both. Merle###imported-begin##Merle Buck###imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 09:56 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I never had Drew in class but he had been to my home to work on my computer. Please know my prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Annie Vann###imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 09:16 PM



“ Kelly was my classmate. I will definitely keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Asia Kelley##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 09:01 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this incredibly difficult time. Drew was a truly special person who will be missed by all who knew him. He had the ability to make anyone laugh. Some of my fondest memories of Thomas Hart Academy are with Drew. I will always cherish the many classroom and field trip memories that we shared. He was a great friend and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Ashleigh Graham##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ I am terribly sorry for your loss and my prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Daniel Bateman##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 08:07 PM



“ Mrs Bobbie,
You may not remember me but I was one of your Mother's nurses at Morrell and went to high school with Linda. We often talked about your children and grands when you came to visit your Mom. I am so sorry for the loss of your grandson. You spoke with such love and pride of your children and grandchildren. May God bless you all during this loss. I will remember you all in my prayers.....Dale Hill##imported-begin##Dale Hill##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 07:18 PM



“ *David and Laura,*

*We grieve with you in the loss of Drew.
May the blessings of Jesus Christ give you strength to carry you
through the following months. You do not have to carry your loss my
yourself. May God streghten you and put Peace in your heart.If
there is anything we can do we are always available.*

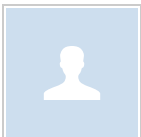
*We Love you both,
Rick and Judy White##imported-begin##Rick and Judy
White##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 05:00 PM



“ *David and Laura, we are greatly saddened by your loss and know
there are no words that can comfort you at this time. Please know
that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Billy & Helen##imported-
begin##Helen Sherrill##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 04:52 PM



“ *Dear David & family,
I am so saddened by this loss you are facing. I did not know Drew,
but you spoke of him often to us and we could tell how proud you
are of him and your family. What a handsome young man and I can
tell by the love in these remarks left for you, that he was well
thought of and loved. Please know that you are in my thoughts and
prayers. In God's loving hands he rests now. Your friends, Jane and
family##imported-begin##Jane Turnage##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ *Laura and David,*

I wish there were words or something that I could do ease your pain. I hope that you take comfort in knowing that Drew was loved by so many. You will be in my prayers and thoughts in the days and weeks to come. Claudette Seymour###imported-begin###Claudette Seymour###imported-end###

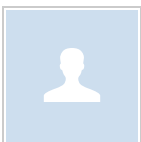
March 24, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ *Dear Decker family, I am a friend of Rock and Roxie and want you to know that your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It is clear from the other posts that you raised a wonderful son who touched the lives of many. May God provide peace and comfort to your entire family in the upcoming days and weeks.*

The Wickham family###imported-begin###Karen Wickham###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 03:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.you are going through so much. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.with much love angie.###imported-begin###angela moore###imported-end###*

March 24, 2010 at 01:47 PM



“ Kelly & Family:
Jacquelyne broke the news to me about your brother. Words cannot express my sympathy.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time or tragedy.

Sincerely,

Kirbi##imported-begin##Kelly & Family##imported-end##

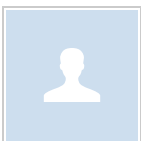
March 24, 2010 at 01:43 PM



“ To the entire family,

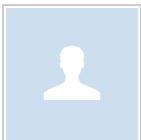
My heartfelt condolences. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##michelle hoffman, a neighbor##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 01:10 PM



“ David, Laura, and Kelly, we are so sorry to hear about Drew. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph & Shari Winburn##imported-begin##Ralph Winburn##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ Laura....my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. It has been a long time since the THA days. If there is anything I can do for you or your family please do not hesitate to contact me.##imported-begin##Michael P. Stewart##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ To the Decker family, I am very heart broken over the news of the passing of Drew. I shared classes and the passion for computers with Drew from 7th grade on thru 12th grade. There was not one day that Drew did not come in with a smile on his face and the ability to make others smile. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of passing. No one could ever come close to the presence and friendship that Drew shared with everyone in his life.##imported-begin##Anthony Jones##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ Dear David, Laura, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jim&Hilda Martin##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ Dear Laura,

I didn't know your son, but it is clear from all these notes to you and your family that he was a very special young man. Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you. We are two of many praying for strength and peace for you.

Debby and Alan Norwood##imported-begin##Debby Norwood##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 09:14 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Decker and Kelly,*

*My heart goes out to you on the loss of Drew. He was a great guy.
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

~Blair Hamilton###imported-begin###Blair Hamilton###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 09:05 AM



“ *Laura,*

*I'm so sorry to hear about your son. I will keep you and your family
in my prayers.*

*Angie Bateman-McLaughlin###imported-begin###Angie Bateman-
McLaughlin###imported-end###*

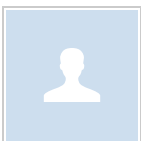
March 24, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ *Dear David and Laura, my prayers are with you all at this time. I am
so sorry for your lost. My thoughts are with you all.*

Love, Lisa Jones###imported-begin###Lisa Jones###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ *My best and truest regards to Drew and you all of the family. Drew
was a great person and friend and i enjoyed knowing him
throughout my life. He is in a better place with God. My prayers are
with you all.*

Scott Crothers###imported-begin###Scott Crothers###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 07:58 AM



“ *Laura and Family, I am so sorry for your son's passing. May the Lord hold you and give you his Peace and Love during this time.##imported-begin##Betsy Gibson Moore - Classmate of Laura##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 07:20 AM



“ *David and Laura*

May the Lord grant you the strength and courage to face this day and the days to come. My prayers will be with you during this time. Please know I am so very sorry and my heart is breaking for you.

Your friend

Merle##imported-begin##Merle Bucj##imported-end##

March 24, 2010 at 06:45 AM



“ *Laura and family--I am very sorry for your loss. I can not imagine how it feels to lose a child. By all of the entries on this website...a person can tell how much another is thought of. Your son and your family obviously are very much loved and thought of. Lots of thoughts and prayers, especially in the days ahead. Love, Sarah (THA 1977)##imported-begin##Sarah O'Neal Wint##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 06:42 AM



“ Laura,David,Kelly & Family, I had the pleasure of meeting Drew last Wednesday,and shaking hands with him. I had not seen him since he was a child.My thoughts and prayers are with you now and the days to come.May you feel the arms of God around you and remember - God is Love - Drew is with him now to help watch over the ones of us who don't understand, why him, why now. May God bless you always. I love you both.Remember I'm here if you need me. With love, Brenda###imported-begin###Brenda H. Sullivan###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 12:59 AM



“ Drew was a classmate of mine & I can't remember a day he didn't make someone's day brighter. I am truly sorry & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. He will be missed by so many###imported-begin###Ashley Scott Kelly###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 12:39 AM



“ God has a special place for special people like Drew.###imported-begin###Jim and Carmen Henderson, Rome, GA###imported-end###

March 24, 2010 at 12:10 AM



“ You don't know us, but we knew Drew. Our son Chris Land and his fiance Sarah Rogers adored Drew and we loved his bright spirit and quick wit the moment we met him. We were always happy to see Drew and cannot imagine the void his loss will leave in your lives. Our prayers are with you. Godspeed, Drew.###imported-begin###Sarah and Nick Makres###imported-end###

March 23, 2010 at 11:52 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Amanda Amerson Beck##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 11:30 PM



“ Laura, David and Kelly, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Amy##imported-begin##Amy Stephens Mixon##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:45 PM



“ David, Laura, Kelly, Uncle Ralph, and Aunt Bobbi, I cannot imagine what you are feeling right now. Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. Love you!##imported-begin##Hillary (Morris) Hughes##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:32 PM



“ You'll be sorely missed. You were a great cousin and person.##imported-begin##Eric Henderson##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:30 PM



“ Laura, David, Kelly, Bobbie and Ralph, Don and I are saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will get you through the difficult days ahead. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you. Blessings on your family, Bess and Don##imported-begin##Bess and Don Gore##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:22 PM



“ David & Laura, it was truly a pleasure that I got to know Drew through scouting. He was an excellent role model to the younger scouts in the troop, and he was a leader. I could always count on Drew. He showed what it meant to be a responsible young man that all who came behind him could aspire to. He truly loved life, and loved the outdoors. I am honored that I got to know him. Please know that you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Richard Cook##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:15 PM



“ To the Decker Family,
I send my prayers and love to the entire family. I still remember Drew being on the THA soccer and basketball team with me. He was such a fun-loving and intelligent person. God is definitely with you during this hard time, just like He always is with you.##imported-begin##Morgan Dampier##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:00 PM



“ Decker Family,
I am truly sorry to hear of Drew's death. May God's strength be with you now and in the days ahead!
God bless you all!!
Miriam Norwood##imported-begin##Miriam Pigg
Norwood##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ As a member of my St. Luke family and my THA family, Drew made lasting impressions. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Ben, Laura, Caroline, Halliburton, and Claibourne Crouch##imported-begin##Laura Crouch##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ Dear Laura and family...I was so saddened to hear of your tragic loss. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and thoughts. Just remember that our God has you sheltered in his arms of love at this time.##imported-begin##Paula Lyles Murph##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ Dearest Decker Family-Laura, David and Kelly. Words can't express the sadness that we have in our hearts for you during this time of grief and sorrow. May friends and family surround you with love and understanding. May Heavenly Father surround you with his love and help you during this time. Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy to you.
Love and blessings, Connie and Craig##imported-begin##Connie and Craig Braddock##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:35 PM



“ *Laura, David, Kelly,*

Words just don't come to me for once in my life. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Losing someone you love is never something we can prepare for. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Anne Sanderlin and fmaiay###imported-begin##Anne L. Sanderlin###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:25 PM



“ *David, Laura & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Words seem so empty right now, but know that our love and prayers are with you...Love in Christ Bobby & Jean Howard###imported-begin##zr46Jean Howard###imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 09:19 PM



“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Although we dont understand some things that take place, we must know that god had a plan and we must continue to love and trust in him. May you find peace through the memories and love you all shared.###imported-begin##Alicia Mixon###imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 09:19 PM



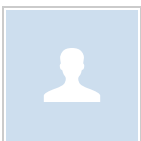
“ There simply aren't enough positive adjectives in the English language to describe the kind of person that Drew Decker was! Drew was one of the best friends that I had while we were in high school and I can honestly say that I am now a better person simply by knowing him. Not many people have a heart that is half the size of Drew's and he will be sorely missed by all that were fortunate enough to know him. I have many, many fond memories of the times that Drew and I shared but I will never be able to look at garden gnomes without smiling due to the fact that he had an extreme fascination with them and drew a gnome for every occasion. My deepest regards go out to your family.##imported-begin##Leslie Duke##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:18 PM



“ David and Laura, I cannot tell you how very sorry I am for your loss of Drew. I have so many wonderful memories of him over the years. I loved having you and your whole family as neighbors and I think of you often. Please know that Becky, James and I will be praying for you and we love you.##imported-begin##Carol Stallings Kannisto##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ David,Laura,and Kelly, I know words will not ease your broken hearts but I and many others are praying that God and your precious memories will comfort and sustain you. I am so sorry and will continue to pray for each of you. Jennifer,Holly and Trey Brown##imported-begin##Jennifer Brown##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:21 PM



“ *Laura, David, and Kelly, We are so sorry for your loss. Drew was such a fun and sweet guy. We will miss him. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Ervin, Susan, Jay, Drew, and Jeff McElveen##imported-begin##Susan Petty McElveen##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 08:17 PM



“ *Drew and I were friends in school, he was one of a kind. He will greatly be missed! so sorry for your families lost. May God send angels to carry you through this hard time. I will be praying for your family.*

love in Christ

Ashley K. Brwon##imported-begin##Ashley King Brown##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:15 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you. Drew was an exceptional young man - gifted in many ways. He was someone whose intelligence and soft-spoken kindness made a difference with the people he worked with and encountered. I am so glad I got the chance to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kim Bowman##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 08:10 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying for you. May it comfort you to know that others care. Love in Christ, Howard and Pat###imported-begin###Howard and Pat Dampier###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:54 PM



“ Drew was a wonderful friend and loved life. He will truly be missed. I send my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.###imported-begin###Amber Timms###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:54 PM



“ I am just stunned to hear of your loss. Drew was a favorite student of mine. At Hartsville Junior High he was my greatest technology helper. I learned so much from him, but he was certainly more advanced in technology than I could ever be. He just laughed at me. He was delightful, funny, and so humble. Macon and I have you, Laura, David, and Kelly, in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Ann Marie Hunter###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ While I didn't know Drew, our children went to school with him and knew him well. I cannot begin to imagine the loss of a child and hope I never have to. I am praying so very hard for all of you. I am so sorry that you have to go through such a horrible tragedy. My heart breaks for you. Just know that many are praying for your family and we all share your pain.###imported-begin###Robin Duke###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:37 PM



“ Dear David and Laura,
I can't put into words what I would like to say. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. This is without a doubt, the worse that can happen to a parent, but please remember all the good times and let your faith help you through this time. I remember Larry and Drew shooting fireworks. I think Drew was the more mature one. Now when I see fireworks, I'll think of Larry and Drew sending a hello. God be with you. Love Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Hartley###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:31 PM



“ Laura and family....My prayers will be with you in this difficult time. God Bless your family.....###imported-begin###Dawn Robbins Martin###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:04 PM



“ Laura,
No one can say they know what you are going through or how you feel so I am not going to go there. I can say that you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry I can't be in Hartsville at this time to be there for you but I do want you to know I am thinking about and praying for you and your family. Remember God never puts more on us than we can handle although it seems that he does at the time. May God bless you and be with you in the days ahead. I love you, stay strong.###imported-begin###Ceil Love###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 07:01 PM



“ Aunt Bobbie & Uncle Ralph... I am praying for you at this time too. May God give you the strenght you need. Aunt Bobbie I know how Drew was the apple of your eye. He will truely be missed by all. Love, Denise###imported-begin###Denise Douglas###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 06:59 PM



“ Mr. David, Mrs. Laura, and Kelly, I am sorry for the loss of Drew. He was such a smart and loving person. We now have another angel in heaven looking over us. Drew will never be forgotten. We appreciate all of the computer work he has done for us. I will be praying for you all during this time. God bless you all! Love, Denise###imported-begin###Denise Douglas###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 06:55 PM



“ I am a 1985 graduate of THA. I will be praying for you to find peace during this difficult time.

Ann Paine Bjorklund###imported-begin###Ann Paine Bjorklund###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 06:49 PM



“ Laura, David, and Kelly, You are in my thought and prayers. I am so sorry for your lost and the world's lost. Drew was such a wonderful person and student. I had the pleasure of getting to know Drew by teaching his computer science at Thomas Hart and driving his class on school field trips. He had such a contagious laugh that whenever he would start laughing I could not help but to laugh as well. He was the type of student that you wanted in every class you taught. I have taught many students in my years of teaching but Drew made an impression on my heart. I know your pain in unbearable and I wish I could say something that would ease it. I also do know Drew is in heaven making all the angels laugh.##imported-begin##Donna Graham##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Laura, David, and Kelly, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tanya McDonald##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 06:01 PM



“ Dearest Laura, David & Kelly:

I know from experience that there are no words I can say that will take away your pain. I will just speak from my heart. Having known Drew growing up in the church, I can say that he was a precious baby, toddler and little boy and had bright eyes of wonderment during nursely, children's church and vacation bible school. I remember his cute little face peeking out of the window of your van when you drove up in the parking lot at St. Luke, Thomas Hart or around town. I lost track of you when I moved on Hilton Head Island and then Vero Beach. When we moved back due to the birth of the twins, Caroline, soon found her St. Luke and THA friends again and Drew was among them. She thought so much of Drew and often told me what a nice and kind young man he had become. If you can, hold fast to your memories. I can't imagine the depth of the pain, loss and anger you much be feeling. I do know that the loss of your child is, or is for me, the most difficult mountain you will ever climb and you will be climbing it from here on out. There is no magic wand to ease the pain. It will not go away but with God's help and those you love and love you, you can climb that mountain and survive. You do it for your other children, and to honor the memory of the one no longer here with you. My heart aches for you. Drew is a precious child of God. As I knelt praying for God to have mercy on my dying child's body, I confessed that Caroline was His child that he had given to me on this earth, but if it was His will, I would turn her back to him...He is in control but it is impossible for us to understand the whys of his master plan. I am only an email away if you ever want to talk. I will be here for you regardless of the time of day or night and willing to listen, pray, talk or just cry with you. I prayed throughout the night last night for you and will continue to pray for you daily as you journey through shock, loss, anger and grief. Love in Christ, Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 05:45 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you
our in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-
begin##Karen and Ed Roper##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 05:40 PM



“ David and family:

May God be with you during this time. My prayers are with you and
your family.##imported-begin##Jones Tinsley##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 05:31 PM



“ I do not know you, but I feel your loss. God has a new star in
heaven that will shine forevermore. Prayers and Love are with
you!##imported-begin##Amanda Chiles##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 05:29 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of this news. My thoughts and prayers go out
to the family. Drew and I have known each other since Jr High. He
will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Lindsi Gandy##imported-
end##

March 23, 2010 at 04:50 PM



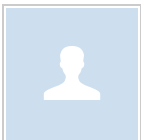
“ Dear Laura and David, A few days after my daughter, Kate was born, March 18th 1986, at Byerly, I recall you were coming in to have your beautiful baby boy, Drew. I never met Drew, but I'm sure he was a blessing to everyone that knew him.
My thoughts and prayers are of you and your family today and in the days to come that God will give you comfort and strength,
Sincerely
Terri Woodham##imported-begin##Terri Woodham##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 04:46 PM



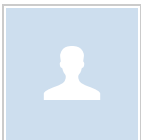
“ I am so sorry for you lose. Drew was a young man I admired for his scouting skills and his love of nature. He helped my son, Caleb, get off on the right foot in scouting. I know Caleb really looked up to Drew and appreciated him for that. I will be praying for you and your family over the coming days and weeks.##imported-begin##Rob Roberts, ASM Troop 523##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 04:40 PM



“ Our thought & prays are with the famlies##imported-begin##mary frances & bobby fields##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ David, Laura, and Kelly; Gary and I are deeply saddened for the loss of your precious son, Drew. God has picked a beautiful flower from his garden.##imported-begin##Garrett and Debbie Smith##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ David, Laura, and Kelly

*Janet and I are so sorry for your loss of Drew. I can't imagine what you are going through. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers now and will be in the weeks and months to come.
Charles & Janet Jenkins###imported-begin##Charles
Jenkins###imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 04:15 PM



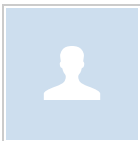
“ My heart is broken for your lose. May the Lord wrap you in his arms during this time of sorrow. I'm always here if you need me. God blessed you with a fabulous son, we will miss him so much.###imported-begin##Glenn Black###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ We are all so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Marla, Gino, Justin and Jacob Prozzi###imported-begin##Marla Prozzi###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how you feel. My heart is heavy. I am praying for your strength during this time. Your family has been in our prayers through the illnesses and at this time of grief. Love, Dianne and Bobby###imported-begin##Dianne Edwards###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ *Laura, David and Kelly,
Our family is so sorry to hear about Drew.
We pray God will wrap his loving arms around all of you and help
you through this tragedy. Many prayers are surrounding all of you in
this town, including our family.##imported-begin##Robin and
George Atkins##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 02:42 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear of your loss! Our thoughts and prayers
are with all of you during this difficult time!##imported-begin##Tripp
and Barbie (Auten) Lyles##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 02:38 PM



“ *Laura, David, Aunt Bobbie and Uncle Ralph...I am so very sorry for
your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and
prayers!!##imported-begin##Nikki McElveen-Daniels##imported-
end##*

March 23, 2010 at 02:24 PM



“ *Praying for your family during this difficult and uncertain time. I don't
know a person from Thomas Hart Academy who didn't like Drew
Decker. My deepest sympathy during this time.##imported-
begin##Brian Watts##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 01:46 PM



“ To each of you, my heart is heavy today with the loss of "computer" fixer. We became very close over these past few years. Our prayers are with you. His Aunt Audrey said many, many times before her death, "God will not put more on us than we can stand". I'm sure Drew is with her now. May God hold each of you in His loving arms in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Kenneth and Eunice McElveen##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ Ralph, Bobbie & Family, our prayers are with you all. Please know that you can call on us at any time. We pray God's blessings upon you.

Love in Christ,

West Hartsville Baptist Church Staff; Kevin Walters, Scott Brown, Lori Atkinson, Tracie Brown, Jeanette Simpson & Sarah Roberts##imported-begin##West Hartsville Baptist Church Staff##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ Laura, David, Kelly, Bobbie & Ralph,
We are so very sorry about your loss. You are like our family and we love you and want you to know that you are in our prayers. God Loves you so much and will help you through this.

Love Frances and Don##imported-begin##Frances & Don McElveen##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ Kelly - There are no words to describe how sorry I am for you and your family's loss. These things are so difficult to understand and accept. Please know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers as you go through this very difficult time. Love, AraLeigh and Jeremiah###imported-begin###AraLeigh Beam###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 11:34 AM



“ I was a classmate of Drews in High School. He always knew how to make you laugh. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Ariel Morrell Byrd###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.###imported-begin###Darrell and Sylvia Sealey###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:40 AM



“ David and Family, I am truly sorry to have heard about your loss. I know that Drew is going to be missed by all who knew him. I just want you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely, Grady O'Neal, LifeCare Hospice of SC###imported-begin###Grady O'Neal, Bereavement Care, LifeCare Hospice of SC###imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:27 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your sudden loss of Drew. Like Catherine (Atkins) Wofford said above, Drew could ALWAYS make you laugh, and he often did during our time at Thomas Hart. I am praying for all of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Noelle Radcliffe##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:24 AM



“ Laura, we are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

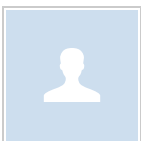
Jack and Derri Epperly##imported-begin##Derri Epperly##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:18 AM



“ David, Laura and Kelly we are so very sorry for your loss. Drew was a fine young man. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you. Curt, Cindy, Kelly & Will Griggs.##imported-begin##Cindy & Curt Griggs##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ David, Laura, and family, you all our in my thoughts and prayers. My God be with you.##imported-begin##Mellette Lyles##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to your family. Drew was one of my favorite people at Thomas Hart. He used to make me laugh every day we were at school together. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Catherine Wofford (Catherine Atkins)##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ David, Laura, and Kelly, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Al, Linda, Scott, Ryan, and Jared Crothers##imported-begin##Linda & Al Crothers##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 09:15 AM



“ Laura, David and Kelly as I said yesterday there just aren't any words to say that can make sense out of a loss such as yours. Just please remember that me, Mama and Daddy are here for you always. I love each of you, Aunt Bobbie and Uncle Ralph. Please know you all and Drew are in my prayers and thoughts. Love, Gayle##imported-begin##Gayle McElveen Douglas##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:39 AM



“ Dear David, Laura, & Kelley,

I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Willis Usher##imported-end##

March 23, 2010 at 08:03 AM