



## Jeremy Kersh

April 30, 1986 - March 26, 2007

Services for Jeremy Alan Kersh, 20 of Flint, TX, will be held on Friday, March 30, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church with Dr. Fred Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Kersh passed away, Sunday, March 25, 2007 in College Station. He was born April 30, 1986 in Tyler, TX to Bradley Lynn and Debbie Sue Kersh. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and attended Living Hope Baptist Church in College Station. Jeremy graduated in 2004 from Grace Community High School; he was a member of the Calculus Team "The Piranhas", the National Honor Society and he loved sports and music. Jeremy was a man with a vision. He knew exactly the road he was to travel. God blessed him with the mind of an engineer. Jeremy was realizing his dream of attending Texas A&M, where he was currently a junior on the Texas A&M Deans Honor Roll and a member of Tau Beta Pi (The National Engineering Honor Society), and soon to be inducted to Eta Kappa Nu, (The Electrical and Computer Engineering Society). He would have received his Aggie Ring on April 13, 2007, a day he longingly anticipated, and scheduled to graduate in May 2008. His honors, however, go way beyond those he received at Texas A&M. What a joy this young man has been to the lives of all he touched. Jeremy's crown is now with the King of Glory. Years pass quickly, but his eternity is forever sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Mr. Kersh was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald Eugene Copland and uncle, Doug Copland. Jeremy is survived by his loving family including his

parents, Bradley and Debbie Copland Kersh of Flint; brothers, Joshua Paul Kersh of Tyler and Brandon Lynn Kersh of Tyler; maternal grandparents, Dottie and George Hall of Tyler; paternal grandparents, Lynn and Sue Kersh of Tyler; aunts & uncles, David Copland of Tyler, Dennis and Kim Copland of Garland, Karl and Donna PanKratz of Tyler, Brenda and Lynn Hogan of Tyler, Kim and Scott Kersh of Whitehouse, Karla and Cevin Price of Tyler, Janette and Garrick Hayes of Bullard; cousins, David Copland, Jr., Matt, Amanda, and Bryan Copland, Danny and Brett Vaughan, Matthew and Jarod Hogan, Ryan Kersh, Shea Kersh Yeargain, Lance and Erika Price, Zachary, Emily and Olivia Hayes; and also survived by a special friend, Stephanie Miltello of College Station. Pallbearers will be Ryan Kersh, Matthew Hogan, Jarod Hogan, Danny Vaughan, Brett Vaughan, David Copland Jr., Matt Copland, Bryan Copland, Brice Harris, Andy Clinton, Daniel Weaver, and Jack Wheeler. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Jeremy may be made to Calvary Baptist Church "Building Fund"; 6704 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Debbie and Brad,  
Words could never express the sorry in our hearts for you and your family. Know that prayers have gone up and you are in all of our thoughts more than you may realize. If you need anything, ever, please call.*

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**Pamela Snyder Liberton** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Celia and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers constantly during this difficult time.*

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**Tom and Celia Ridley** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Stacy Smith** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *I know that there aren't words that will take away the hurt nor comfort your pain with the loss of your son, but I am trusting and knowing that God understands your hurt and will help heal the wound in time. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Ann Van Westen** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I will always remember Jeremy as an honest and true friend. Our childhood lives diverged unexpectedly, and we grew distant over the years, but He will forever be remembered by me as my trustworthy friend and companion throughout our many Noonday adventures in the hayfields. When I remember Jeremy, I am brought back to a time of innocence in my own life, before it became something that invoved heartache. Heartache came, however. It came and went, and came again. Time makes it fade, but we must always hold on to the memories of the good times and the lessons we've learned as time pushes the pain further from our daily thoughts. The pain of Jeremy's death is still very near for us, and that is ok. Sorrow in parting reflects the importance of the individual in ones life, and Jeremy was of special importance to many. Although I cannot even begin to speculate as to what purpose there is in how things have unfolded, I know beyond any doubt that Jeremy has a role of paramount importance in providing an example to many of us of what it means to earnestly persue the path less traveled. We should all do our utmost to emulate those qualities he exhibited that make us miss him so. Debbie, Brad, Josh and Brandon: any words I used to try and cure the grief you must feel would be in vain. I love your family, and I have no doubt that the ties that unite you are strong enough to endure any tribulation.

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**Clint Eubanks** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Debbie and family:

*My heart grieves with you in your loss. I pray to God for healing for all of you.*

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**Tim Wheeler** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mendi Coke** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Greg Smith** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Debbie, Brad, Josh and Brandon,  
You are loved by The Brower family.*

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**Pam Brower** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Debbie, Brad, Josh, Brandon,*

*I know that words cannot take away your pain and suffering, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of such a tragic loss.*

*Jeremy was such a nice young man and will be missed by so many. May the love of OUR LORD, friends, and the many happy memories of Jeremy see you thru this time of sorrow.*

*Love and prayers are with you all.*

*Vicki, Brent, Steve, Tow*

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**Vicki, Brent, Steve, Tow Smith** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Our hearts are with you.*

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**Nell & Barry Patterson** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *What an incredible young man! Smart, polite, considerate, integrity are just some of the characteristics I think of when thinking of Jeremy. He will be missed by everyone that had the priviledge to know him. I am praying for Debbie, Brad, Brandon and Josh and please know that if there is anything that I can do for you, please just let me know!*

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**Larry Dixon** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Debbie,*

*I can't begin to tell you how my heart goes out to you, Brad, Josh, Brandon and all of the family. Please know I love you and that all of you are in my prayers.*

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**Cindy Boatman** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Brad,*

*All the guys on the Doc Team knows that words cannot relieve you and yours of the pain you are feeling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this tragic loss. May God help see you thru this time of sorrow.  
God Bless you all...*

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**Ron McLean** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My son Will, and his friend Will Binford, were the two Aggies who tried so desperately to revive Jeremy at the restaurant until the paramedics came. Neither of them knew Jeremy--my son had no idea he was trying to save someone from his own hometown; they just knew he was a fellow Aggie and a fellow human who needed their help. They are both filled with sorrow at your loss and asked me to extend their deepest sympathy. They, like Jeremy, are both strong Christians and believe they'll see him again one day at their Father's house. All of you are in our prayers.  
*Jan McCauley for The McCauley and Binford families*

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**Jan McCauley** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Debbie and Brad and Josh, Bill and I want you to know that our hearts are broken. We love you and wish there was something we could do to ease your pain. Know that we are here for you if you need us. Scotty and Renee', Pam and Mark are grieving with you. Lean on each other and God and he will see you through this. love,  
*Margaret*

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**Margaret Snyder Wood** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I am so sorry.*

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**Kristy Atchley** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Debbie we are so sorry to hear about Jeremy. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**DuWayne & Marsha Holt** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Brad and Debbie,*

*How shocked we were to hear of Jeremy's death. Words and deeds can never express our heartbreak and sorrow we have for you at this time. Know that you and the boys are in our hearts and prayers as we lift you up to our Heavenly Father to cover you with His love and comfort.*

*I hope you will be able to find peace and comfort in the fact that you will be reunited with him one day when we stand before our Lord in heaven.*

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**Ron Caldwell** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ *I didn't know Jeremy, but from the outpouring of support and sorrow I've seen over the last two days, he must have been an astounding person. My heart goes out to his family. I wish we could have made a difference.*

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**Will** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *You all are in my prayers. I love you all soo much and hope the best for you!*

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**Emily Brummer** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Jeremy was so special to you and he will be greatly missed.*

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**Hali Cleveland** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Words sometimes cannot change the way we feel, but Love can change our lives. We Love you very much and want you to know that we will always be here for you. Our prayers go out for you and your family. You have and will always be a special friend to us.

We Love you very much,

*Phil & Sheri Barrett*

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**Phil & Sheri Barrett** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dear Debbie, Brad, Josh and Brandon... My heart is broken at your loss. Jeremy was a treasured friend to Clint when they were growing up, and some of my fondest memories of Noonday are of the two of them hiking across the fields...He grew up to be a fine young man and he will always be remembered with love....Please take care of yourselves and each other in this difficult time....Our love and prayers are with you.

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**Lisa Eubanks** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Dear Debbie, Brad, Josh and Brandon  
We send our thoughts, prayers and condolences to all of you. We know that we can't pretend to know the pain that you are feeling, but our hearts are breaking for you.*

*We are praying that our God will wrap His loving arms around each of you and comfort you as only He can do. We pray that you will feel the strength of the prayers from all of God's faithful who are lifting your family in prayer and with love.*

*What a beautiful and touching obituary.  
As Aggie parents, we can only imagine how Jeremy was looking forward to that Aggie Ring.*

*We will continue to hold you in our thoughts and prayers. Please know that we would love to help if there is anything we can do for you.*

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**Juliee, Billy, Brooke & Derek Denman** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Our prayers go out to you and your family for your loss.*

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**Patrick & Ronda Powell** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *It is hard to imagine your loss. As a fellow Aggie parent we extend our condolences. We pray that God be with you and wrap you in comfort with His love at this time of sorrow.*

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**Bill & Kathie Whitehurst** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *Debbie, Kim, and your precious families, my prayers are with you.  
Know that I love you and will always be there for you.* ”

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**Jane Ann Young** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ There are no words to express any emotions at such an incredibly painful time. Our thoughts and prayers are constant with you during this time. And we are always here for anything that we might possibly do for you! Our hearts are broken with yours. We love you! I would like to share something with you that someone once shared with me-

*Angels*

*When God calls one of our children  
to dwell with Him above,*

*We mortals sometimes question  
the wisdom of His love.*

*For no heartache compares with  
the death of a child*

*Who does so much to make our world  
seem wonderful and mild.*

*Perhaps God tires of calling  
the aged to his fold,*

*So he picks a rosebud  
before it can grow old.*

*God knows how much we need them  
and so he takes a few*

*To make the land of heaven  
more beautiful to view.*

*Believing this is difficult,  
still somehow we must try.*

*The saddest word mankind knows  
will always be "Good-bye."*

*So when a child departs,  
we who are left behind*

*Must accept God's choice  
angels are hard to find.*

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**John and Gina Brown** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Debbie ~ I know that you are a strong woman and even though times will be tough, I know you are strong enough to talk things out with the Lord. Just know that we are all praying for you and your family. I didn't know Jeremy that much but what I did know of him, he was a very nice and good looking man, always polite. He will be missed by everyone. May God Bless you and keep you strong. We Love You!!!!*

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**Elaine, Harvey and Kevin Donahoo** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *To the Kersh Family:  
My deepest sympathies go out to you and all your loved ones.*

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**Debbie Ogé** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Brad, Debbie, Josh and Brandon, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this time. Please know that if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.*

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**Kim Bailes** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *May Jeremy's life be a pleasant memory and a comfort to you. May his untimely death be a constant reminder to us all to redeem the time. May the God of all peace and comfort manifest His lovingkindness in tangible ways.*

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**Joe & Judy Brummer** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We want to extend to you our Deepest Sympathy in your loss of Jeremy...We will always remember how pleasant and polite he was to us.

*May God richly Bless and Comfort each member of your family;  
May He guide in decisions that must be made. May all of the family  
have peace of mind and heart.*

*With our love and prayers,*

*John and Karen*

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**John & Karen Coblentz** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Brad, Debbie, Josh and Brandon....no words can express our deep sorrow. May our Father God cover you with His peace, mercy and grace, until that sweet day when Jesus will wipe all tears from our faces. Love in Christ, Ed, Jill, Laura and Ryan

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**Ed, Jill, Laura and Ryan Thigpen** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I am at a loss for the right words during this time of great loss. My difficulty with the words is simply because I remember how much your boys consumed your life and how you enjoyed every moment along that trail. My family and I would like to offer our condolences and we will keep you, your son and your family in our preys during these difficult times. If I can be of any assistance in anyway please give me a call anytime.

*God Bless your family.*

*Jeff Russ*

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**Jeffrey Russ** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I offer my deepest and most sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Duane Lebl  
REL Class of '78

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Duane Lebl - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dearest Debbie,  
I can't begin to tell you how so very sorry I am for your loss, but I am praying for God's sweet touch and His supernatural strength for you and yours right now and in the coming months.  
You will see Jeremy again, Sweetie, and it will be sooner than you think. In the meantime, praise Him that you were used by Him to bring Jeremy into relationship with the One, true God, Who will keep him, and you, and your family, together forever.  
I love you, Debbie.  
David

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J. David Barron - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ When I heard the news, I just stopped and cried from the pain I know you must be experiencing. Debbie, I hope you will stop and realize, as parents, you both did what God planned for you and raised your son in His faith. Find comfort knowing your son is in His arms and care. What a happy day that will be for each of us one day. You are in my heart & in my prayers. With love, Kay

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Kay King Northcutt - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jeremy will always be in your hearts and may you remember the happiness he brought into your lives. May God's love be with you and your family.*  
*Jan*

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**Jan & Ken Beyma** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *You have suffered the greatest loss of all, that of losing your child. May God grant you the strength to find peace in the memories of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Kathy*

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**Joe & Kathy Mehl** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Debbie, Brad, Josh & Brandon,*  
  
*May God hold you in his arms and give you His strength as you go through this most difficult time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sandy Burkett** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My prayers are with you.*

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**James A. Lightsey** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Debbie, I wanted you and your family to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God is our strength. Love, Julie*

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**Julie Loggins Cooper** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I was once taught that feelings are not facts. In our human minds, we tend to think the way we feel defines us. As you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, try to remember that your feelings are not to be trusted. Put your trust in God, who created us and cares for us more than we know. You are not alone. Please know that my prayers are with you and all those who love Jeremy most. Bless your hearts.

Gen

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**Genifer Frazier** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Brad and Debbie, our deepest sympathy goes out to you. We know how much you loved and cherished your son. I always take comfort King David's steadfast faith in God in Pslams 71: 21 "You will increase my honor and comfort me once again."

Only God can see you through these times and I am glad that I can say you both are his Children.

God bless you both.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Joe W Dark** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Brad & Family,  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I completely understand the pain you are feeling. My oldest son was killed in a work accident 13 months ago and there is no greater pain. With God's help, take each minute, each hour, each day, one at a time. You are not alone. My thoughts and prayers are with you through these very hard days and months ahead.

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**Liane Swain Lewis** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Debbie, Brad and family-  
I am so sorry for your loss. I know that there is nothing I can say to make you feel better at such a tragic and painful time. There are not words that can express the sorrow I feel in my heart for you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
~With Love*

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**Jennae Brown** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Debbie and Brad, I am so sorry for your lost and please know we are praying for you as you walk through this time. Sometimes only scripture can bring strength in times like these and here is the scripture I am praying for you and your family. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

*Your friend,  
Charlie*

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**Charlie Jones** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Sue,  
We were so sorry to hear of the death of your grandson. Your family is in our prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Margaret Spier & Julia Waner*

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**Julia Waner & Margaret Spier** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ How very sorry we were to hear about Jeremy's passing. Although it has been awhile, we shared many, many hours at baseball games and came to know you as such loving and supportive parents. What better testament to that was Jeremy himself. He had such a kind and gentle spirit and was always so patient with the younger boys. You had to be so very proud of him, and rightly so. Please take care of yourselves and each other and know that you are in our thoughts.

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**Glenn and Carol Hilbun** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Know you are in our thoughts and prayers

*Aaron Beaty  
Kim Snowden  
Lindale, Texas*

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**kim snowden** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I can't imagine what you are going through, but I know that God will lift you up in time.

Jeremy's life was such a strong witness to all those that knew him and even those that heard about him only during the funeral service. The service was a wonderful testimony both to his life and the strength that yall have as a family.

Brad; soon after you came to Trane it became apparent to me just how much you loved your boys by how much time you spent with them. Jeremy was very blessed to have a father like you. I know that you will continue to be a strong father for Brandon and Josh. Debbie; I don't remember if we have officially met or not, but I just want you to know that I watched you during the service and I was nothing but impressed by your strength. I can tell that you are a woman of faith and that you love Jesus. When you stood up to praise the Lord during the final song I wanted to applaud our Savior and your faith during a very difficult time.

I pray that God's love, grace, and mercy will continue to be sufficient for your family.

Jeff

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**Jeff Cool** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Debbie,

Pam called me this morning. I am so sorry to hear about Jeremy. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Love, Lisa

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**Lisa Cloud Sasin** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *May God Bless You and comfort you in your time of loss. Your son sounds like a wonderful person and that he blessed many people while he was here on earth. I am sorry that you had to endure such a tragedy. My prayers go out to you and the rest of your family.*

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**Tristan Brown** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *My father passed away the day before your son. He was also at Stewart and was also an Aggie, class of 1943. When my family heard about your tragedy, our hearts went out to you. Please know that my dad was waiting at the gates of heaven to welcome your son home. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that God's healing hands will touch your hearts as He is touching ours.*  
*The Family of William B. Dixon*

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**The Family of William Dixon** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I recently heard about Jeremy's death, and I just want to express my sympathy to your wonderful family. I taught Josh and Brandon at Moore several years ago. May God give you strength. I will pray for you.*

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**Stephanie Christian** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM