



## Micah King

July 21, 1977 - January 25, 2006

Micah Joel King fell asleep while in Jesus' care in the wee hours of Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at his home on the shores of East Lake Palestine. Born July 21, 1977 at Hughuley Memorial Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas, Micah grew up in nearby Keene where he was a standout athlete, award winning actor and student leader at Keene Public Schools. He moved to the Tyler area with his parents in 1996 and worked his way through an associate degree in education at Tyler Junior College and was completing a degree in education at the University of Texas at Tyler. At 6 feet 4 inches Micah literally stood head and shoulders above his peers, but he spent most of his time working much nearer to the earth - usually sitting on the floor in the center of a circle of children. He was a brilliant natural teacher and was much loved by the hundreds of children he cared for as a teacher and leader at Generations Together and the Boys & Girls Club. "Mr. Micah" could hardly go anywhere in the city without being spotted towering above the crowd by his kids who would shout "Mr. Micah" and run over demanding to be hugged. Micah never turned a child away and spent countless hours outside his work doing special things for "his kids", listening to their troubles on the phone or tirelessly planning special events and activities for them on his own time, evenings, weekends and holidays. Micah served as an ordained deacon at the Tyler Seventh Day Adventist Church and went on mission trips to build churches and schools in Mexico. Friends described him as "big old teddy bear" with a large heart to match. Micah loved music, played bass and guitar

and flute. He sang with his brother and sister, composed music and was a prolific artist leaving behind murals and fat sketchbooks with his caricatures and designs. He wrote poignant poetry in private, but in public he always found a way to make people laugh. Micah is survived by his parents; Tom and Sheila King; brother, Matthew King; sister Meghan King; girlfriend Mindy Cornett; grandparents, Clara and Ralph DeLaune; and his beloved "kids", too many to count. Micah's family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler 75703. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the Tyler Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2935 SSE Loop 323 in Tyler. A reception dinner for family and friends will take place in the Family Life Center after the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Micah King Memorial Fund at any Southside Bank location.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the weeks and months to come. Mr. Micah was, is and always will be a bright spot in our lives, especially our children, Amanda and Ashleigh.

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**The Gillard family** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Micah was the sweetest little boy. He had the cutest smile.

*Our prayers are with your family at this most difficult time.*

*We hope you'll find comfort in your memories and in God's all-embracing love.*

*You'll meet again.*

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**Laura (Dyche) NouÛt** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Dear King Family*  
*I can only imagine the shock and grief you must be experiencing. Micah contributed so much toward making the world a better place by ministering to and nurturing our future. You as a family have all shown immeasurable love, compassion, and caring for so many for so long. My prayer for you in this time of grief is that you receive in return X 10,000 some of the love, comfort and support you've always so freely given to others. I will always remember Micah with a smile on my face and in my heart. He certainly had a way with people of all ages.*

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**Emily Kosted** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Words cannot express how we feel. May god be with you and we are so sorry for your loss. Micah was like a brother to us and we loved him like family. Bless you and your family.

*Tammi Parada*

*David Parada*

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**Tammi Parada** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ The day Micah was born I went to stay with Matt while Tom and Sheila went to the hospital. Ben stayed at Nana's because it was early. Matt and I waited for the phone call to say his brother had arrived. Somehow, Aunt Debbie took a wrong turn on the way to the hospital and we wandered for awhile, almost ran out of gas, then called Tom. Matt thought it was a grand adventure. When we got to the hospital, and the nurse held Micah up for us to see, Matt beamed with pride. Micah spent the rest of his life making us smile and laugh. He loved to follow Matt and Ben around and wanted to do whatever they did. Whatever Micah did, he did it with his whole heart and soul. My favorite picture of Micah was taken on a trip to Galveston. Micah was around 3 years old, I think. He was striding towards the ocean with a smile and great purpose in his face, a spoon in hand. Micah loved to eat. I've seen him sleep through all kinds of noise then wake from a sound sleep at the smell of food. On Holidays, when I would make pies or piecrust, Micah wanted me to make a crust just for him. Nothing in it, just the crust. I like the crust best, too. Micah was an amazing actor and artist. I loved going to his plays. His makeup and accent for an Irishman was so good, I wouldn't have known him if I had met him on the street. Micah was kind and giving. He always took time for anyone who needed him. When Ben died in November, he drew a beautiful picture of Ben for me. I thanked him, with the intention of writing a letter to let him know how much that meant to me. I regret not having done so. He was a great artist. There are so many memories of good times I can't recount them all. Micah was the best of everything that is good in life. He had many friends and he was friend to many. Micah always accepted others as they were. My boys, Ben and Tim, knew they could count on Micah to be there for them, no matter what, without judgement. Micah was loved and will be greatly missed.

*Love Aunt Deb*

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Deb King Dandridge - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Bryan-Mr Micah was an influence in my life that will be with me always. He made me believe in myself and let me know it was ok to be different. I was looking at the booklet he made for me and my sister and brother and it made me remember how much he influenced my life. I will miss him.*

*Taylor-Mr Micah was someone that always listened to me and made me feel special. When I was thinking of giving up the flute in 7th grade he would listen to me play over the phone and encourage me. He made me believe in myself and now I am in the 9th grade and have made All Region Band 3 years in a row. Mr. Micah is in my heart and I will never forget what he has done for me.*

*Jimmy-Mr. Micah was my favorite at Generations Together and at the Summer Program at the Boys and Girls Club. He had was a great find and it makes my heart sad that he is gone. He was my hero because he always listened and cared about me even though I was just a little kid at the time.*

*Bryan, Taylor and Jimmy's Mom--*

*I cannot begin to tell in words what Mr Micah meant to all my children and how his influence impacted me as a parent. I want you to know that he will be missed but will be carried in our hearts through out our lives.*

*Sincerely,  
Sherri, Bryan, Taylor and Jimmy Cramer*

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**Donna Taylor** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our daughter was one of Micah's kids. We wish to express our sympathy to your family. Micah was always so kind, and sincerely cared for our daughter, as he did all of his kids. He always had a moment to talk to us, and our daughter just adored him. We will miss him very much, but we are very grateful that we had the chance to know him. We are praying for your family. God bless you.

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**Luther and Sherri White** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mr. Micah, will be missed deeply. He made my children feel so welcome to ESP at Caldwell. He will always have a special place in our heart. Mr. & Mrs. King, Thank you for your sons ability to be a kind and gentle man. Mr. Micah was so willing to help with my children and spend time with Savannah and Randall. I am so thankful for the conversation I had with Micah tuesday night, when I picked my kids up from ESP.

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**Bettyjo & Randy McCoy** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mr. Miach was a more than just an employee of the Boys & Girls Clubs. He was a friend and advocate for kids of all ages. He not only impacted kids but also changed the lives of many staff. Everyday when Micah left the club he gave everything he had to the kids. I will miss him as well as the many staff, and kids he impacted. Our prayers are with the King family. Micah will always be a part of our family.

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**Robbie Slocumb** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Micah was a great friend. He made work a fun place to go because I knew he would put a smile on my face no matter what was going on. I WILL MISS YOU MY PTL!!!!*

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**Dana Taylor** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Tom, Sheila, Matt, Megan, Nancy, Will & Mindy:

*I can't imagine what can anyone say to make all of this better except that Micah will be with our Lord when you see him again. I can't say that I know what you are going through because I can't. I can't imagine facing what this family has been forced to face this week.*

*I didn't have the blessing to know Micah as well as I wish I had, but what I did know of him he was awesome! I too am trying to be an advocate for the children in my spare time; but Micah was 24/7! For that I so admire him from the bottom of my heart.*

*Tom, as I read the obituary that you wrote I had a picture in my mind of Micah sitting in the middle of that floor with the kiddos with a ring around his head and a big smile on all the children's face. I too have an etched memory of how wonderful Micah was.*

*Micah has many crowns coming to him from his life here on earth, and he has etched a memory within many, many hearts and minds. Micah had a gift to love, and he did it. Micah had a gift to share and he did it. Micah had a lot of gifts that he freely shared with everyone that he touched. He was a special man. Micah will be missed.*

*We love you all, and please know that there is a prayer on our hearts for this family.*

*Love,*

*Paula & Toby Cross*

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**Paula Cross** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ There are so many beautiful memories and tributes.....although it has been many years since I last saw Micah, he has truly blessed many lives. He achieved in 28 short years what many of us hope to achieve in our own lives .....and that is making this time on earth a better place for others. Please know that you are in our thoughts.

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**Debbie Northrop** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ God has truly taken one of his angels back to heaven to be with him. Mr. Micah will be missed by all of us especially Shante. He had a great impact on all the kids at Caldwell ESP and was always willing to help them any way he could.He was truly a special person and we are saddened by his passing. May God be with his family at this most difficult time.

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**Rhonda Butler** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family.

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**Kristy Range** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My son Dylan was one of Mr. Micah's kids. He was a very kind and gentle man who will be greatly missed.

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**Sharon and Dylan Mayville** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ I will miss Mr. Micah deeply...he was my favorite teacher from ESP at Ownes!he was a blessing to everyone at ESP...everyone loved him!and he will be missed by everyone..I love you Mr.Micah!

love always,  
Haleigh(your student)

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**Haleigh** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Tom, Sheila, Matt and Meghan,  
I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Micah. He was a wonderful, sweet guy who I loved very much. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and know that God will hold you close to his heart in the following days.

I know that God will bless you and take care of your every need in this time of such great loss.

Linda Johnson-Browne

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**Linda Johnson-Browne** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Thank you Mr. Micah for always being there for my children! You always made them feel like # 1. You always made me feel like it was okay to go to work and know they would be safe with you. We love you Mr. MICAH! And God bless your wonderful parents Love Jackie, Dale, Jackson,and Jamie Hukill

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**Jackie Hukill** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I always will remember Micah calling me totem pole and we graduated together. I'll always remember him signing the yearbook " BIG DOGG"

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**Keri (Beucler) Worth** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Tom & Sheila,  
We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. May you find peace in Christ at this difficult time.

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**Angi Penix** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Tom & Sheila,  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Micah was surely a fine and well-loved young man and his continued contributions to this world will be missed. May peace be restored to you hearts.

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**Gordon & Christy McLeod** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ May God bless you during this time. Micah was a wonderful person and great with all of "his" kids. He will be remembered fondly by all who new him.

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**Valorie Mosley** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am really going to miss you Micah. You meant so much to me. I am very glad that you were in my life. You will always have a place in my heart always!!!!

Love ya....Leigh

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**Leigh Taylor** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Micah. We know all of you from years past and we remember each of you with fondness. You made a positive impression on our school and made us very proud because of your accomplishments and your contributions. Micah was very dear to us and was a gentle giant. I remember him on the basketball team playing post and the other team being afraid to run into him because he was like a brick wall. He was so talented and such a pleasant person to be around. He was never too busy or too embarrassed to speak to each of us on the staff. We loved him and love you. Trust in God.  
Love you,  
Wanda Smith, Supt.  
Keene ISD

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**Wanda Smith** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Mr.Micah could always put a smile on your face no matter what was wrong.  
I love you Mr. Micah. I miss you! You were a wonderful friend and the most amazing person I have ever met!!!  
  
Love Always....  
  
Haleigh Mosley

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**Haleigh Mosley** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ May God you and the family in any kind of way. Trust in the Lord and you will be blessed and everything will be all ok

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**Justen** - January 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM