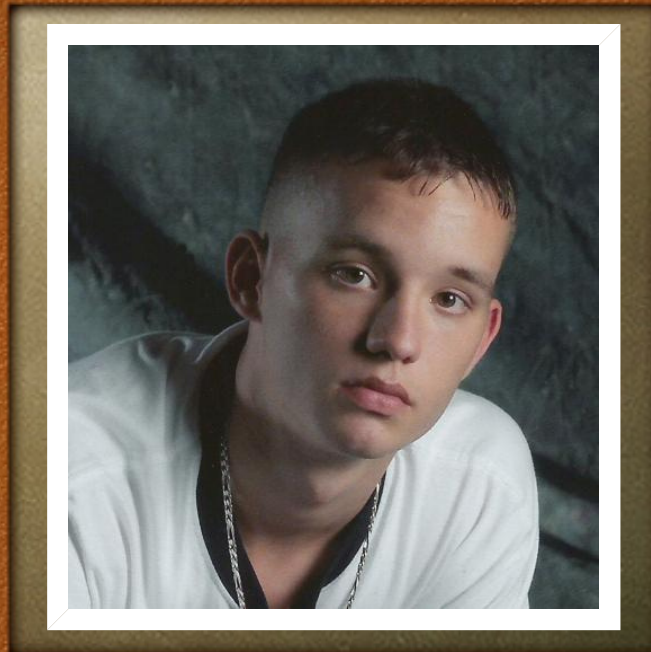


Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Justin Daniel Lesh

(July 12, 1986 - April 17, 2005)



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We will remember him forever



Justin was born in Canton, Ohio at 11:50 pm on July 12, 1986. He was a perfectly beautiful baby, weighing 7lbs 3oz and measuring 19¼ inches long. He was a very happy baby, child and young adult. He always showed his love to everyone around him.

Justin attended Perry Local Schools beginning in kindergarten at Watson Elementary and attended R.G.Drage during his senior year studying Graphic Arts. He graduated Perry High School on May 30, 2004

He played Hot Stove baseball in Perry all through his school years for several different teams and for various fall and summer leagues where he made many friends.

He was enrolled at the University of Akron and would have started college in the fall where he wanted to be an English major. Justin loved little kids and wanted to be a teacher.

It is our family's hope that by sharing Justin's story, his dream of teaching will live on. Please read his [*Life Story*](#).

He'll be remembered as a kind and loving person with a big smile for everyone. He loved his family, friends, his dogs, his music, and he loved sports--especially baseball--and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Please feel free to light a candle in Justin's name and, if possible, contribute any stories, poems, photos, or videos about him. In order to light a candle, click [Candles](#) link on this page, to pay tribute, please click on the [Memories](#) or [Condolences](#) link on this page. To send audio, video, or picture files please click on [Justin's Custom Page](#) link on the top of your screen.

It brings a lot of comfort knowing that people are thinking of him.



♥ Justin's Life In Pictures ♥

Created by Megan Patterson





Were You One of the Lucky Ones?

Author Unknown

Did you get to meet the one that lived
every day as if it were his last?

Did you see that smiling face,
did you hear his infectious laugh?

Did you know the one that had a hug
for even the ones that fussed at him?

Did you ever go somewhere and know
when the life of the party arrived?

Did you know the one that could make
the best of the worst situation?

Did you feel like you were a special
person around him?

Did you ever feel so loved?

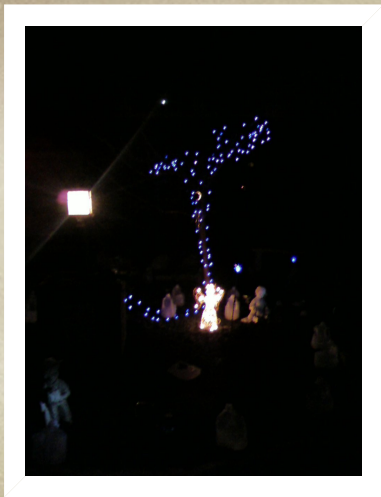
Were you one of the lucky ones...
that got to meet my son?



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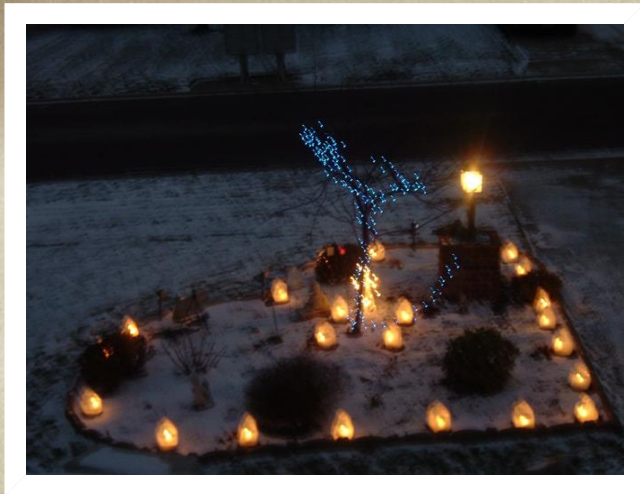
so sweet, so unforgettable...



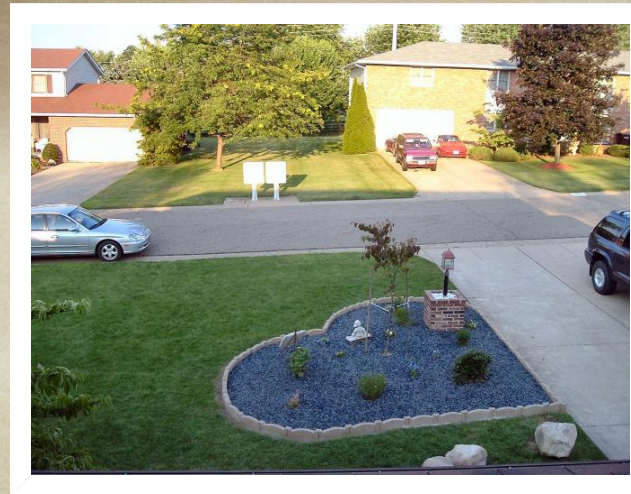
Justin's tree-Dec. 21,07



Justin Senior Picture



Xmas 2007



Justin's Garden - Mom's July 12,05



Dad's Tattoo for Justin



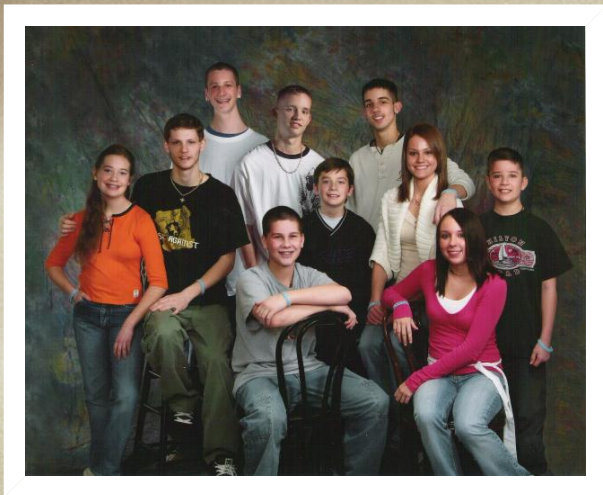
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Justin Senior Picture



Justin Senior Picture



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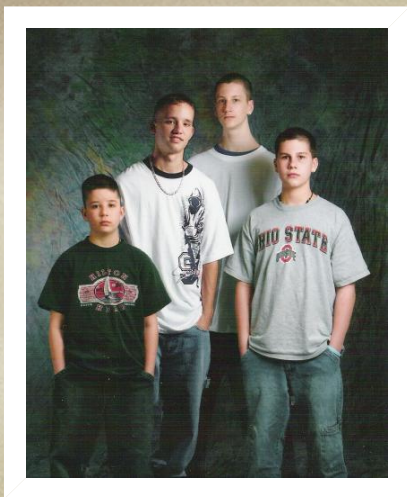
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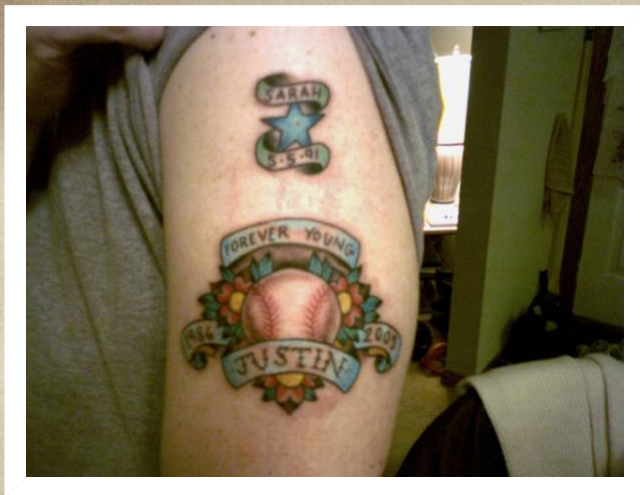
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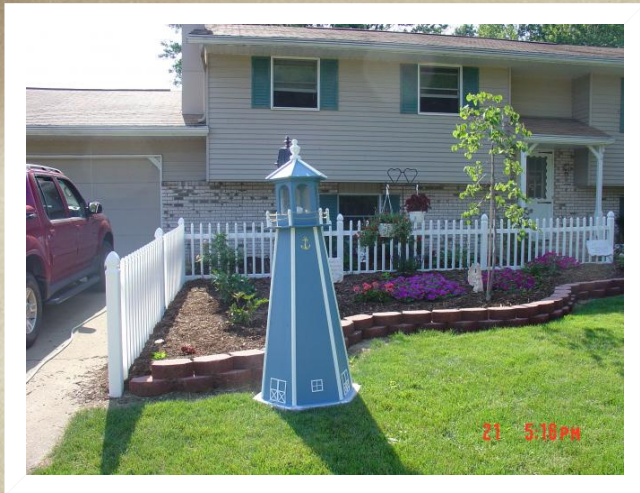
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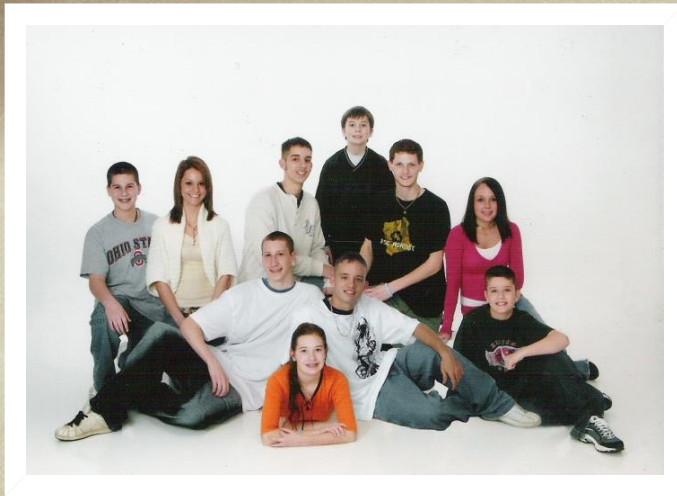
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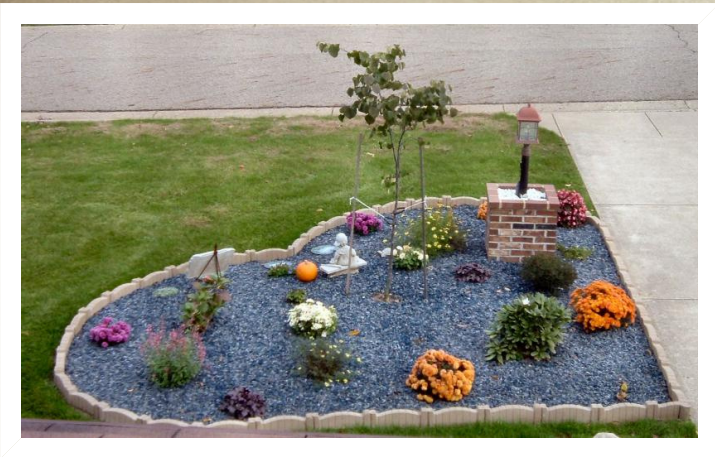
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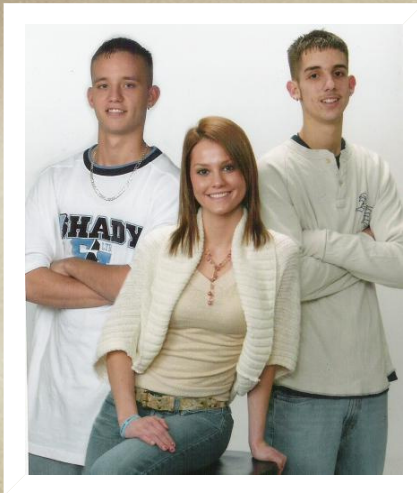
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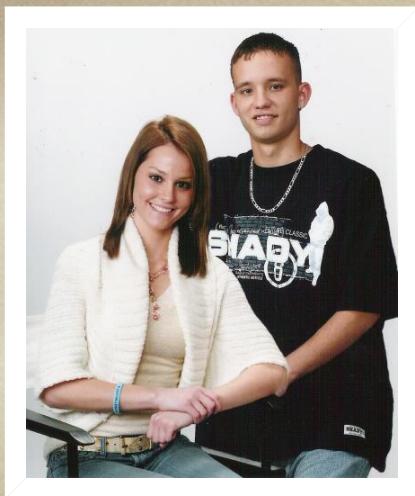
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Justin Janelle Josh 2005



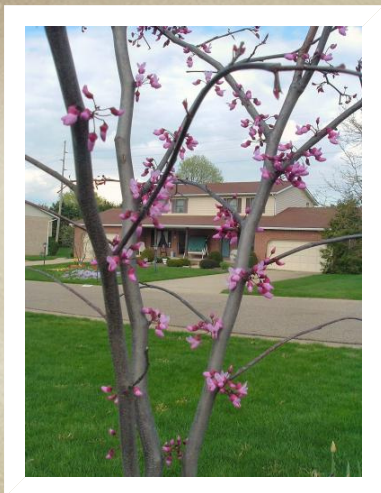
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Janelle and Justin 2005



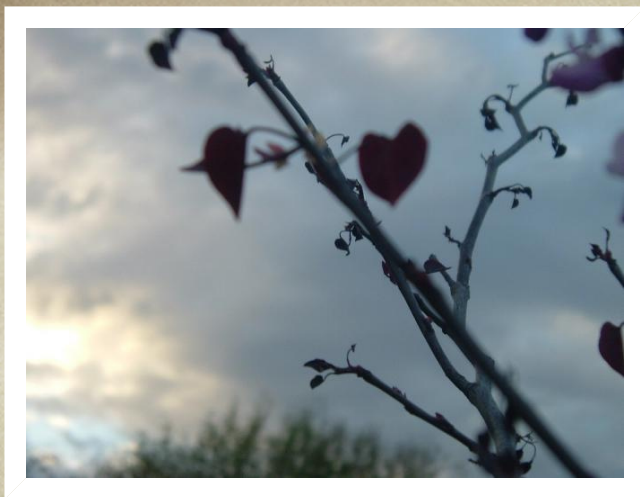
Debbie,Dad,Justin,Mom, Xavier



Justin's Tree-Mom's April 06



Dad and Justin



Justin's Tree2-Mom's May 06



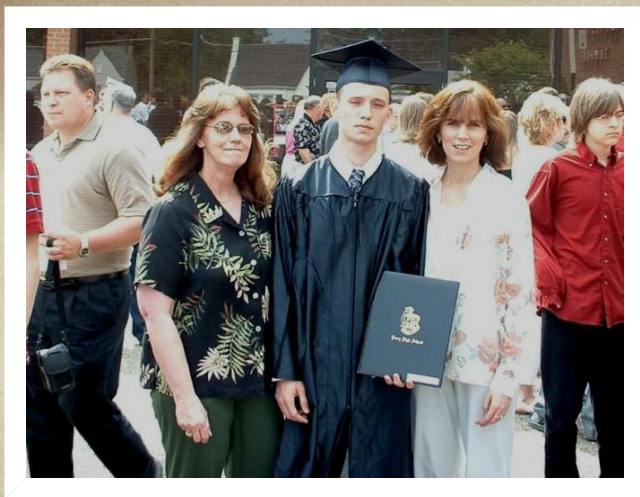
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Aunt Tammy, Justin, Aunt Shannon



Dad, Justin,Mom



Grandama, Justin, Mom



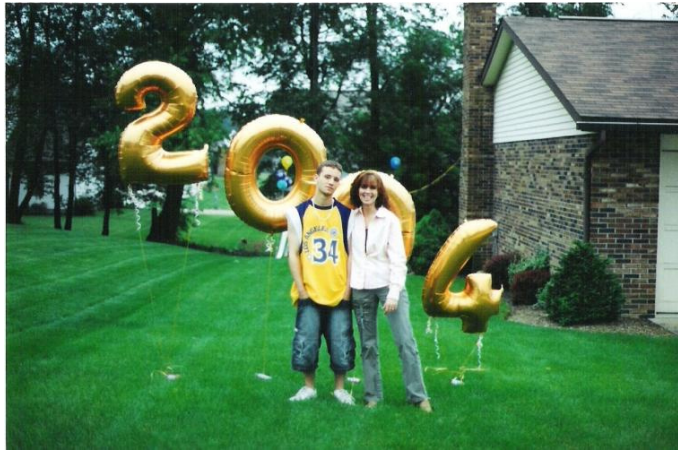
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Aunt Shannon, Justin, Riley, Mom



Justin and Riley



Justin and Mom



Aunt Shannon, Justin, Aunt Lisa, Aunt Tammy



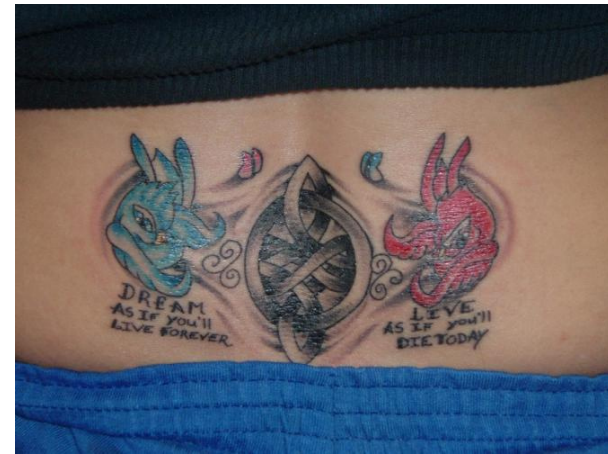
Justin- Grad. Party



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Justin and Zach playing catch



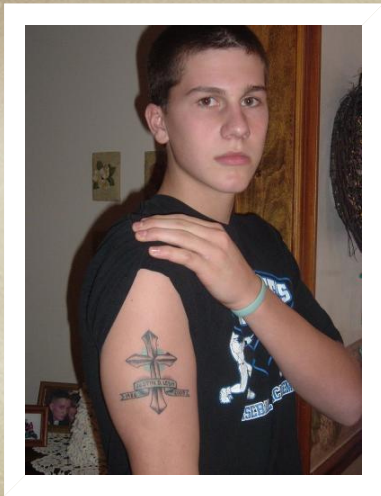
Megan's Tattoo for Justin



Justin_Tyler



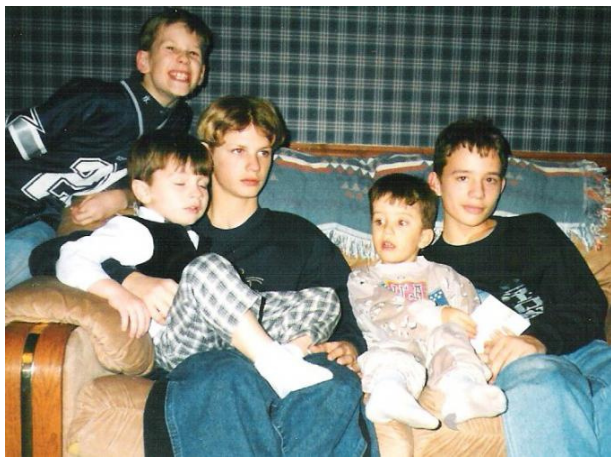
Justin smiling at Mom's



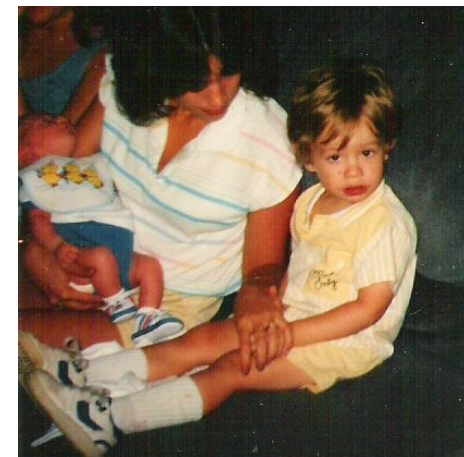
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Shawn Janelle Justin



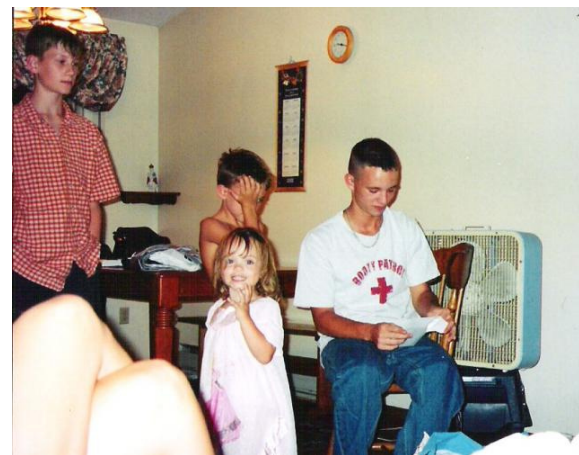
Zach Forrest Shawn Tyler Justin



zach Mom Justin



Janelle & Justin



Zach, Justin, Riley - 16th bday



Zach, Justin, Riley sledding



Zach and Justin having a picnic



Zach and Justin



Justin and Keith -Xmas 2003



Justin and cousins -Xmas2003



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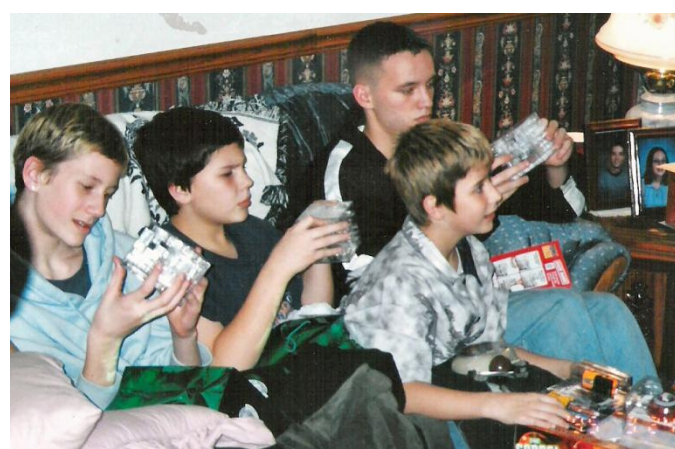
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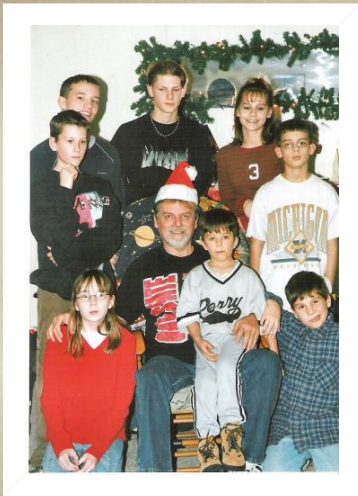
baby Tyler,Justin,Zach,Keith



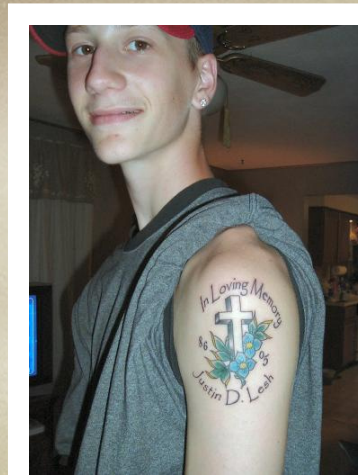
Riley and Justin-Xmas 2000 at Dad's



Xmas 2003



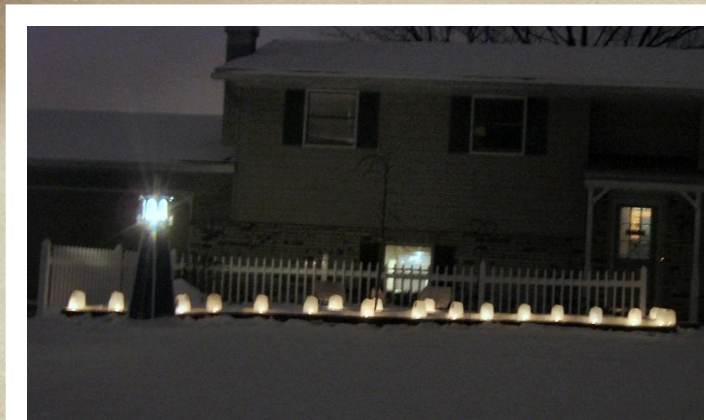
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Zach's Tattoo for Justin



Justin and baby sister, Riley



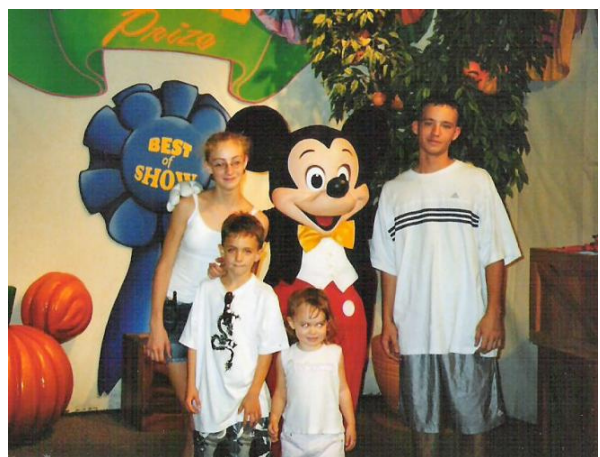
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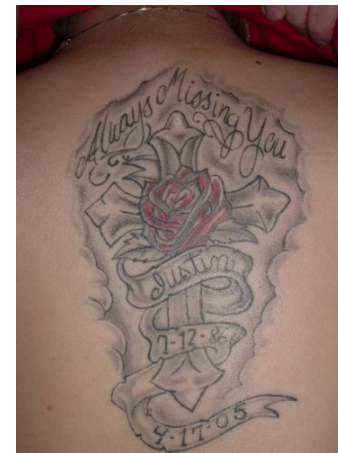
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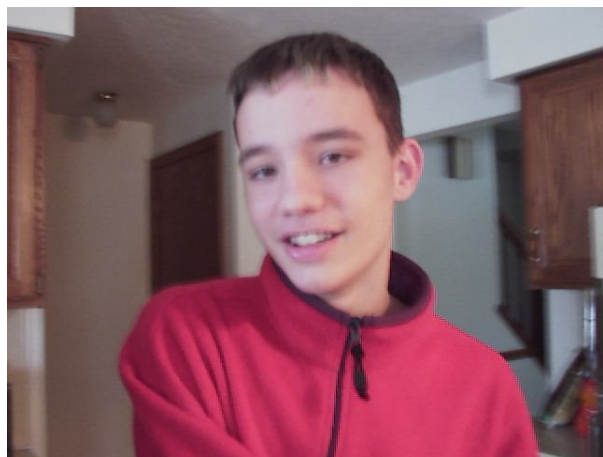
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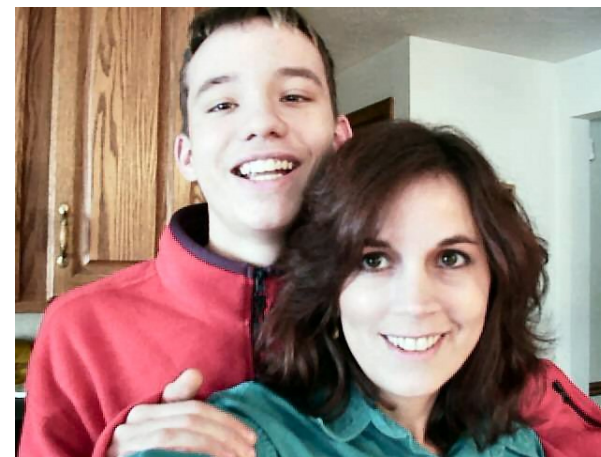
Halloween 92



Joanne's Tattoo for Justin



Justin- Christmas 2000



Justin and Mom- Christmas 2000



Justin - Christmas 2000



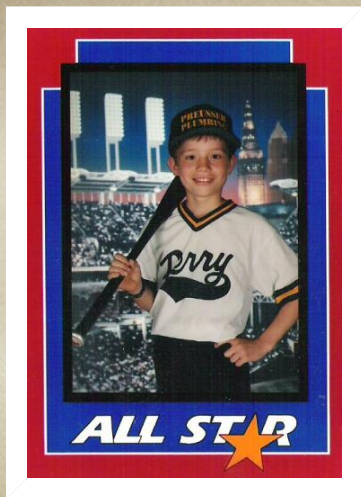
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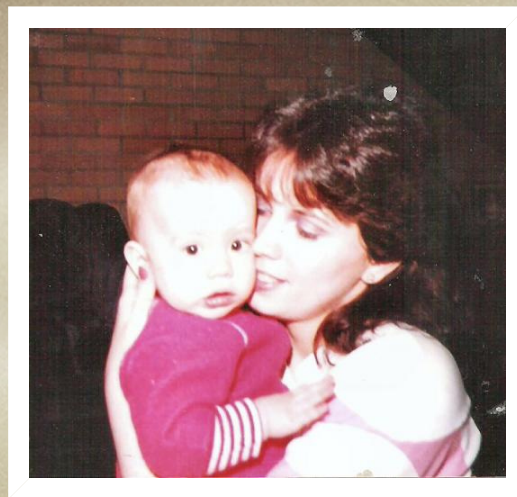
Josh, Meg, Justin, Janelle



Dad and Justin going bowling



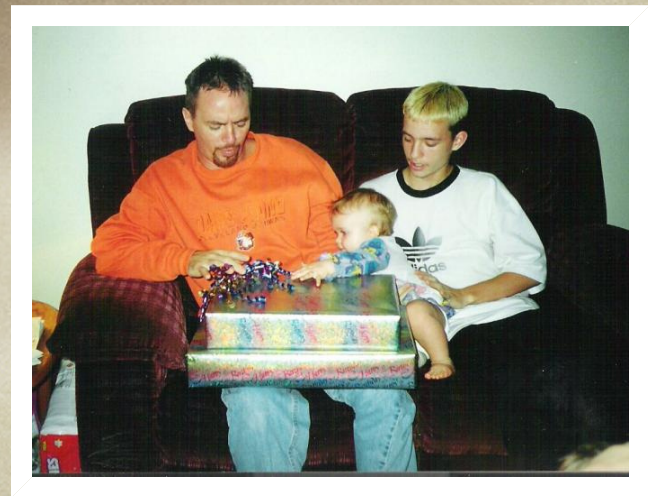
Baseball 1996



baby Justin and Mom



Andrea's Tattoo for Justin



Dad, Riley and Justin -13yrs



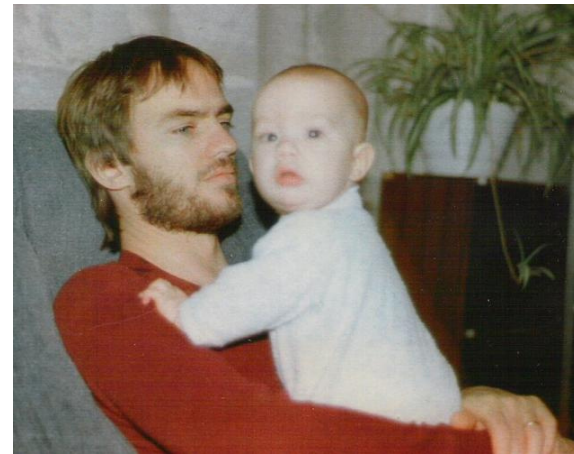
Justin and Zach's birthday party



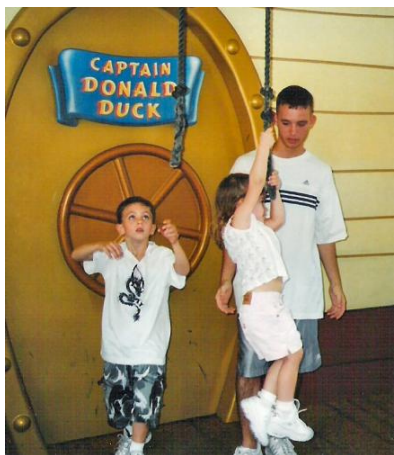
Dad and Justin- Cleve. Zoo 1998



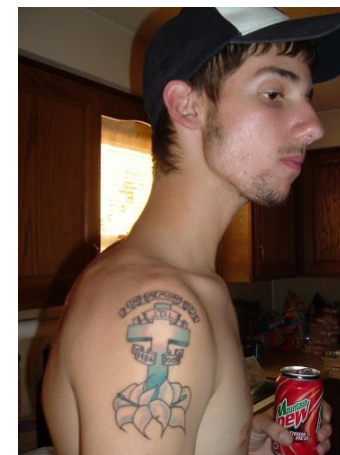
Justin and Dad- 1998



baby Justin and Dad



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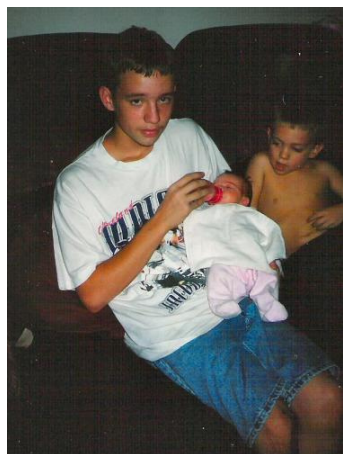
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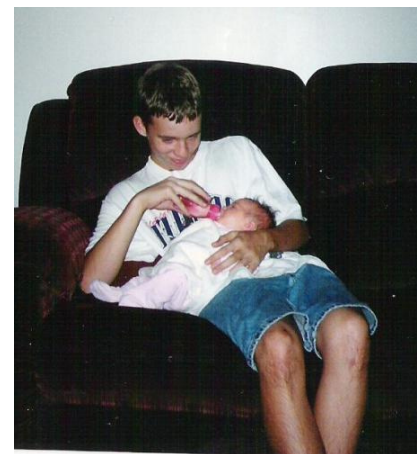
Justin Josh Janelle mall photo booth



Justin at Dad's wedding-13yrs



Justin and baby sister,Riley



Justin and baby sister,Riley



Justin Richard's Tattoo for Justin



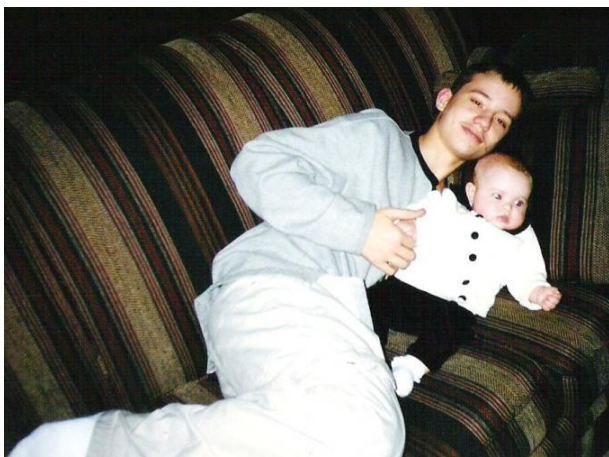
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Justin and Riley



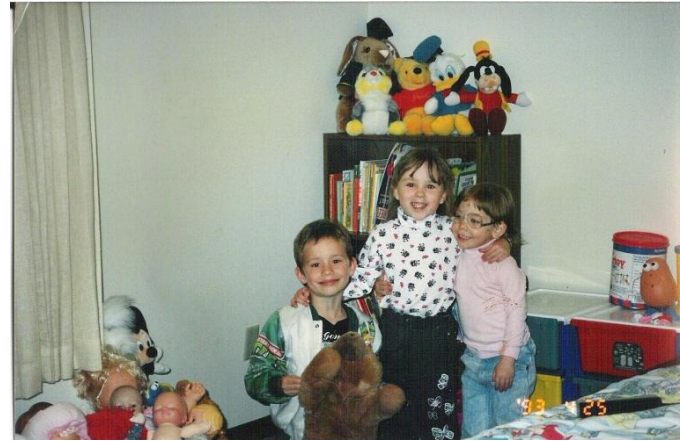
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Justin on phone-2.5 yrs.



Justin-16yrs old



Justin Megan Schyler



Justin- Easter 1995



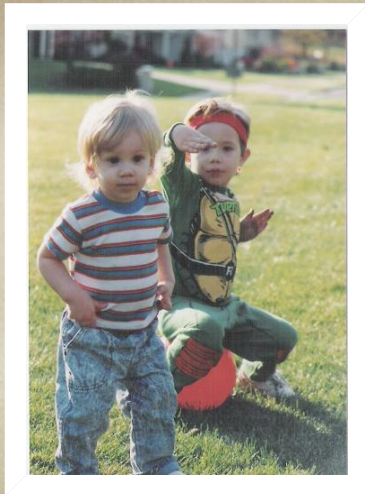
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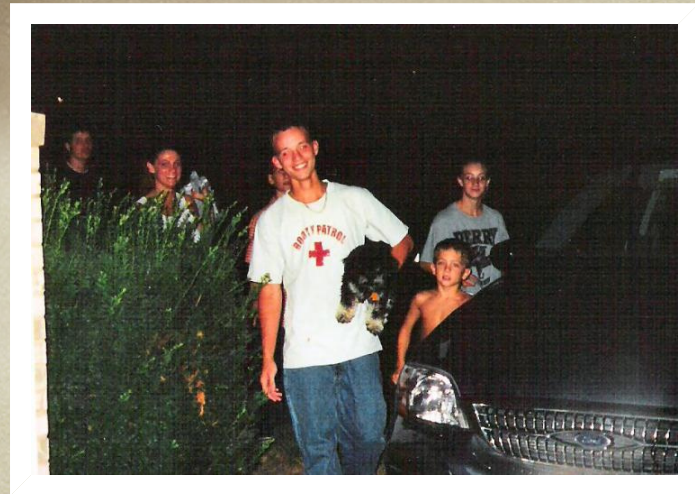
Josh and Justin



Justin's Power Wheels and Ninja Turtle- Christmas 1990



Justin and Zach ninja playing



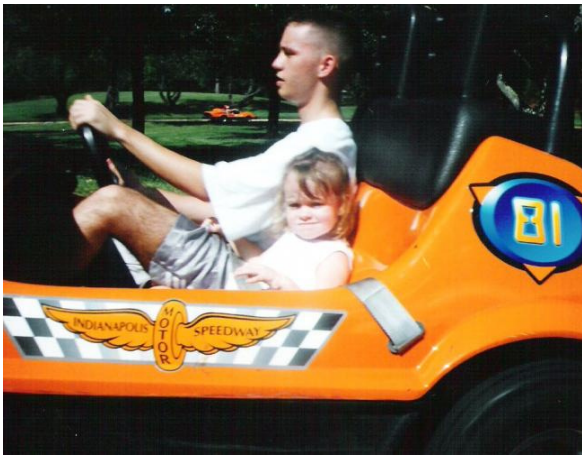
Justin's 16th bday



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Justin and Grandpa-2004



Justin and Riley-Disney

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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

12/29/2007

Mama Jean and family

*You are ALL in our thoughts
and prayers... now and
always.*

12/28/2007

Grandma

*I love U Honey We r all still
trying to get thru the
holidays just like every day
w/out U I miss u every min
of every day xos 4u*

12/28/2007

Aunt Shannon

*I love you Justin and miss
you so much. Please stay
close & let us feel you
near. You are 4ever in my
heart!*

12/27/2007

Michelle Clagg

*Thinking of you and all your
family with prayers during
this holiday season.*

12/27/2007

**Lynda ~ Mommy to
Garion Hight**

*Lighting this candle in loving
memory of Justin Lesh. Keep
close Justin, your family love
and miss you so much!*

12/26/2007

Aunt Helen & Uncle Gary

*Just wanted u to know we r
thinking of u and wish you
were home with ur mom &
family they miss u terribly.
Watch over them*

12/25/2007

Janelle

*Merry Xmas Justin! I miss
when we were little and we
would call & tell each other
what we got. Love you!!*

12/25/2007

Uncle Shawn

*We are all missing you very
much Justin , especially hard
during the holidays,
knowing your not with
us ,with Love Uncle Shawn*

12/25/2007

**Uncle Joe & Aunt
Shannon**

*Merry Christmas sweet
nephew, wishing you were
here with us. We love & miss
you more and more
Justin. xoxoxoxo*

12/25/2007

Mom

*Merry Christmas Justin.
Thank you for all the sweet
memories. I wish so much
you were here making more.
I love you. FIMH xoxo*

12/25/2007

Grandma

*Honey it was so hard last
nite w/out U but I will
always have sweet memories
of U I miss U so much I Luv
U Merry Christmas honey*

12/24/2007

**Lucy-mom to angel
Laura Hunter**

*My thoughts and prayers
are with you and your
family this Christmas.*

12/24/2007

Xavier - Step Dad

*It's Xmas eve, and we are missing you more than ever.
Love you.*

12/24/2007

Debbie Bonfine

I know you are God's angel looking down on your family and blessing them with peace and goodwill this holiday season. God bless

12/24/2007

Linda Ramsell

I am a friend of your Aunt Shannon's. She misses you every day, and talks about you all the time. I feel as if I knew you.

12/24/2007

Quilter Karen

On this blessed Christmas Eve may the presence of our dear Lord embrace all those that hold you dear. Sweet Jesus bless you all.

12/24/2007

Mom

Justin, it's not fair that you had to leave. I still don't know what to do w/out you. I love & miss you so much. FIMH

12/23/2007

Uncle Ron

We miss you all year, but especially so this time of year. Love your uncle Ron

12/23/2007

Aunt Shannon

Another day of missing my sweet nephew. I love u with all my heart Justin. Sending u lots of Hugs and tons of Love! 4ever in my heart

12/22/2007

Aunt Tammy

Justin, i'm always thinking of u. i miss u and love u. u will always be fimh. xoxo

12/22/2007

Mom

Justin, missing you more & more with each passing moment & wishing so much you were here with us. I love you. FIMH

12/21/2007

Grandma

Missing U honey & so glad Mom & Xavier found a new place to visit & write to u Stay close & know we all luv U FIMH

12/21/2007

aunt shannon

Missing you so much my sweet nephew. Lot's of love, hugs, and kisses!

12/21/2007

Karen Smith

May you find some peace in this site My sister just lost a 17 year old son. May God bless you and keep you.

12/21/2007

Xavier

*Here is a new place for you,
Justin. Love you.*

12/21/2007

Mom

*I love you & miss you so
much. Forever in my heart,
Love Mom.*

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Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...



Tears in the Snow

By: Shannon Seckman
~Justin's Aunt~

The snow is softly falling
sparkling on the ground.
Brisk wind blowing
but not hearing a sound.

Only thinking of you
and your smile so bright.
Thinking of you
on this Christmas Eve night.

Staring at the sky
and the stars above.
Missing you so much
as we send you our love.

We watch the snowfall
with tears blurring our sight.
Leaving tears in the snow
on this Christmas Eve night.



We love you and miss you so very much. You are always with us forever in our hearts and souls. Please stay near
and help us through another holiday without you. All our love,
You Family

Your Family

xoxoxo

December 21, 2007



The background of the entire image is a mottled, textured olive-green or taupe color. In the upper center, there are two roses. The one on the left is a smaller, tighter bud. The one on the right is larger and more open, showing its petals. Both roses are rendered in a light, almost ethereal tone, blending into the background.

Shared Memoirs

all the gray you turned into colors...



Stairway to Love

So little did I know, coming in this new land
That for me two arrows, from love were planned
If one was expected, the reason for coming
The other was hoped, have a family growing

Sharing the same house and also his mom's love
We started to construct our own stairway to love
The first step was easy; it's the one in step-son

Nothing yet we had done, just knowing the person

He let me be a part of his own existence
Steps quickly added up, first his acceptance
Of a different man, coming in his mother's life
More came as we lived, without starting a strife

When he walked his mom, holding her white glove
Giving his agreement, letting me share her love
A tall step was added to our growing stairway
Be sure he was sharing, not giving her away

As the years went on, our stairway grew higher
Sometimes going down, but always back taller
On a dark April night, he was taken away
I'm laying on the steps of the stairs in dismay

He has many stairways, with so many persons
It should be comforting, but we still miss our son
Walking on all these steps, I can watch him rise

Carried by all the love, so high in paradise

Even though it was far too short of a time
Before he had to leave, while still in his prime
I am glad I got to build that stairway with him
One says love never dies, so neither will Justin

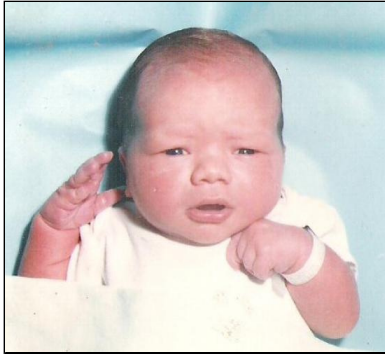
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Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

July 12, 1986



♥ Born in Canton, Ohio United States on July 12, 1986. ♥

July 12, 1987



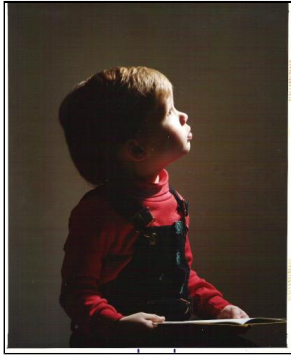
2nd Birthday

December 12, 1988



Christmas (2 yrs. old)

December 18, 1989



Christmas (3 yrs. old)

October 2, 1990



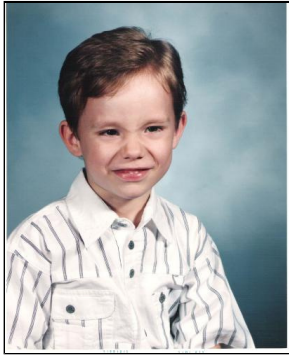
4 yrs. old

August 26, 1991



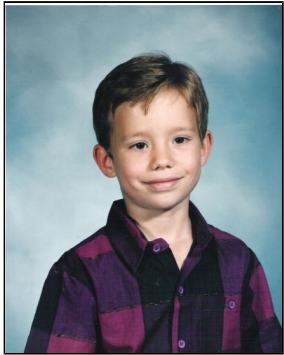
First day of Kindergarten

September 4, 1991



5 yrs. old

September 9, 1992



6 yrs. old

September 7, 1993



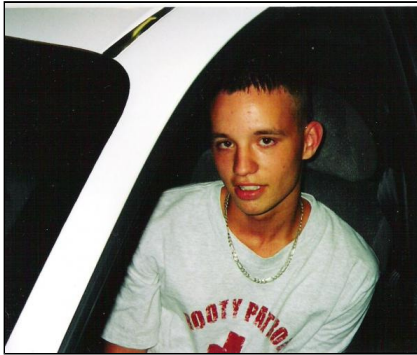
7 yrs. old

October 5, 1994



8 yrs. old

July 12, 2002



16th Birthday

May 30, 2004



Graduation Day

July 12, 2004



18th Birthday

April 17, 2005



♥ Tragically killed in an car crash on **April 17, 2005**. ♥

Forever loved and missed.



On the evening of April 16th, 2005, Justin went to a party at a friend's house about a 5 minute drive from home. Justin spent the evening and into the night partying with his friends, drinking, and having a good time. Apparently, some time later in the night, a scuffle of some sort broke out with some other kids. It was nothing major, just some shoving and words being exchanged, but Justin was asked to leave the party and was told to not leave his car or else it would be towed. He was helped to his car by some friends, and it was assumed by them that he was going to be driving to someone else's house a few minutes away. This was sometime after midnight. For some unknown reason though, Justin decided to drive to his cousin's house about 40 minutes away in another city. He took the freeway. Due to his drinking and driving excessively fast, Justin crashed while trying to exit the expressway. He was just 5 minutes from his cousin's house. He died on the morning of April 17th, at the hospital from various internal injuries suffered in the accident.

Justin was like many other kids his age. He thought nothing would happen to him. He thought he could handle driving after leaving a party where he'd been drinking. He made a terrible mistake that night, a mistake that cost him his life and his future. He loved life, he wanted to live. But, like many 18 year olds, he thought he was invincible, that nothing could happen to him, that these things happened to "other" people. He was wrong,

and unfortunately he didn't get a second chance to learn from this last mistake.

While Justin left behind a lifetime of wonderful memories shared by all who knew and loved him, because of that last, tragic decision he made to drink and drive, he also left behind a forever grieving mother and father, step-parents, a young sister, step-siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, many cousins, and countless friends.

We urge everyone to **never drink and drive under any circumstances**. Call a cab, take a bus, call a friend, a parent, someone...anyone, who can safely pick you up and get you safely home. Don't worry, your car will still be there the next day..but, more importantly, you'll be around the next day.

Please watch the [UNDERAGE DRINKING AWARENESS](#) video, created by Justin's cousin, Megan Patterson.

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