

Guestbook: Jeremy Lee McGraner

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Cindy

DATE: 25.01.2008 - 16:47

Location (City, State): new carlisle, ohio

Hey J... just wanted to stop in and say hi... miss ya & love ya bub

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Me

DATE: 27.12.2007 - 09:07

Merry Christmas, Jer! The last Christmas we spent together was in 2004 but three years later, it still feels like yesterday. ... those two weeks you came to visit me just before Christmas and the days following Christmas back in NorCal include some of my favorite memories and i have no one to thank but you... because three years later, I still consider you to be my dearest friend and your friendship to be one of my greatest blessings in life.

I miss you, Jer...

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Me

DATE: 23.11.2007 - 06:41

Happy Thanksgiving! Love you and miss you...

128

Cindy Barker

DATE: 17.11.2007 - 06:30

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

Hi Jeremy, it me again... sorry i haven't wrote in a while. it dont look like anybody really has... well as you already know we lost another great friend, Shawn Eason. Tell him I sadi everybody misses him and he will not be forgotten.... neither will you.

Well Ashley is pregnant again, well maybe. She has a doctors appt today so see is she is miscarrying again or not.... please look over her for me...

Me & Andy are getting ready to move AGAIN... but i will still drive by your old house and talk to ya when i come to visit my parents...and i am putting a thing on my Myspace page for you...

I will see you again one day but until then take care of Shawn for us.... Love ya Bub

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Ben Barker

DATE: 15.11.2007 - 11:58

Location (City, State): Home

What up perm, Its been a while and I just wanted to stop in and say hi. Its november and getting cold out now, reminds me of those old days craming into your little camery and taking

off to see greenon basketball games. we all miss you man and the great times we all shared.

126 Ryan Chriss
DATE: 01.11.2007 - 15:03

Location (City, State): Albuquerque, NM

I've thought of you always, Jeremy. You always got a piece in my good times. I'll you see you in a few years.

Thinking of you....

-Ryan

125 A Friend
DATE: 15.08.2007 - 13:09

i wish you were here, jeremy. i miss you.

124 Cindy Barker
DATE: 08.07.2007 - 04:58

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

Sorry it has been so long since I last wrote. I think about you all the time and wish you was still around. We had good time riding around in the little red truck with our junk food box. (That's when you worked at speedway). I can't wait till the day I see you again. You was my friend, my shoulder to lean on, my therapist for all my problems. Remember when you used to sing to me and Ashley. My favorite song was LEAN ON ME!!! Everytime me and Ash hear that song we both look at each other and start to cry... I feel as if I can still lean on you when I'm not strong... you helped me in so many ways, I don't know if I ever told you this but THANK YOU!!! You was my besty and I will never forget you... I LOVE YOU... Until we meet again!!!

123 Anonymous
DATE: 17.06.2007 - 23:01

To one of the most caring, most loving fathers I have ever met. ... HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, JEREMY!

Love you and miss you

122 bf
DATE: 19.04.2007 - 09:35

maybe it was you telling me that you were thinking of me, too.

i miss you sooooo much my dearest friend. .. *breathin*

121**Cindy Barker**

DATE: 17.04.2007 - 14:36

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

It's been a while since I have written you.... i know it's a little late but happy valentines, happy st. patty's, happy easter. Ashley got her a house in Parklayne... i am so proud of her.... i can't beleive she will be 18 soon... they grow up so fast.... but i love you and miss you... till the day we meet again

120**Tim and Lilly Barker**

DATE: 05.04.2007 - 09:09

Location (City, State): MOODY AFB VALDOSTA GEORGIA

WE WENT TO SEE YOU THE OTHER DAY SO THAT LILLY COULD MEET THE MOST INCREDIBLE FRIEND I EVER HAD I JUST WISH THAT YOU COULD BE HERE SO SHE COULD MEET HER UNCLE PERM I MISS YOU SO MUCH BRO I CANT HARDLY STAND BEING SO FAR AWAY FROM WHERE YOU REST ONE DAY WE WILL MEET AGAIN IN MY HEART IS WHERE I KEEP YOU FRIEND MEMORIES GIVE ME THE STRENGHT I NEED TO PROCEED... SEAN "P DIDDY" COMBS

I LOVE YOU BRO

119**Christy**

DATE: 26.03.2007 - 09:10

I just wanted you to know that I have been thinking about you a lot lately. Not a day goes by that I don't wish that you were here to share in my life experiences and I in yours. I miss you so much.

118**.seven2zero.**

DATE: 12.03.2007 - 10:15

I know that your soul is in a better place and that you're resting in heaven but sometimes, I cant help but question what really happens after someone passes – can our loved ones see us from heaven? Can they send us signs to let us know that they're thinking of us, too?

With the help of others, I've been maintaining this guestbook for about two years now by logging in daily to filter out and delete spams and each year, the *only* days your guestbook isn't "spammed" are on your birthdays and on your anniversary days. .. and I just can't help but think that it's you, Jer. Perhaps it's only wishful thinking but often, I can't help but wonder if it's you telling me and everyone that comes to sign your guestbook that you're okay and that you're reading all our entries to you. ..

I know this guestbook isn't perfect or even great, .. and as much as people have pointed out all the flaws of this guestbook/website to me and have given me grief for this, I have come to appreciate it for its flaws – for without it, I may not have been able to take the time out every day to come visit you and notice these little things that may actually be you telling me that you were thinking of me, too.

.breathin.

117**Cindy Barker**

DATE: 10.03.2007 - 06:29

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

Sorry I didn't tell you yesterday but.... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!.... as you already can see my life is in shambles... but i keep livin as it comes (one day at a time) thanks for helping me through all these times Jeremy... i need all the help i can get... I love you & miss you... TILL THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN....

116**Joys MomE**

DATE: 09.03.2007 - 20:47

As you look down upon all of us, I hope you can see that we all miss you alot.....especially today...

115**MC**

DATE: 09.03.2007 - 17:51

Happy Birthday Jeremy!

114**seven2zero**

DATE: 09.03.2007 - 11:36

I wish we could've done what we had planned to do together when we both turned 25 but in the meantime, I hope you know you're always in my heart and in my thoughts. .. Happy Birthday, Jer.

.i miss you and. .. *breathin.*

113**dh**

DATE: 09.03.2007 - 10:20

i know today would have been your day to shine...happy birthday jeremy. i miss you.

112**2.14.07**

DATE: 14.02.2007 - 10:10

Happy Valentines Day.

I miss you and love you

111**Ben**

DATE: 07.02.2007 - 21:54

Hey man, sorry I didn't come out to see you yesterday. I cannot believe its been two years. Timi's little girl was born Friday morning. You would be so proud of him. I'm sure you already know but that mofo is all grown up now...

You know, alot of things have changed since the 'good old days'...the driveway nights. Things will never be the way they were on those driveway nights.

Whether it be personal differences, deviations in social class, or just sheer dispite for one another, we who used to be so close and so tightly knitted now rarely speak to one another. I miss the great times we used to have together and would not take back one moment, but I do think it is funny how time really shows a person's true character.

Perm, what I am getting at is when you passed away I for the longest time really had a hard time understanding how this could happen to someone who played such a significant role in so many peoples lives while atheist fools that lack the love, dedication, and ambition that you carried around with you on a daily basis still are here to live their days on Earth. But now that time has passed I understand. For those of us that you made the biggest impact on, your legacy will live inifinitely in our memories and we shall strive to be as large of a person as you once showed us was possible.

Also, it gets a little lonely down here in this one bedroom apartment, I hope you dont mind me looking up and talking to you at times. People I feel that I can talk to are running thin in numbers anymore.

Miss ya brotha. You better have a game of Tony Hawk waiting on the Barkers. Cya sooner or later man.

110 **Julie**

DATE: 07.02.2007 - 18:09

Step one you say we need to talk
He walks you say sit down it's just a talk
He smiles politely back at you
You stare politely right on through
Some sort of window to your right
As he goes left and you stay right
Between the lines of fear and blame
And you begin to wonder why you came

**Where did I go wrong, I lost a friend
Somewhere along in the bitterness
And I would have stayed up with you all night
Had I known how to save a life**

Let him know that you know best
Cause after all you do know best
Try to slip past his defense
Without granting innocence
Lay down a list of what is wrong
The things you've told him all along
And pray to God he hears you
And pray to God he hears you

Where did I go wrong, I lost a friend
Somewhere along in the bitterness
And I would have stayed up with you all night

Had I known how to save a life

As he begins to raise his voice
You lower yours and grant him one last choice
Drive until you lose the road
Or break with the ones you've followed
He will do one of two things
He will admit to everything
Or he'll say he's just not the same
And you'll begin to wonder why you came

Where did I go wrong, I lost a friend
Somewhere along in the bitterness
And I would have stayed up with you all night
Had I known how to save a life

How to save a life
How to save a life

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RC

DATE: 07.02.2007 - 11:09

Jeremy,

You were on my mind all day yesterday, but I couldn't bring myself to visit this site again until today. I love reading all the kind words from your friends and family! You touched so many lives.

The guilt is still here. I'm so sorry for what happened. Can't change things, though...I guess that's the hardest part. If only...

Thinking about you often, and most of the times I smile! Very few memories, but the ones I have are hilarious and funny. I can't pass by a KFC and not think of you hanging out the window placing your order...we had so much fun that night.

Thanks for being such an inspiration to so many people. I miss you.

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Cindy Barker

DATE: 06.02.2007 - 15:25

Location (City, State): springfield, ohio

I can't believe you have been gone for 2 years. i know you are looking down on us everyday. we miss you and love you....4ever and always...

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Your Family

DATE: 06.02.2007 - 07:45

2 years later and many still ask themselves why you and why on that day in Feb 2005. If we all just looked deep into our souls we might find the answers. It might not make any sense to us, but there is a reason we come into the world and leave the world when we do. As heart

breaking as it is when someone we love leaves us, we must live on with only memories in our minds and in our hearts. Our family doesn't have many memories of you since we only began to know you a few months prior; but those memories will last us a life time. Since you have been gone we got to know your family, and what a loving family they are. Just as you described. Having Mariah in our home last summer was a gift in itself and conversing via email almost daily with Kristen is something I look forward to all the time. Your family sent us some Christmas flowers this past year so I rushed to take a picture because like all precious gifts put on earth by God, flowers do not live forever.

I am sure you know by now but Buhbah died almost 2 years after he first disappeared then showed up again shortly before your accident. Joy is starting to feel as if she is losing things that linked her to you. Like that futon of yours, Joy won't get rid of it. It was literally holding on by its last screw; even though Dennis fixed the frame, the mattress is almost flat. Joy said if she got rid of the mattress then she would be getting rid of a part of you. I guess I can understand how she is feeling. She has a lot going for her though, it is just to bad that there is so much distance between the McGraners and Lopez family. You would be proud of her, she has grown into a mighty strong, self reliant young women. She still has her bad days; you know those days I'm talking about, but she picks herself back up and continues on living. Thank you Jeremy for being in our lives although it was to short. There was a reason you came into our lives when you did and probably an even greater reason that you left us 2 years ago. Perhaps some of us have become stronger, more loving, more forgiving and most of all we do not waste one precious day on sweating the small stuff.

I know you have been looking down on us because there were times I prayed for strength; and when I got strength so quickly, I knew you had to be behind the reason I was able to continue on with whatever was troubling me.

Until we meet again....

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DATE: 06.02.2007 - 01:14

Location (City, State): palo alto, ca

i miss you jeremy. not just today, but everyday that you've been gone. i hope you're smiling down on us and that you know you may be out of sight, but not out of our hearts or mind. <3

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J

DATE: 05.02.2007 - 20:18

it was two years ago tonight...

...if i could go back to that night, I would have insisted to just stay at Renee's instead of going out... ...if only it were possible. I'm sorry Jeremy. I'll never get over it. ...but I have to try and make myself believe somehow, that what happened wasn't up to us, God had a reason. He must have...

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Me

DATE: 05.02.2007 - 17:30

We visited your tree this past Saturday and it was probably one of the best visits up to date. The last time we had visited your tree, the grass was growing high and there was just "too much nature" around your tree. This time, we were ready to go to work - you would've been proud of me, Jer. I had on my tennis shoes (wow - I know), gloves, garbage bags and all the necessary items to clean around your tree but to our surprise, someone had already cleaned the area! More specifically, someone had made an effort to especially clean around your tree, add some fresh dirt, and replant the cross and flower vase. We think it's the people who

regularly maintain that area that had noticed your memory tree and made an effort to clean around it – and it looked beautiful. Before we left, we hung up some pictures and some quotes we had noted for you two years ago... its our "almost Christmas tree."

I really hope you like your tree, Jer. I know it's not much and it's still only a little over 5 feet tall, but we always try to bring you some pretty flowers and some new "gifts" each time. I always see these big trees around your little tree and I always feel bad but I promise to make yours the prettiest in the meantime...

I can't believe it's already been two years since you've found your place in heaven ... I hope you're okay – I know you're okay. It's been exactly two years, today, since I've last heard your voice and seen your "Elvis but kinda Lance" face ... it's been "lonngtime," as you'd say. Remember this? - "How many cheese fried wontons would you give up to see me right now?" ... "I would give up eating those for the rest of my life".... " Really? Even the Sriracha?".... "Aaw man, that too!?"

I miss you soOoo much, Jer. Some days, I'd give up just about anything just to see you one last time. ..

I guess I have to wait a bit longer to see you again than I had anticipated, but in the meantime, please don't forget me because I will never forget you. You were one of my favorites in life and neither time or distance or will change that for you'll always be my special friend. . Remember to come greet me like you used to when it's my turn in heaven, please?

Hey, you. .. "breathin."

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J
DATE: 04.02.2007 - 15:22

missing you

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J
DATE: 03.02.2007 - 22:39

I came to where it happened today. Still so unbelievable... I still can't help but feel guilty about the things that could have prevented it. I stared at the area thinking if only we listened and not gone to Bourbon street, if only I walked with you across the street, if only we parked somewhere else, if only... if only... God!!!! ...I KNOW I SHOULDN'T feel guilty, I try to convince myself, that God has his reason, and deep down I KNOW there HAD to be a reason, but I still wish we could have prevented this. I'm sorry Jeremy, God I'm sorry....

The flowers we planted for you were washed away from Katrina. And today, instead of laying flowers that will wilt or wash away, I poured down the Hand Grenade I know you loved :) Tropical Isle Hand Grenades! It makes me smile knowing you would have liked that, so much that I believe the shooting star I seen tonight WAS YOU!

I want to believe it was you.

I can't get over how much of a coincidence it is that I was sent here during your second year anniversary! I can't believe it has been two years. I was scared to come back here. I was scared to walk the same halls, to pass the same buildings, to be where our memories were built. I was scared to feel all that pain again. The pain is here, but instead I try focus on being glad that I got to be here to pour you that drink and close my eyes to see you holding it up to the music, like we did that night at the clubs. I try think about all the fun we had and how lucky I was to know you. You changed my life SO MUCH Jeremy!! Because you were so open minded, kind hearted, generous, and fun loving, just being around you made me step back to take a look at myself. And now I try my hardest to apply what you taught me just by being

my friend! I will always remember you Jeremy. You live on in my heart!

101 **"Twisted and Sweet" Like a Candy Cane**
DATE: 01.02.2007 - 21:27

I miss you... I'll meet you at your tree on Saturday.

100 **02-06-05**
DATE: 01.02.2007 - 17:02

The anniversary is coming and it's still hard to believe, to accept. Miss you still friend.

99 **MC**
DATE: 31.01.2007 - 17:28

As it gets closer to Feb, the only thought I have in my mind is disbelief that it's been two years. Has it really been two years? Somedays it really just feels like yesterday since I last said good bye to you, but then other days, it does feel like two years..and somedays even longer. Miss you Jeremy.

98 **Cindy Barker**
DATE: 26.01.2007 - 14:59

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

Hi Jeremy...We miss you and love you!

97 **ashley salyer**
DATE: 19.01.2007 - 06:53

Location (City, State): new carlisle, ohio

hey bub, sorry its been awhile since i wrote, but theres been alot of chos here in new carlisle..... but i wanted to remind you how much we all miss you, and you will never be forgotten. oh yeah i also wantd to tell you that im getting married in september, i wish you could of met him he is a great person....

love ye,
ash

96 **Cindy Barker**
DATE: 16.01.2007 - 19:49

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

Just wanted to say hi.....and we all miss you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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California Family

DATE: 13.01.2007 - 09:52

Just letting you(Jeremy)and all your loved ones know that Joy and her friend Gibert are working real hard on a website that should be full proof; we all want to keep all this spam out. I have not seen what has been done so far, but I heard it is going to be wonderful. It is going to have alot more space for pictures and music. I can hardly wait until it is done. Oh, by the way, did you happen to look down on us this summer? Melissa, Nathan, Stephanie and lovely Mariah finally came to Cali for some fun and sun. We enjoyed having them with us and hope that soon the rest of the McGraners make it to Cali for a visit. Until we meet again.....

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Cindy Barker

DATE: 12.01.2007 - 20:32

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

Hi Jeremy - sorry it's been a while since i last wrote...had a lot of things going on in my life. I just wanted to tell you we all miss you and to write this poem to you.

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
and memories were a lane
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
and secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
No one will ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A cherished place within our heart
Is where you'll always stay

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Happy New Year

DATE: 03.01.2007 - 17:33

Jeremy - In this new year, I hope nothing but the best and most wonderful things for your family and daughter. I'm sure you're watching over each one of them carefully to ensure they live the rest of their lives happily and joyfully. I miss you lots and think of you often.

92**ASHLEY SALYER**

DATE: 02.01.2007 - 18:14

Location (City, State): NEW CARLISLE, OHIO

HEY JEREMY, STILL TO THIS DAY I CANT BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE WHAT HAS HAPPENED....BUT I FOUND THIS WEBSITE, AND I GET ON ALL THE TIME JUST TO SEE YOUR FACE. WE WERE BEST FRIENDS THROUGH THICK AND THIN. I REMEMBER WHEN I MET YOU. ME AND CINDY DROVE UP TO SPEEDWAY WHERE YOU WAS WORKING, AND YOU DIDNT KNOW ANYONE CUZ YOU HAD JUST MOVED UP HERE. YOU WERE SO HAPPY CUZ WE BEFRIENDED YOU. WE WERE TOGETHER EVERYDAY AT JOSH CHASSEREAUS HOUSE. YEA I DID GET PREGNANT BUT UNFORTUNATELY I MISCARRIED. BUT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON, AT LEAST THATS WHAT I HEAR... YEA CINDY DID GET MARRIED, AND JOSH IS IN JAIL. ALICIA IS DOING OK, SHE RECENTLY HAD A BABY BOY NAMED BRENT CHRISTOPHER CAPTAIN HE IS NOW 3 MONTHS OLD. BUT WHILE SHE WAS 2 MONTHS PREGNANT HER FIANCE AND FATHER OF THE BABY PASSED AWAY IN A TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT ON NEW CARLISLE PIKE. THAT WAS IN APRIL. SO IF YOU SEE HIM IN HEAVEN TELL HIM THAT BRENT IS A WONDERFUL KID, AND TO NEVER STOP WATCHING OVER THEM. I WISHED I COULD OF MET YOUR LITTLE ONE. SHES GONNA BE JUST LIKE HER DADDY, A SPECTACTULAR PERSON. ILL NEVER FORGET WHEN I WAS HOLDING YOUR HAND WHEN YOU WAS GETTING THAT BIG ***** TATTOO ON YOUR BACK IN MY KITCHEN. WELL YOU WERE AND ALWAYS WILL BE A GREAT FRIEND, WE LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!!!!!!!!!! LOVE THE GIRLS

91**Cindy (Gibson) Barker**

DATE: 01.01.2007 - 06:08

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

Hi, i'm really not sure what to say here....um... i heard some time ago about Jeremy's death andi guess I didn't want to beleive it. I got on the computer today to face my fears....and i found this web site. I didn't know Jeremy for long but the amount of time I knew him seemed like a life time. All I remember about Jeremy was the beautiful smile that was on his face all the time. If you was down and out all you had to do was see Jeremy and your heart just lifted so high. A few memories I have of Jeremy is hanging out @ Chassereau's 24/7 we only left to go home and shower the rest of the time we sat in the bedroom and talk for hours apon hours with Josh Chassereau, Ashley Salyer, and Alicia Miller.... Then the day before he was leaving for the AF.. he told us gilrs (me, Ash & Lish) that he wished he could fold us up in his bags and take us with him.....because he never wanted us to be away from his side... On hisvisits home we would sit for hours and talk about what he had done so far... but most of the time he was so anxious about his baby (that was not born yet) he was so proud to become a father, he couldn't wait to see her. We also told him what we would be doing when he got out of the AF... Just to let you know Jeremy....I did get married~~Ash did get pregnant~~Josh was in Jail... I miss and Love you brother.....4-ever

Cindy Barker

90**Ben**

DATE: 28.12.2006 - 19:53

Whats up man. On the way to work today I passed a red toyota camery just like the one you used to drive. I spent the whole day thinking about the great times we all had together.

Driveway nights, basketball games, Tony Hawk battles, and so on. Anyway, I just wanted to stop in to let you know that we all miss ya and the good times we had. Miss you brotha.

89 **Someone that's thinking of you**
DATE: 24.12.2006 - 17:14

Merry Christmas, Jeremy! I wish you were here to help celebrate the holidays but as always, you will continue to be in my heart and in my thoughts. I miss you and love you.

88 **me**
DATE: 23.10.2006 - 09:35

I MISS YOU!!!

87 **TIMI(LIL BRO)**
DATE: 21.10.2006 - 17:18

Location (City, State): MODDY AFB VALDOSTA GA

HEY BRO I FOUND OUT TODAY ITS A GIRL IM SO EXCITED. I HOPE I CAN BE HALF AS GOOD OF FATHER AS YOU . I LOVE YOU BRO FOREVER.

86 **TIM BARKER**
DATE: 01.10.2006 - 21:10

Location (City, State): MOODY AFB VALDOSTA GA.

WHATS UP BRO.JUST WANT TO DROP BY AND TELL YOU WE ARE PRETY SURE ITS A BOY. WE ARE GOING TO NAME HIM LANDEN COLE IM REALLY EXCITED.BUT ANY BRO GOT TO RUN LOVE YOU MAN.

85 **Melinda**
DATE: 22.09.2006 - 12:54

Hi Jeremy,
boy, it's really been hard of late to be able to talk to anyone about you. I miss you so much! But the only thing that gets me through it is the knowledge that my family and friends are there with me, but most of all it's the knowledge that I will see you again. I was just thinking about you the other day, guess who popped into my head? Jason. I thought about you sitting there with a smile on your face, glowing because you were the first sibling to hold him. Just the thought made me smile; I'm smiling now as I think about it. I'm sorry it's taken so long for me to write, I'll try to not let it happen again. But I want you to know, I think about you every single day. I love you, Jeremy! That will never change!
Your loving little sister,
Melinda

84 **RayRay**
DATE: 06.09.2006 - 22:21

wow it still doesnt seem real to this day brian and i visisted u the otherr day and it just seems like yesterday u were coming home to visit again but that time will come sooner or late and we will meet again . your boy tyler w/love

83 Jewels

DATE: 25.08.2006 - 08:40

hey jeremy. i made your infamous gooey delicious dip last night. It didn't turn out quite the way you would make it but it was a close second. :) thanks for the recipe!

82 J

DATE: 23.08.2006 - 14:01

someone asked me about how it happened today... ..my heart fell into my stomach... at first i wanted to pretend i didn't KNOW how it happened... but they saw it written all over my face... they sat down next to me and pleaded that i told them, they said it will help them sleep, they said they blamed themselves, i covered my face with my hands and wished this wasn't happening... but they were still sitting there... after i told them what happened, i said "Its no one's fault, it could have happened to anyone, it could have happened anywhere, it could have happened anytime" i had to learn to accept that... still trying...

what makes me feel better though is that i knew you, you taught me sooo much, knowing how you lived with so much love and optimism, makes me strive to be that way everyday... it's what allows me to smile after i think about you, its what makes me love more and be more optimistic, all because i knew you...

81 Jewels

DATE: 23.08.2006 - 09:44

You know, it's taken me a long time to be able to think of you without that shot of pain and ache that usually accompanies my thoughts of you. But now, finally, when you pop in my head, it's nothing but sweet remembrance. I'm finally able to conjure up those great memories we shared, even though it was such a short period of time, without feeling selfish that you're not here and how much I wished you were. I now realize it's not about me, it's about you. I hope you're in a warm, good, and promising place in which it allows you to look upon those who love you with nothing but smiles and laughter. I know you don't want us to mourn over you any longer but to continue living our lives with that same passion for knowledge and experiences that you so easily did. I now realize it's not about how we lost you, why we did, what could've been, what should've been but how to use that amazing gift of your friendship to move forward so we can really allow you to rest in peace. It hasn't been easy to feel and think this way Jeremy, really it hasn't, but I wanted you to know that I'm going to try to live by your actions and advice and look forward to the future with anxiousness instead of looking back in the past with regret.

Here's to your sweet remembrance. :)

80 Ben Barker

DATE: 04.08.2006 - 20:09

Jeremy,

We all miss you very much bro. We know you are resting in a great place right now. I just want to thank you for all the great time and good advise you share with me and all of our friends. I miss you man.

Ben

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DATE: 25.07.2006 - 15:19

I have so much on my mind right now and am confused about soOo many things in my life.. I wish you were here to show me how to smile and laugh again... to tell me I'd be okay.

I'm not sure how much of us you can see from up there, but I'm hoping you can see a lot cause I always felt comforted knowing that you were always by my side to help me through the tougher times... You'd always say to me "its me and you against the world" and I'd confirm and say "there's no competition" but without my bff, I'm not feeling as confident. ..

I know that writing to you isnt as a good as having you here but I guess I just wanted the comfort of confiding in you again... if anyone could understand me, "dimple-ize" me, and make me feel as though things would soon be okay, it'd be you. ..

I miss you ...

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DATE: 20.07.2006 - 14:48

for some reason you just popped into my head right now... maybe it was your way of telling me that you're thinking of me too...i was just realizing we've never had to a chance to celebrate any of our bdays' together...that just makes it a little more tough when i think of you...anyway, i hope you're doing ok...miss you much

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J

DATE: 19.07.2006 - 09:01

Still in my thoughts...

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Brittany Barker

DATE: 09.07.2006 - 19:04

Location (City, State): Moody AFB, Ohio

Hey Jeremy, I wasn't lucky enough to have met you while you were still here...but I married one of your best friends ever, Tim Barker...he talks about you everyday still. I feel like I did know you, because of all the stories I hear about you. You are still making impressions on people even after you've passed, which is so amazing. You know I would have never of joined the Air Force if it wasn't for Tim always talking about how great you had it while oyu were in. Tim took me to meet your family right before I left for Basic Training...they are the most kind,

and loving people in the world. I feel like a better person for knowing them. I know that you are missed everyday, and you will never be forgotten. I'm pregnant, and if we have a little boy, we're going to ask your family if we can name him Jeremy Lee... Tim loves you and misses you so much....

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Timi Barker (Lil Bro)

DATE: 06.07.2006 - 19:11

Location (City, State): THE ROAD TO MOODY BY WAY OF SEYMOUR JOHNSON

WHATS UP BRO. JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT UP WITH ME KNOW IM BACK AT MY MOMS FOR ANOTHER NIGHT. THEN TOMORROW OFF TO GEORGIA TO LIVE IT UP. I NOW BRO ITS NOT CALI LIKE WE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT BUT CLOSE ENOUGH. I JUST WISH YOU WERE HERE YOU WOULD BE SO PROUD I GOING TO BE A DADDY. I NEVER CAN GET ON HERE WITHOUT CRYING MY EYES OUT. I GUESS IM NEVER GOING TO GET OVER YOU NOT BEING HERE TO GIVE ADVISE BUT I GUESS JUST TO LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. YOU WERE ALWAYS SO GOOD AT BOTH BUT ANYWAY MAN I HAVE TO GO. ITS GOING TO BE EARLY RISEIN TOMORROW. ILL STOP AND SEE YOU BEFORE I HED OUT. I LOVE YOU BRO WITH ALL MY HEART AND THOUGH MY LIFE HAS CHANGED SO MUCH JUST KNOW THAT THAT NEVER WILL.

74

Trish

DATE: 30.06.2006 - 21:41

Location (City, State): VAFB

Hi Jeremy,

I never had the privelege of knowing you, but I know Joy and that is enough. Joy is such an incredible woman, with such spirit and love... I really look up to her, and I know that you are the man who made her who she is today. She loves you and I can still see the pain in her eyes sometimes... Please continue to watch over here from Heaven and I'll do my best here :)
Mariah is gorgeous!!

73

a good friend

DATE: 27.06.2006 - 12:20

I passed by someone who I thought was you the other day. Almost led myself to believe it was. Wishful hoping I guess. Goes to show I have definitely not forgotten about you. You will always be alive in my memories and in my heart.

72

Jessica Roberts

DATE: 20.06.2006 - 12:43

Location (City, State): Springfield, Ohio

Hey Jeremy, I went to Glen Haven last Friday and walked around, thinking of when we were kids. It's amazing how people grow and change in life. Not knowing what's going to happen

one day from the next. I know we haven't seen or even spoke to each other in years but I still think of you everyday. It hit me hard when I heard the news but I was also just grateful to have known such a wonderful person. I didn't know where you were or what you had been doing over the years, but I know where you are now and I know I will see you again someday. I feel for your wife and baby girl. I was crushed when I heard, so I can only imagine how Joy felt. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Your Friend Always, Jessica (Rumpke) Roberts

71 **K**
DATE: 19.06.2006 - 21:50

Happy Father's Day Jeremy. Love you and miss you dearly.

70 **Stephanie**
DATE: 18.06.2006 - 20:01

Location (City, State): Fairborn, Ohio

Happy Father's Day, Jeremy. We miss you.

Love,
Stephanie and Mariah

69 **cl**
DATE: 18.06.2006 - 19:52

I remember the first time you told me about your daughter... You plopped down on the couch next to me, smiled as you placed an envelope on my lap and said, "Here are some pictures of Mariah." My initial thought was that they were pictures of *Mariah Carey* since "she often visited the troops" and especially since you had just gotten back from Afghanistan. .. Just as I opened the envelope and screamed, "You met Mariah Carey?" you tapped me on the shoulder, laughed and said, "Not Mariah Carey, I have a daughter, and her name's Mariah" ...

I'll never forget that smile you had whenever you shared stories about Mariah, the sound of your voice when you told me about the two weeks in May, the way you'd look at her pictures and smile, and the way you'd always talked about your future together.. I'll never forget your "my daughter's cuter" comments, the "duet" you planned to teach her and even the picture you always carried in your wallet... Mostly however, I'll never forget that "Jer glow" that only surfaced when you spoke of her...

Happy Father's Day, Jer..

68 **Kristen McGraner**
DATE: 18.06.2006 - 10:21

Location (City, State): New Carlisle Ohio 45344

Hey Jeremy,
I just wanted to wish you a happy Fathers Day and tell you how much we all miss you. Mariah

is doing wonderful. she is growing up so fast. she is 3, but looks 5..she is beautiful! she still kisses on your picture and tells us that her daddy is in heaven! she is a sweetheart. i love you Jeremy!
Love Always Your little sister: Kristen

67 **Joy**
DATE: 12.06.2006 - 19:35

Location (City, State): Santa Maria, CA

Hey Jeremy... I just wanted to say that I miss you... everyday... and the 1st of June, our wedding anniversary was a really hard day. Thinking about it now though makes me laugh...I remember the faces I was making at the restaurant afterwards. :) Anyway, I just wanted to say that I love you... that's all for now.

66 **G**
DATE: 26.05.2006 - 12:54

Location (City, State): Vacaville, CA

Thinking of you and missing you dearly, my friend.

Not a day goes by without thinking of you and missing your beautiful face. Ill be missing you until the day you greet me in heaven but until then, forever in my heart you'll be.

G

65 **TIM BARKER**
DATE: 01.05.2006 - 10:34

Location (City, State): FORT MEADE MARYLAND

WHATS UP MAN THOUGHT I SHOULD HIT IT UP. IM OUT HERE IN MARYLAND AT FORT MEADE IT SUCKS. BUT I THINK OF YOU ALOT I MISS YOU. WE THINK BRE IS PREGNANT IT MAKES ME THINK OF THE PHONE I GOT WHEN YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT MARIA YOU WERE SO HAPPY. I FEEL THE SAME WAY IM STOKED I CANT WAIT TO BE A DAD AND TAKE CARE OF MY CHILD THE WAY YOU TAUGHT ME IT SHOULD BE DONE BUT ANYWAY MAN YOU GOT ME CRYING IN THE MCC SO I GOT TO QUIT. JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WHATS UP WITH ME I LOVE YOU BRO AND MISS YOU

64 **TG**
DATE: 25.04.2006 - 13:48

J.Mac - I miss you!!! Thinking of you, always.

63 **jn**
DATE: 17.04.2006 - 11:09

Hi Jeremy. Just letting you know you're in my thoughts. :)

62 Jennifer
DATE: 11.04.2006 - 11:07

Although our encounters were only brief and our friendship- cut too short, the impact you have made in my life is much greater than you'll ever know. You were the sweetest, most genuine and kindhearted soul I have ever known - a rare gem you were. Its hard to let go of something so great and so rare like yourself, but Im trying to live with only the blessed memories of you and without the pain that continues to ache my heart each time I think of you. I'm always thinking of you Jeremy. I will never forget you for you are always in my heart.

61 Joshua McGraner
DATE: 06.04.2006 - 15:10

Location (City, State): Troy, Ohio

Whats up cuz. Ill tell you what i've been doing nothing but thinking about you for this past year. Thinkning of some good times of us and the boys. (I know you're looking down on me always checkin' up, so i hope that i'm not disappointing you. I wish that i could just have one more day, one more moment that i could hold onto forever and be able to say my last goodbye on earth. I can't wait to see you again. Not a morning, or a meal, or a lonely time in my car goes by without my prayers asking about you. Soon after i feel something in my heart that is telling me that you are better than okay and your love is coming down on us everyday. We all miss you bro. Your life of love for others and your love for God has taught me that everyone does not live for ever, no one can expect tomorrow, so we can't just sit around and wait for something great to happen to us. You were always something great and always will be. I don't have any pictures of you but all i have to do is shut my eyes or fall asleep and there you are, stairing right back at me, oh how i wish i could just talk to you. I'm also going to have to say i am sorry. I haven't been able to let you go. The day i carried you to your grave was the last time i was there. I haven't been confident enough in my own strength that i would be able to go through with it. But i know that you love me Jeremy and that you are always in my heart and watching my back. Help me build the strength and the courage to visit you over and over again. I Love You J.
Nothing But Your Blood,
Josh

60 F
DATE: 04.04.2006 - 15:55

Sorry we dont get to come here as often as we would like but the guys still talk about you and we miss you bro. Things arent the same without you. We might never get the chance to meet Mariah like you wanted but we see her picture here and she IS beautiful man. I bet she has your heart too bro. No wonder you were so proud.
Hold it down up there til we get there J.Mac. We'll see you soon.
I love you bro.

-F

59**Melinda**

DATE: 01.04.2006 - 11:48

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, OH

Hey Jeremy,
Boy am I missing you! Everyone is! You know, I still cry when I talk about you. I love you Jeremy! I'll talk to you later, bye.
Love ya,
Melinda

58**michelle**

DATE: 31.03.2006 - 05:53

I miss you.

57**720**

DATE: 30.03.2006 - 12:00

Jer:

I was organizing my pictures the other night and guess what I found?!? Pictures we took with that "untraditional" Santa during Christmas!! I had forgotten about that night but with just one look at those pictures, I couldnt help but to smile and laugh as I relived that memorable night... That was probably one of the best nights in LA..

Initially, I always feared that inevitably, I would no longer be able to remember *everything* about you and all the good times we shared.. Now, I think I understand that it's not about having to remember *everything*, but remembering who you were, who you were to each of us, and safeguarding a few of the good times in our hearts so that we may look back on those times when we start to miss you and feel closer to you again.

I guess I just wanted you to know that I'm okay now. I remember every week when you used to go back to Vacaville or when I would go back to LA, and especially when you left for Mississippi, you worried about me because according to you, I was "such a baby and a girly-girl," but this girl has grown up now, Jer. Certainly, me being okay doesn't denote my ability to completely forget about you or to not miss you and wish otherwise, but now, I am able to talk about and laugh, think about you and smile, miss you and know that I *will* see you again.

For the first time, when people mention something about you or recall a moment we all shared, I am able to truly laugh and smile as I revisit those moments. (Sometimes, I still cant help but to tease you - sorry, but I know you're laughing too!) I guess now, I'm starting to learn how to celebrate your life and live as the way you'd want me to. Life certainly isnt as sweet, and the world is a less better place without you here.. but as we all keep you in our hearts and thoughts, it's becomes a little sweeter, and a little better...

Miss you and love you, Jer...

"Breathin" always,
Chris

PS. I was there when D kept her "put it,".. I think I deserve some glory for that too cause I had to endure such harsh "moments" from her for the sake of her "pain"... and FYI: when I kept my "put it," I took it like a champ (kinda)... you know, like the people who rub their noses before they fight... hehehe. Thanks for teaching me that "move," NOT... it *never* works.

56**JN**

DATE: 23.03.2006 - 09:49

Hi Jeremy,

Every so often I check in here just to see what others are saying about you. It's apparent that even after a year has gone by, the pain of losing you is still fresh to many including me. I just wanted to let you know that I think about you often. Sometimes I run across someone or something and I smile to myself. I smile because I always think "gosh, that's something Jeremy would notice or laugh at and we would do it together." This alone allows me to stay close to you. Other times, life seems to get more difficult than I can handle and that's when I hear your voice urging me to keep going and that there's nothing I can't handle. This is when I remember that a positive outlook on life, like the one you ALWAYS had, is not hard to have. There will never be a day that passes when I hear your name or think of you and not smile.

Thanks for the warm memories, Jeremy.

55**D**

DATE: 14.03.2006 - 18:38

hey jeremy. i'd like to think that you were there when i kept my "put it" to you. i can't believe that i actually went through with it. it's strange but i feel better knowing that i kept my promise. even though it wasn't a major one, i know that if it were you, you'd keep your promise for sure. i hope you're proud. miss u.

54**Jen**

DATE: 10.03.2006 - 22:21

Happy Birthday, Jeremy. Sorry I'm a day late but you know I couldnt stop thinking of you yesterday. I hope you had fun watching us celebrate your birthday last night... we all missed you. Thinking of you always.

53**YGS**

DATE: 10.03.2006 - 02:16

Jeremy,

We love you and miss you especially on this day. Tonight, it was all about you and celebrating your life. You are in the thoughts and hearts of many.

52**Mona**

DATE: 09.03.2006 - 17:36

Happy Birthday Jeremy!!!! It really was a beautiful day today, like Diem said. A break in the storm, a little warmth under the sun, to celebrate your birthday. To remind us how beautiful you are and how warm you always made us feel. Miss you lots.

51**Diem**

DATE: 09.03.2006 - 13:35

Location (City, State): Burlingame

Happy Birthday Jeremy!!! It looks beautiful outside, and I think it's just for you. Have fun today.=)

50**Melissa**

DATE: 09.03.2006 - 13:13

Location (City, State): Kettering, OH

My Dear Jeremy,

Yesterday, I was still two years older than you! :-) Today, you would have been 24 . . . Happy Birthday, Jeremy. Did you hear me sing to you this morning? I hope you can see your "special place" in my home. Your medal is there along with pictures of you, Mariah and Joy. I look at those things every time I start missing you . . . more than once a day. Forgive me for not writing sooner, but I couldn't deal with the idea of truly saying goodbye to my little brother. But I realized something . . . this isn't goodbye. I carry you in my heart every day, and I will be in your presence again one day soon. I thank the Lord for that comfort.

Jeremy, I think about you all the time. Remember all the fun we had together? No one other than our parents of course, has known you like I have. You and I have been best friends all of our lives. I remember how growing up, sometimes we were sad because we didn't have alot of neighbor kids around to play with, but then we would think about how we always had each other. Boy did we have fun together!! We didn't need much, just some rocks, dirt, our bikes, boxes, . . . what imaginations we had! Pretending we were the stars of "CHIPS", riding our bikes up and down the street . . . filling your bedroom with one HUGE tent that we made by ourselves out of sheets, blankets, clothpins, and your bunk beds . . . I especially remember all the times we spent together as teenagers. I loved how close we were. I know that sometimes I would get upset because people would call us twins, but you know that I really believed that we were. We might as well have been. We always thought it was funny how we would get dressed (you downstairs while I was upstairs) and we would meet in the Living room dressed just alike, same colors, or style, or whatever. . . HA! HA! The way sometimes you would hear me call for you and come running, and I hadn't called for you yet, but I was just about to (or vice versa)? I am so thankful for the closeness that we shared. I am also glad that you and I were homeschooled together. I am so proud of our graduating class of two! :-) I would not have wanted to graduate with anyone else. We grew through the years together and I am glad that I had such a smart brother to compete with. I know that we didn't always get along of course, and we knew exactly which buttons to push, didn't we?!?!?! Do you remember the paper Mama and Daddy had us write? "Why do I love my brother/sister?" I never have forgotten that paper. I hope you know that I meant every word of it. I still do.

This last year has been the hardest year of my life. I always knew we were connected, but I didn't realize how deeply until you were gone. That day Mama called me to tell me about your accident was the worst day of my life. Part of me died with you. I will never be the same. I miss you so much. More than you will ever know. My heart just aches. I think about all the times we shared together even as teenagers going to and from church, or when you helped me clean houses, and I wish I could get it all back. I wish I could get the laughter over the "cappachino" or the music or our special little jokes back even just for a moment. I wish I could hug you one more time, but then I would never let you go.

There are so many things that I want to thank you for. Thank you for being my best friend all of my life. Without you, I would have been terribly lonely, and I probably wouldn't have laughed as much! :-) Thank you for always loving me even though we didn't always agree. Thank you for all the little things that just made us closer every year. Thank you for always understanding me. And thank you for always sharing yourself with me. I remember even when

you first moved out of the house, you were always calling me at work or coming by to have lunch with me. I am thankful for every memory, every moment, every laugh, every tear, and most of all every hug. Even the ones Mama and Daddy made us give. :-)
You knew that I was proud of the man that you had become. And I was prouder still when you joined the Air Force. I am thankful you were able to be a part of my wedding before you left though. I am glad that you were there for my special day. I do wish that another one of our dreams had come true though. You always said that you could not wait to see how "cute" I would be when I, your "shorty", would get pregnant. I hope you can see me when God does bless me with that special gift, although I always wanted to see the proud look on your face when I would tell you that you were to be an uncle. It pains me to think of all the dreams we talked about of growing up and sharing things together and how so many of those dreams are lost to us now. I wish you were here, but I find joy in the knowledge that you are in such a wonderful place, where you would not choose to leave even if you could.
We all miss you down here. You would be proud to see how the kids have grown! They are all getting so tall and passing me by! Not a shocker, I know, but still! The girls are beautiful, I know you would like to tie them up and lock them away somewhere before all the guys come knocking, but I am afraid they already are. And the boys! Well, handsome is really an understatement considering they are McGraner men after all . . . and that means more than "studly"! Ha! Ha! They are all growing up so fast. It seems odd thinking of just me and the kids. It was always, Jeremy and I and the kids. I wonder if you even realize the big gaping hole you left in our lives. You thought we were fine without you, but you were wrong. We wanted you with us and needed you with us more than you knew. We are thankful for Mariah, for she makes us feel close to you in a way that I can't even put into words. She is an amazing little girl, and the incredible thing to me is that she is so much like you! I am thankful for that. You feel closer when she is with us.
I guess I wrote another novel, as you always called them. There are so many things that I wish I could say to you, but as I said, I am comforted knowing that I will have another chance . . . in Heaven. Jeremy, I love you and I miss you so much. You were such a good brother to me. I will live each day looking forward to our Lord taking me home to see Him . . . and you. He is coming and soon ~ I can't wait because the dreams we had of being in Heaven are far greater than any we would have had come true on earth. You were my kindred spirit, my best friend, my twin. You knew my thoughts and feelings even before I spoke them. No one will ever replace you in my heart. I will love you forever . . . Thinking always of you . . . Your Sister ~ Happy Birthday, Jeremy.

49 **Christiana**
DATE: 09.03.2006 - 11:40

Happy Birthday Jer!!!

Happy birthday my dearest friend. It wont be quite the celebration without you here, but I'm sure many will be toasting to you and in your memory this day... I'll meet you at *your* tree.

Miss you and love you Jer.."Breathin" always.

48 **ELW**
DATE: 09.03.2006 - 07:25

Location (City, State): Rialto, Ca

Sending you a great BIG Birthday HUG today!!!

Miss you....

From your California Family

47 Lil
DATE: 07.03.2006 - 15:24

I was thinking of you this morning and realized that in just 2 days, you would be turning 24. It's not fair, you should be here, I dont still cant understand.

I miss you.

46 Jonas
DATE: 18.02.2006 - 11:25

Location (City, State): Travis AFB, CA

I have never come here. Its too hard. I can talk about you now though. Tell stories about you and laugh. I have a list of questions for God when I get to heaven. Most of them are like "Whats up with the giraffe and platypus?". But my only question now is why it was your time. I know that you are a child of God and you are with him now. But what was your purpose? Was it Mariah or the fact that you were a donor? I dont know and it haunts me. I think about you all the time. I carry the shell your wife gave me on days I need you. I talked to a friend of ours the other day and it is so hard that some of them have no hope of seeing you again. I explain our faith but it doesnt effect them. I explain the promise we have. It is the only thing that makes this bearable. That our loss is temporary. I love you and miss you. I bought the Johnny Lang CD. Your right, It does rock. TTFN

45 Kristen
DATE: 14.02.2006 - 16:52

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

Happy Valentines Day Jeremy!
I love you and miss you!
i wish you were here with us. but i know that you are in a better place.
i love you Jeremy!
Love your sis: Kristen

44 720
DATE: 14.02.2006 - 15:59

Happy Valentines Day Jeremy! I love you and miss you bff <3

43 D
DATE: 14.02.2006 - 10:15

Happy Valentines Day JDawg...

42^k

DATE: 09.02.2006 - 16:34

I miss you Jeremy. 823

41 Gracie

DATE: 08.02.2006 - 14:25

Hi Jeremy,
I think of you often but felt especially compelled to write to you again today.

It's been one year since the lives of many people have been changed but our pain remains the same. After a year, one starts to wonder, if the pain hasn't already started to ease, when will it? Does it ever? My conclusion: I think the pain and the feeling of loss we feel for your absence can never fully diminish. It's impossible to fill that void in our hearts with something less than great, something that isn't you.

Last night, I sat and thought about all the memories we shared and how much laughter there were even just between the two of us. You'd laugh (and even occasionally snort b/c I was the funniest girl EVER) and I'd laugh even more. I think about all the good times and even the bad times we've shared, but even the bad times didn't feel that bad because you were always there.

Sometimes, I get so angry Jeremy; that you, of all people, had to be the one to leave. But maybe it's because you gave so much of yourself to people, that you were always the source of everyone's love and laughter, the person who always made everyone feel so appreciated and protected. Maybe now, it was your turn to receive all that love and laughter that you so naturally and readily gave to others and where else could you find such happiness and love than in heaven with God?

Jeremy, you were truly a special person, someone that could never be replaced nor forgotten. You had an aura about that was so endearing and lovable, a smile so tender and kind, a personality so genuine and witty, and a spirit so alive in our hearts. As ironic as it may seem, as each day passes, my admiration and adoration for you only grows stronger; that's how I know that you'll always be a part of me and could never be forgotten. You were the sweetest thing to have touched my heart and I have been forever changed. For that, you will always be my sweetheart. Life may end, but friendship never dies and our friendship will remain alive and remembered until the day I see you again, see you in heaven, "will," "gracie" loves you.

40 Diem

DATE: 07.02.2006 - 10:26

Jeremy,
I've always been a little late at my arrival, but that doesn't mean that I forget. I'll never forget.

This weekend was filled with many emotions that I haven't experienced since that day I heard that you were no longer with us. But, I'm glad that me and Chris went to see you. That your family took us in with open arms. That we had another chance to be in your presence. I miss you my friend and I hope that I'll be able to come see you again.

39 **Christiana**
DATE: 06.02.2006 - 22:46

Dear Jer:

It's been exactly one year since I've last heard your voice and seen your angelic face.. but everything about you still seems sOoO very alive and vivid in my mind...

D and I went to visit you this past weekend... standing at your headstone under the falling snow with my other gbf by my side...that was the most at peace I've felt thus far... It's still soOo very hard to accept this reality but at that moment... something felt sOo different.

I'm not really sure what else to say and how to express the emotions I am feeling today,but I just wanted you to know that you are always in my thoughts, but especially this fateful day..

I love you and miss you Jer..

"Breathin" always,
Chris

38 **Kara**
DATE: 06.02.2006 - 10:44

Location (City, State): San Antonio, Texas

I can't believe that it has been a year, since I got that email. To think, the last time I talked to you was a year and a few days ago. Seems like just yesterday, I still hear your voice, and your laugh (it makes me smile) Today has been one hard day I tell ya, but knowing that you are in a much better place has kept my spirits up. Miss you so much Jeremy!! Keep looking down on me, and save me a place!!

37 **Julie**
DATE: 06.02.2006 - 09:56

Not a day passes by that I don't think of you.

Not a day passes by that I don't wish you could be here to share in life's experiences.

Not a day passes by that I don't get a little mad that you were taken from us.

Not a day passes by where I'm not grateful that I met you.

One year ago, I received the most devastating news of my life. Someone so invincible and had such an insatiable appetite for life was taken from all of us. In all honesty Jeremy, I'm trying. I'm trying desperately hard to continue with my life without you in it. So much has happened, so many good and wonderful things I've been blessed with in this past year. But I can't help but secretly wish that you were here so I can share my joys with you or seek your advice. Its difficult, Jeremy but I will continue to hold you dear in my heart and keep you alive in my memories. I love you always and miss you forever.

36 **Elaine White**
DATE: 06.02.2006 - 08:14

Location (City, State): Rialto, Ca

A year ago Feb 6th was Super Bowl Sunday to most people, but to those who knew you, it was a day that forced us to remember that life is a precious gift. That was the day that you, Jeremy Lee McGraner, took that blessed journey to a place called heaven. Life for many of us has been very different ever since. We miss you and cry when that pain in our hearts won't go away but when the pain stops for a moment we smile again. We smile because we can see your smile, we laugh because we can hear your laugh and we love because we can "feel" your love. Today I am home, no I did not go to work because I decided to dedicate this day to you. On this day and every year after, I will do something that reminds me of how precious life is. It isn't going to work or doing housework or watching TV, it is remembering and feeling love...and today what better way to do just that but to devote time to my picturebook. Putting smiles together in a book or frame is comforting. And while I am doing this, I will laugh, smile and perhaps shed a few tears. No I will not only do this very thing once a year, I will do this at least once a week. The best part is, I will never forget to tell those that I love what they mean to me. You did this for me; I wanted to thank you for opening my heart so that I appreciate even more, the love that is all around me. Until we meet again...Elaine

35 **Jay Riddell**
DATE: 06.02.2006 - 03:36

Location (City, State): Travis AFB,CA

I've spent a year wondering when it'll get easier. But everytime I walk to my place, I have to turn around and look towards your dorm room. Sometimes I miss you so much I wonder if i'll catch a glimpse of you walking over to Em's room, where we'll meet up later, like nothing ever happened...Like you're still here. I miss having you around to talk to. I miss being there for you to talk to. I often wonder if i'll ever have anyone like you again. I honestly don't think I will. And that's more than fine with me. I can still talk to you. You may not talk back in person, sitting on my bed giving advice or taking it, but I know you're still here with those you love and the ones that loved (and continue to love) you. I remember how we used to talk about anything. And I remember how as grown men, we were comfortable enough in our friendship to cry. Family, religion, friendship, all topics we felt strongly enough to at one point, shed tears of joy or sorrow together. I'll never forget those moments, and I will hold them deep in my heart forever. I miss you bro. I miss you everyday. Not a day goes by I don't think of you, or wish I didn't have to wait so long to see you again. I know i'll see you again. I know that in my heart. We'll just pick up where we left off. I'll ask you how Mariah is, you'll tell me how big she's getting. You'll do as always, and ask me how i'm doing, is there anything you can help me with, cause that's just the type of person you'll always be.

I can't begin to find words to describe the hundreds of tears i've shed. I miss you. I'll never miss you any less as time goes by. There's a line from the an Ataris song that always makes me think of you...

"I'll never be the same without you....I loved you more than you will ever know....So maybe now you'll finally know.....Stay who you are." - The Ataris

I love you bro. Save a good spot for me up there!!

-Jay Riddell

34 **WC**
DATE: 01.02.2006 - 23:35

"The things we did, the things we said, keep coming back to me and make me smile again. You showed me how to face the truth, everything that's good in me i owe it to you.

Though the distance that's between us now may seem to be too far, it will never separate us cause deep inside i know you are,

Never gone, never far, in my heart is where you are. Always close, everyday, every step along the way. Even though for now we've got to say goodbye, I know you will be forever in my life, never gone.

I walk alone these empty streets, there is not a second you're not here with me. The love you gave, the grace you've shown, will always give me strength and be my cornerstone.

Somehow you found a way to see the best i have in me, as long as time goes on i swear to you that you will always be,

Never gone, never far, in my heart is where you are. Always close, everyday, every step along the way. Even though for now we've got to say goodbye, i know you will be forever in my life.

If there's one thing i believe, i will see you somewhere down the road again but for now, you're never gone, never far, cause in my heart is where you are."

I miss you Jeremy. It's not "goodbye", it's "see you soon" and every step along the way until that day, you will forever be with me in my heart.

33 Christopher J. McGraner
DATE: 01.02.2006 - 19:29

Location (City, State): Troy, OH

hey bro.,

im gonna see ya tommorrow and its almost been a year. itll be the first time that will have seen you since your funeral so be with me. i miss you so much man and there are no words hat i can place on this page that will help anyone understand how much. im trying to step in for you and keep an eye on everybody. just a few things i wanted to tell you. i wanted to tell you that they're all doin great and i could never love them more than i have lately, i wanted you to know that your bro Jon has got amazing heart and has so much love in it for God and others, he is becoming a man that you would be proud to stand next to. your sisters miss kris and mel, have got such hearts for the lord you wouldnt even believe it is so awesome to see them grow each time i see them. they are inspirations to me in my daily life, i love them all so much, and the youngest who doesnt quite no which end is up and is hyper as can be shares your love for life and will be a task to my liking if i could watch him growing the lord as he grows up. and your parents are the love, if nothing else that i could say to you now i would repeat that which you know. they love, they remain a pair of the biggest supporters of my life two more amazing people could i not find in the whole of the earth and they miss you. as we all do. and this is not goodbye because i know that you are with me when i pray. but until im on my knees again. i love you and miss you with all my heart. dont worry about the family we're all here and ill do all i can to be there for them as much as i possibly can as my brothers and sisters.

Love always cuz

Chris

32 **Mona**
DATE: 01.02.2006 - 15:20

Wow jeremy it's almost been a year. I really just can't believe that. I couldn't sleep last night, thought about you till 2am, thinking about all our memories together, your smile, your jokes, your stories, just what little of your life I was blessed to be a part of. I miss you Jeremy, a whole year went by and I haven't stopped missing you. I can go days without thinking about you but once something happens that reminds me of you, I feel that overwhelming pain in my heart. I saw a short video of Mariah around the holiday season. She's so beautiful, you would be so proud. I played that clip over and over again, mesmerized by her beautiful eyes, at your eyes. You were such a great father to her, and I'm sure that wherever you are, your still looking out for your baby girl.

As it gets closer to Feb 6, I wish I could go take that trip that I should've taken a year ago. Next year? A tree was planted on your behalf, I'll see you there. I remember I read somewhere that during birth, you are crying as everyone around you are smiling. During death, everyone around you are crying as you are smiling down on them. Somewhere, wherever you are, I know you're smiling down on us. Miss you.

31 **TIM BARKER**
DATE: 25.01.2006 - 16:39

HEY BROTHER. I KNOW ITS BEEN AWHILE SINCE I HAVE ON HERE.ITS BEEN ALMOST ONE YEAR WHAT LONG. I MISS YOU SO MUCH.I HAVE JUST BEEN THINKIN LATELY ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU USED TO WORRY ABOUT ME GETTING OFF MY LAZY ***** AND DOING SOMETHING.WHILE IM MARRIED(SHE THE ONE THAT KEEPSME IN LINE) I GOT A GOOD JOB AND IM HAPPY FOR THE MOST PART.I REGRET WAITIN SO LONG TO IT.I JUST WISH YOU COULD TO STOP WORRING ABOUT ME. LATELY I HAVENT HARDLY BEEN ABLE CONTAIN MY SELF WHEN I THINK ABOUT YOU IT JUST HURTS SO BAD.LOVE YOU BRO PEACE OUT

30 **Melinda McGraner**
DATE: 25.01.2006 - 09:42

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

Hey Jeremy,
I'm so sorry I haven't written you before this. I really miss you, more then anyone really knows. I miss being able to talk to you, to hear voice, and knowing my big brother will always be there for me. In truth, I know you're there for me even now and will always be there. I love you, Jeremy, and I always will.
Love your little sis,
Melinda

29 **jn**
DATE: 20.01.2006 -
12:20

Hey there, whoa there Jeremy! It's been a long while since I've written. I guess because I just really don't know what to say anymore. You know I miss you, you know I think about you, and you know I smile everytime your face pops into my head.

I guess I just wanted to drop by and say hello. It's a new year and things have been getting better. I know you're looking down and seeing all the changes we've all been going through. You've probably even nodded your head at some of them and laughed! That's how you always were.

Miss you my friend...

28 **d**
DATE: 03.01.2006 - 18:06

hey jeremy,
happy new years! sorry, it's been awhile since i've written. i just wanted to say i miss you and things haven't been the same without you here. i hope you're having fun up there!
=)

27 **Mom In-law**
DATE: 03.01.2006 - 15:56

Location (City, State): Rialto, Ca

A year ago yesterday I read a very touching email from you and in that email you stated that it would not be the last....sigh...it was the last. 2005 was a pretty tough year but some wonderful things did happen. Alot of bonding took place between the Lopez and McGraner family, Mariah is growing up and seems to be doing fine; afterall, she is surrounded by a lot of love. And I think we all learned to live life to the fullest.

Thank you so much for being a part of our lives, although it was short, I am so blessed to have known you.

Until we meet again.

26 **Anonymous**
DATE: 01.01.2006 - 17:58

Happy New Year Jeremy!!!

1/1/05 was the last...

D says hi...

25 **Kristen McGraner**
DATE: 26.12.2005 - 11:06

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

I love you Jeremy! Merry Christmas! I miss you very much!!! love you
Kristen

24 **Anonymous**
DATE: 25.12.2005 - 19:01

Merry Christmas Jeremy!

**During this holiday, you're in the hearts of many.. you are truly missed and loved
J.Mac**

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YG

DATE: 16.12.2005 - 17:17

Hi Jeremy,

We were just talking about you today; I want you to know that we all still love you, miss you, and think about you each and every day. Even in heaven, your presence and love is felt by all those who you loved. Somedays, I'll look up at the stars and can almost feel you looking down on us and I can even see a glimpse of that amazing smile of yours. I dont think there will ever come a time when I can fully accept this reality, but it is during times like those when I feel comforted by your love once again. You were an amazing person and even more an amazing friend.

Happy holidays sweetheart.

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Christiana

DATE: 08.12.2005 - 16:13

The holidays are here again and I'm reminded of last year's holidays... Thinking about the memories we've shared in the past brings a smile to my face and that warm feeling back into my heart, but I just can't help but wish you were here again this year... Some days, memories are just not enough...

I once heard, "tears are what the heart cannot express." I couldn't have said it better myself. Some days are harder than others, but I never stop missing you. You were truly a special person in my life and have forever reserved a place in my heart...

Jer, until the day I see you again, I promise (put it) to keep you close to my heart and never forget you. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and for being that special friend to me... you were my favorite hello and hardest goodbye... BFF Jer.

"Breathin" always and forever..

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away..."

To many, you and your friendship was a breathtaking experience and for that, we are blessed and thankful.

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Renee

DATE: 07.12.2005 - 08:22

Location (City, State): League City, Texas (formerly New Orleans, LA)

To Jeremy:

I'm thinking about you today.

If I could go back in time, to that night, I would have gotten up off the couch to say goodbye and to issue all of my usual French Quarter warnings to you guys. I heard you talking about me that night, while ya'll were cutting up and eating wings! I wish I would have gotten up to say goodbye; I wish I would have gotten up to go out with you guys that night; I wish...

To Mr. and Mrs. McGraner:

I hope you find peace and love during this difficult holiday season. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

20 **Your California Family**

DATE: 27.11.2005 - 20:36

Location (City, State): Rialto, Ca

I year ago we all spent Thanksgiving together in yours and Joy's apt and it was wonderful. We thought we would have many more holidays together but that isn't the case. So, we will keep the memories of Thanksgiving 2004 in our hearts forever.

We love you and miss you very much.

Your family...

19 **Kristen**

DATE: 27.11.2005 - 11:42

Location (City, State): New Carlisle, Ohio

I Love you and i miss you Jeremy!

i am so sorry it has taken me so long to write you. its been hard. we are all missing you. i still cant stop crying about you, even though i know you are with me and will be with me always. i am so glad to now that you are in a better place though, even though i would rather have you here with us. Maraih is doing well she still gets your picture and kisses it. she loves her daddy. Well I Love you Jeremy i will never forget you!

18 **Friends in California**

DATE: 24.11.2005 - 23:35

Happy Thanksgiving Jeremy!!! We love you and miss you always.. but especially during times like these..

Thinkin of you....

17 **Timi Barker (Lil Bro)**

DATE: 20.11.2005 - 13:05

Hey Bro its me just wanted to say whats up. I turn 21 in two weeks man as big of a day as that is for most kids my like me. I sit thinkin about you wishing you were here. Though i know you will be its hard.I just miss you so much. I know you stand by me and guide me to do all the right things.I guess what im tring to say is I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEART. PEACE OUT BRO

16**Christy Chapman**

DATE: 03.11.2005 - 15:25

I thought of you today, and this is the only way I could think to get it out, but I know that you know that I think about you all the time and I miss you.

15**Anonymous**

DATE: 23.10.2005 - 00:40

While flipping through the pages of this book, we found a passage that captures the emotions felt by the loss of our dear friend Jeremy. We miss you Jeremy.

"...losing a friend is rarely talked about: that losing a friend is painful, even wrenching. A loss of this sort leaves a void that is impossible to fill, since it is impossible to recreate the quirks and qualities, the gifts and strengths, and even flaws, that draws us to a particular person, that move us to chose one person, rather than another, as our friend. The loss of a friend upon whom the heart was fixed, to whom every wish and endeavour tended, is a state of dreary desolation in which the mind looks abroad impatient of itself, and finds nothing but emptiness and horror"

Sometimes it's the little things, sometimes the big things, that reminds us of you. That is why you'll never be forgotten.

14**rachel slone**

DATE: 02.09.2005 - 14:59

Location (City, State): new carlisle, ohio

jeremy, you would be so proud of you little girl Mariah Jade...she is such a beautiful little girl and since she has turned 2 i don't think she has stopped talking! you would be amazed to hear this little angel and some of the things she says and the looks she gives reminds me of you! she has her daddy's little grin and is just as mischevious as...well....i don't think i need to finish that sentence! but she is so precious and growing up so fast! i have been getting to spend a lot of time with your brothers and sisters and mom and dad and well....i know you would be proud of everyone and how they have managed to pull together after losing a brother and a son.i have never before seen a family that has such an outreach to others even admist their own loss. you would be proud.

13**julie**

DATE: 06.08.2005 - 16:53

Jeremy,

It was six months ago today when i received that horrible phone call.

It was six months ago today when mine and everyone else's lives that you've touched changed forever.

It was six months ago today where i had to find a way to live a new life without you in it.

It was six months ago today when God took you home.

I'm sorry that it's taken me so long to write to you. Everytime I open up this site, that amazing smile of yours is the first I see and then the words that I so dearly want you to know just fly out of my head. There are no words Jeremy, no words that can capture the disbelief, the sadness, and the constant aching feeling that you are no longer with us. On some days, I

look up, smile, and say a silent prayer that someday I will see you again and I will be able to feel the warmth of your friendship again.

A tree was planted in your honor you know... I try my best to go and visit it as often as I can. Water it, clean around it, and lastly just sit next to it. It is there that my best and most cherished memories of you come alive and I'm able to be grateful that at least I was lucky enough to have known you. You have forever etched a place in my heart and soul. 823 always.

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Timi Barker (Lil Bro)

DATE: 08.07.2005 - 14:28

Location (City, State): Enon. Ohio

Jeremy: I have no idea how to put into words how much i miss you.You were the only one of my home boys that i ever cared to stay in touch with for the rest of my life.You were the kind of that when I got older my kids would call you Uncle "Perm".I think about you every day and cry alot of nights.I miss you so much.Loved lost and never forgotten.Love always and forever.Peace out bro.

To Everyone Else: Unfortunately I never got to meet any of the people J'Mac called me to talk about, but you made Jeremy so happy.Thank you all for making his military experience so great.I know not many of the people that have signed this guest book didn't get the pleasure of being around Jeremy for to long but you know all there is to know he never hide anything.He loved all people(one of few).Thank you all.

Mariah: I thank the lord every day for you,someone to carry on such a great heart.Your Father loved you so much and I hope always know that.Take care beautiful.With love Timi Barker.

The McGraners: Not to much to say other than you will never get rid of me, i will never loss touch. I love you all.

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MC

DATE: 07.07.2005 - 12:12

There's so many things that can be said about Jeremy. He was one of those guys who you felt safe with, who you just knew you could trust with anything. He had one of those special smiles that instantly made you feel comfortable. So many times I remember introducing him to a friend at a bar, and within minutes, he was buying them drinks, talking to them like he knew them for the longest time. He was just that kind of guy. So giving, always a kind word, and a kind smile.

Jeremy-so many memories of you during our brief encounter together. Have I really only known you for 5 months before you passed away? Sometimes I find that so hard to believe. I've had people stay in my life for so much longer than that, and the impact they made on my life is only a fraction of the one you made on mine. You've taught me so much..from knowing you, I've realized that there are good, unselfish people out there. People who are willing to take the place of another to go to war solely because the other person had a family. That amazed me, your loyalty, your selflessness, and your strength. When you first passed away, I wondered why God would take away someone so special, someone who had such a big heart and who was loved by so many. I've come to realize that you were an angel, sent from God for a brief period of time to touch the few people who were blessed to cross paths with you, and now was your time to return to Him. I know you are in a better place now, looking down

on us, smiling that beautiful smile that will forever stay in the hearts of everyone that misses you. Thank you Jeremy for the memories, thank you so much for everything, the little things, the big things..you've done so much for me, thank you. Thank you for always keeping your promises to me, and know that I will never break a promise to you. I feel privileged to have met a person like you, and I will forever keep the lessons that you've taught me close to my heart.

10 **angie Lee**
DATE: 28.06.2005 - 18:59

I appologize for not having written sooner, but as its been said from entry to entry- the words written are just not enough. Everytime i've tried, it only seems as though i'm just repeating the last entry. But that might just be b/c you mean that much to all those you have met. Although there was not much of a friendship or anything more than a few times i saw you/ spoke with you;
- That, was enough for your amazing personality to shine through and show just what kind of person you could be. The amount of love you have placed among others and that others express for you is merely a fraction of what embodies - Jeremy.
I cannot write about you as though i "know" you, becasue i truly dont.
but just know that you are truly missed, loved and thought about as each day passes.
you cannot imagine the power of your brief encounters with some, you've left footprints in hearts and minds; no- not footprints, that smile.
and even though i dont belive that any of this amounts a fraction to who you really are; its what i know to the best of my ability. And that is enough for me, or anyone, to miss you.

9 **Mariah**
DATE: 19.06.2005 - 15:00

Daddy,
Happy Father's Day. I miss you. I love you.
Love,
Mariah

8 **anonymous**
DATE: 19.06.2005 - 12:07

Happy Father's Day Jeremy....

7 **Christopher Lee Huckins**
DATE: 02.06.2005 - 05:38

Location (City, State): Tinker AFB, OK

Jeremy was a great guy, and I would have liked to have him as a friend anywhere, and in any situation. We met in tech school at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, where we became friends. He was genuine and kind, and such things must be said about him. I'm terribly sorry for his family and his other close friends, who have had to endure his loss. God bless...

6 **Justin Peterson**

DATE: 23.05.2005 - 10:48

A friend, and a brother. I didn't know him very long but the time that I did were some of the most greatest moments in my life. He was a positive person with a good head on his shoulders. Because of him I've learned to appreciate the people in my life because you never know when they'll go.

5 Cindy Osborne
DATE: 19.05.2005 - 09:40

The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
The LORD protects the simplehearted;
when I was in great need, he saved me.
Be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the LORD has been good to you.
For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before the LORD
in the land of the living. (Ps 116: 5-9)

To live is Christ & to die is gain. (Phil 1:21)

I'll see that ornery grin again someday. Peace to all who Jeremy left behind.

4 Sandy Bates
DATE: 18.05.2005 - 21:36

Wow... I can't believe it, still, that you are gone. You've touched my life in a way that you may never know. I'll never forget the first day I just walked up to you and said -Hey, so who are you- when you were going through my fridge. :) I'm grateful and honored to know you and I will always keep your memory alive. I will never forget the day we found out something happened to you. I heard, but didn't want to believe. I found out, and was sick. Still am really. So sad. I know I didn't know you well, like many others, but you are one of the greatest people I have ever met, and I know you are now watching over all of us. You didn't deserve to go the way you did. Your smile was so genuine, and I was sooo excited for you to come back from your tdy so we could hang out. I never did get to see your pics, and you never got to see my wedding ones either. Thank you... for being you. You are special, and still with us, though not as I wish you were. I miss you, and will always remember you. I wish a lot more people had the heart that you did. You always helped everyone, even in your passing. Take care Jeremy. I speak for many others when I say you are loved and missed by all. Until our paths meet again...

3 Diem Huynh
DATE: 18.05.2005 - 21:34

jeremy,
for the longest time i didn't want to talk to anyone about what had happened. i wanted to believe that it wasn't real and that you were still here with us. i think in some ways i'm still living in that denial. but i know it's real now. i know because everytime i see your picture or hear your name, i fight back the tears. i know it's real everytime i'm out and you're not here

to share the moments with me. it's been so hard for me to tell anyone how i feel, but i know that you know. i just hope that you're ok and that you see how much we love you. but i know you're making other people happy, wherever you are. i miss you and i'm sorry it took me so long to talk to you. bye Jeremy

2 **Christy**

DATE: 18.05.2005 - 13:10

There are so many things that can be said about Jeremy. He was kind, giving, and a wonderful friend. I can't express in words the impact that he made in my life, but that impact will stay in my life forever, as will all of the memories that I have of him. I will always remember his smile...that smile that comes from someone who is truly happy. Until I had my daughter, I've never been able to say that seeing someone's smile could brighten my day like Jeremy's. You could talk to him about anything, and all he had to do was flash you that smile, and you knew that everything would be ok. I wonder sometimes how God could take away such a wonderful person, such a huge asset to the lives of those around him, but I know that Jeremy is in a better place now. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him, and that smile will live on on the beautiful face of Mariah. I miss you Jeremy and I love you for the true friend that you were and will always be to me. Later Mac!!!

1 **rachel slone**

DATE: 18.05.2005 - 08:48

i have your picture, jeremy, up in my room where i can always see it and remember you! we all miss you! but i know we'll see you again some day!