

Guest Book for  
**Jeremy Lee McGraner**



May 13, 2005

How do I say goodbye when I don't know how or when I don't want to . It has been well over three months since Jeremy passed away and I still tremble at this reality. We all loved him, we always will. He was the most amazing person I've ever known. I am lucky that god blessed me with even having him a part of my life as long as I did. I miss him; I miss his smile, his laugh. and most of all I miss his his calming voice. Jeremy was my best friend, he also was my longest and most valued relationship. I met Jeremy at tech school at keesler AFB where I had the privilege of becoming very close with him. Ten months later he went to Travis and I moved to Hawaii, we always stayed close though, that is way it took me so long to even write this farewell. He will always, and I mean always be in my heart and in thoughts for as long as I live.  
Love Always,  
Lindsey Patriani

P.S. I will always think of you mac and cheese ;)  
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March 16, 2005

Jeremy, i enjoyed having Thanksgiving 2004 with you, you really know how to clean up the house after that humongous feast that we so prayed upon very nicely. Thank You for loving my sister Joy!!! We love and miss you bud!!!  
**Joshua Lopez (Rialto, CA )**

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March 15, 2005

What can I type that can express what I truly feel? Nothing! This is why I didn't post anything before... I couldn't put words together that came even a little close to what I would like to share. \*Sigh\* I really... \*sigh\* I just can't sum up in a little paragraph. Okay try... To family and friends, I want to thank you all for being so supportive... for being there. Jeremy would be happy to see that we are all leaning on each other for comfort. You know I think we all have realized that we were all his "best friend"... haha... He just had this way... this way of being so empathetic, so caring, when he talked to you he made you feel like you were the only person in the world. I think this was one (ONE) of the most beautiful things about him. At first some of us felt jealousy... like, "What you were his best friend too??? He dated you too??? He told you that you were like his brother too???" Lol. But when you stop to think about it... it's not something to be jealous about. He had this... this thing that most people don't have. Such a big heart. Willingness... to go that extra mile... to listen, to be there, to comfort, willingness and desire to connect. I can only pray that he rubbed off on everyone he came in contact with. Most people aren't this loving... we need to be. We need to try to understand if we don't at first. We need to not judge. This was Jeremy... although he wasn't perfect - his heart was pretty darn close. His intentions were always good. Some times he didn't think things through... but it was mostly because he lived for the moment... when he was with you... you had all his attention. ... Jeremy... Jeremy... I love you... I always have... and I always will. I used to be such a standoffish person and you taught me so much. You

showed me how to love... how to go that extra mile... how to care about people... and not be self centered.

Jeremy, I feel like you're just away right now but that you will walk in any second now... kiss my cheek... and put the covers on me... and I'll just pretend I'm sleeping... This doesn't happen anymore... Only in my dreams when I really am sleeping. You will never walk through that door again but you know what I can't be selfish... I don't understand it Jeremy... I don't but I will try to. Everything happens for a reason and I will trust God... I just wish... hope... and pray that you can look down on us... and if not...then all we can do is wait until we meet again... in heaven. Until then my love, I will see you in my dreams okay. We can do whatever we want there. We can go where ever we want. No one can take you from us. You will always be apart of us. You will always live in our thoughts and hearts. Jeremy, I miss you... Right now... we are all having hard times... most of us feel like we are falling apart... I know I feel that way. Although it's hard now... I know it will be okay. \*sigh\* Jeremy... we all know that you loved us... we have many memories to reassure us. But Mariah... she is so young. I want her to grow up and know that her daddy loved her with all he had... and even though he had enough love in him to share with so many people... his heart belonged to her. I want her to know her daddy is up there being her guardian angel. God, God... please let him be her guardian angel. Please let her grow up knowing her daddy still wants to take care of her. Please... God. That's all I ask is that somehow Mariah gets to feel the joy that we all felt because of him. She's so young now... but somehow please let give her the same kind of love... Jeremy, we love you... (I obviously can go on and on... but I guess I must start to close this)...Jeremy... you were so young... but it's okay because you accomplished so much... you touched so many lives... more than most... It was God's will... for you to impact so many lives... and you did... you are...

**Joy Lopez-McGraner (Vacaville, CA )**

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March 12, 2005

Although this guestbook is closing, I felt compelled to share how wonderful a person Jeremy was to me. He came into my life for only a few short months and within that time, I've learned from him how to be a better friend, sibling, daughter.. an overall person.

Jeremy, I'll never understand why you left us but I'm truly grateful that I had the honor of being your friend. Thank you for the talks, the laughs, the advice, the pure honesty, the selflessness that is you, the willingness to always help in any way you could. Through a chance meeting, we were able to cross paths and I just can't imagine that you're not going to walk through that door, plop down on the couch and say "what's up girl" with that smirk of yours.

In the days that pass, know that you're always in my thoughts and will never be forgotten. In the meanwhile, I know you're watching over us and will meet again. I love you and will have nothing but the sweetest memories of you.

**Julie Nguyen (Davis, CA )**

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March 3, 2005

To Jeremy (my other son),  
Your loss has touched even the simple things in our lives with the memories you left for us. When the weather turns hot, I'll remember you coming to our home dripping sweat from when you worked at

Scarfs. And when I read Proverbs I'll smile and remember it was your favorite. But right now all I can do is cry because it just doesn't seem fair. Thank you for the friendship you gave to the Barker Boys. And thank you for the visits when you shared the stories of your new life with the USAF and the pictures and stories of Mariah. What a beautiful daughter you have but then she'd have to be because her daddy is an angel. I was and remain sooooo PROUD of you. The kind of man you were was nothing short of exemplary and I salute YOU.

Your Other Enon Mom

LT Beth Campbell

U.S.Naval Reserve Nurse Corps Ret.

To Jeremy's Family & Friends,

I guess like everyone else who has written in, I just want to tell you how blessed I was in being part of his life even for a short few years. Your son touched the lives of soooooo many people both near and far in big and small ways. My heart felt sympathy is with you all. Peace Be With You

Love,

Beth A. Campbell

(Bryan & Tim Barker's mom)

Enon Ohio

**Beth Campbell (Enon, OH )**

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March 3, 2005

☒ Jeremy was one of the most honest and trustworthy people i have ever met.The best of a friend.I am happy to have been one of Jeremys good friends

**jason williams (enon, OH )**

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March 3, 2005

☒ Im not really sure where to start. Most of all to Mr and Mrs McGraner your son and your family are above most all that have ever meet and i am am so sorry for your great lose. I will never forget one of the first times i had ever hung out with "Perm" was the day after thanksgiveing when i came to your house and i was treated like family, in a house that was filled with happiness. Thank you so much and im so sorry. And to you Perm what can say your the best freind i ever had and ill never forget the great time we shared. I love you Bro. I see you later.

**Tim Barker (E-Town, OH )**

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March 1, 2005

☒ There are no words that could give justice to the amazing person Jeremy was and what he meant to everyone.. Jeremy was as perfect as anyone could possibly be and could never be replaced.

My Jer:

I just cant put into words how much I miss you. I hope everyday, you feel extremely loved and missed by everyone cause life just isnt as sweet without you here with us. You always asked me to run to you first whenever I had a problem. Now, Im faced with one of the greatest pains of my life and you're not here to make everything better for me like you always used to... But I know that even though I cant see you and hear your voice anymore, you're still by my side. I know that even in heaven, you're still taking care of everyone you loved and cared for first... You're more than just a sweet memory to everyone and you will never be forgotten.. I promise.

"YOU were the greatest Jer,not me."

Because the guestbook will be closed in a month, there will be a website in memory of Jeremy where family and friends can continue to post their thoughts and photos. It will be finished shortly.

**Christiana Lee (Los Angeles, CA )**

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March 1, 2005

After Jeremy(Perm) left for the Air Force I deffinetly did not see him as much as I once did when he showed up at my moms house two maybe even three times a day. When Jeremy met up with the Enon boys he was in a phase. Aphase of his life as well as phase in mine where we were trying to figure out life, and how we would still one day meet up on our front porches when we're fifty and talk about the good ol' days. As you all are fully aware this was a larger than life young man who will not ever be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. Mcgraner you folks have raised the best son a parent could have asked for friendly, religious, caring, and by far one of the best friends I've ever had. Thank You and I will be praying for your family and for Jeremy.

Bryan

Jeremy as for you my friend the talks when we're 50 it's a crying shame. Someday before we even know it we'll meet again and until that time i will take on the mindset WWJD

(What Would Jeremy Do) HaHa I love you man

**Bryan Barker (Hilliard, OH )**

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February 25, 2005

Jeremy and I worked together in the same shop. He was my mentor when I arrived at Travis teaching me the ropes of my new job. Jeremy taught me much more than just how to work on a radar, he showed me what a true friend is all about. He attracted people to him effortlessly and no matter how many friends he had you always knew you were special to him. You will be deeply missed and never forgotton.

**adam spears (vacaville, CA )**

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February 22, 2005

To Jeremy's parents:

Your son was the coolest guy that anyone could have ever befriended. He was a well-rounded youg man who knew where he was going in life. You should be very proud of the man that he was. I never spoke to Jeremy after tech school at Keesler, and for that I am a fool. I lost total contact with one of the greatest people I could have ever known. Thank you for blessing my life with such a great person.

To Jeremy:

I never thought that I would have to tell you goodbye again. But this time, there are no more hellos. I will forever miss you man. Be peaceful Jeremy and go easy partner. I love you man.

**Chris Kiser (Warner Robins, GA )**

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February 20, 2005

I really don't know how to put into words the best way to describe such a wonderful person. To all who knew him and to all his family and friends I send my deepest sympathies. To say that he is a great person would be an understatement. I have never met someone who never got tired of smiling when I ran into them until I met Jeremy. I will never forget the short time we knew each other because it is cherished so deeply in my memories.

**Ginger Warner (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 20, 2005

- After hearing the news about Jeremy I was saddened to realize what a wonderful young man we had lost. He was such a great person. I remember his smile and laugh and the wonderful time I had being around him. He made everyone feel special, and he never left anyone out of the fun he was having. I will truly miss this great young man. I pray that God gives his parents, his wife, his daughter, his family and friends peace and that He helps them through this devastating tragedy. I know Jeremy is in Heaven looking down on us now, and one day we will see him again as we too walk through the pearly gates into the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Amber Stanley (Longview, TX )**

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February 18, 2005

- I am very sorry for your loss and you will continue to be in my prayers. Jeremy was like a brother to me all throughout our time at Keesler for tech school and after that as we parted. He always had the right thing to say to me and knew exactly what needed to be said to make me feel the best. I am going to miss you Jeremy, your eyes, your smile and your perfect laugh. I love you kiddo and I am going to miss you forever. Thanks for everything you did hon, you had a huge impact in my life. I love you and I will forever remember you when I sing the capitol song. ;) Thanks again hon for coming into my life.

**Katie Hunter (Robins AFB, GA )**

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February 17, 2005

- Jerry and Kathie - I know that you know how much I truly loved Jeremy. From the moment I first saw him I knew he was special. I only wished we were able to spend more time with him. One wonderful memory I have of him is when I bought him and Joy their patio chairs. They used to sit on the floor when they were outside and I couldn't have my kids doing that, the ground was cold & dirty. So I bought them these simple looking chairs. The look on his face when we showed him the chairs was like a child at Christmas. I will never forget his smile or the hug he gave me that day in September.

I'm going to miss talking to him when I call the apt, I'm going to miss his emails, and I'm going to miss that cute laugh of his.

You raised a wonderful son; thank you for sharing him with us.

**Elaine Lopez-White (Rialto, CA )**

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February 17, 2005

- I have learned from my son, Derek, who is also stationed at Travis AFB about Jeremy's death. Derek was distraught about the news. He shared with me his thoughts and feelings about losing Jeremy and how much he (Jeremy) would be missed. I would like to send my deepest sympathy to his parents, brothers and sisters, and most importantly to his wife and daughter, and would like to share words of comfort.

"You can shed tears that he is gone or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back or you

can open your eyes and see all he has left." And yes, we will see him again soon. The Lord's return is near.

**Myrna Worth (Longwood, FL )**

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February 17, 2005

☒ wow, life is short eh? i met jeremy at tech school, and since then have kept in contact with him over the year plus. jeremy would go to my house on long weekends, at the fish camp. he was such a country boy at heart, though he tried to look "city-fied"

no one will ever forget jeremys heart eyes or smile. that is the one thing i keep remembering, besides his goofy laugh of course. when he looked at someone he cared about, he didn't just look at their eyes, he went further then that and looked at their soul. if i learned anything from him it was the ability to forgive when wronged by someone.

i know he is an angel right now looking upon us all and smiling. my thoughts are with everyone who knew him. he will be greatly missed. we can all know we will see him in the future, i am sure he will be holding the gates wide open for us, and waiting to gives us a hug.

**Kara Gaines (San Antonio, TX )**

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February 16, 2005

☒ To Our Son Jeremy:

You brought much love, joy, and laughter into our home and our lives. While the seas we sailed together were not always smooth, the love that we have for you was always strong and steady. We were so blessed that our Lord entrusted you to us, to prepare you to be the wonderful man you became. We know that you are resting at the foot of our Savior's throne. It is what helps give us peace in this time of great loss. We know that we will be together again on that golden shore. We love you and miss you. Dad and Mama

To Jeremy's friends:

We thank you all for your prayers and concern for our family. Jeremy has 2 brothers and 3 sisters that also miss their brother very much. While the Lord can give peace during this time, we still ache for his presence. Only God's grace and the prayers of His people have sustained us. You meant so much to Jeremy; that is why you mean so much to us. We will continue to pray for you, that the Lord will comfort your hearts, as He has ours. And with Christ as our Savior, we will all be together with Jeremy again. Our love and prayers are with you all.

**Jerry & Kathie McGraner (New Carlisle, OH )**

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February 16, 2005

☒ I am so sorry for your loss, and will keep your family in my prayers and thoughts. Jeremy was a special person, and I'm glad to have had a chance to meet him and spend time with him. I will forever remember his bright, smiling face and shining sense of humor. It was a real pleasure having him in our home during the two weeks of Mardi Gras; and his banana pancakes were awesome every morning (Jeremy shared with me his secret for perfect pancakes - coating the bananas with sugar and cinnamon before adding them to the pancake batter!). For both my son, Ryan Chriss, and myself, thank you for raising a wonderful young man. He will be missed, but always remembered fondly. God bless you.

Love, Renee and Ryan

**Renee Champagne (New Orleans, LA )**

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February 16, 2005

- ☒ We will deeply miss Jeremy. He was a awesome neighbor to us and a even better friend. He would do any thing for anybody and was always so very helpful. I want to thank his parents for raising such a awesome young man, who touched so many peoples lives and who faught for our country. May the Lord bless you through this time of Loss. We will always remember Jeremy in our hearts.

God Bless

Rick Brooke and Jonah Swensen

**Brooke Swensen (Vacaville, CA )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your family. Jeremy and I were always fighting, harrassing each other and laughing together as well as having "serious talks." I look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. I am praying for all of you that God will give you the comfort you need and that He will bring good out of this trial. I love you all.

**Susan Dodson (Tampa, FL )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ Jeremy was one of the best men I knew there for anybody anytime. I know he was there for me when I needed him the most. Truly a great man will be missed. With much love to the family for the loss he will not be forgotten and will live on in our hearts and our minds.

**christopher mishler (fairfield, CA )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ Jeremy was a great friend and a tremendous person. That statement can be attested by anyone who was lucky enough to come in contact with him, for he left a lasting impression on everyone. He possessed every quality a close friend should have. Jeremy was always unselfish, ever-reliable, outgoing, open-minded, caring, genuine, funny, and trustworthy. When describing him with these character traits I can say honestly that he was simply being himself. It is all too common these days for people to put on a front or a mask that hides who they truly are, that was never the case with him. What you saw on the surface is exactly what you saw in the heart. In talking with friends about his passing I would always describe Jeremy with this simple quote: "Jeremy didn't have to try to be what most people have to work hard at becoming, he was genuine and I will never forget him." When I pray, I thank God for putting a person like Jeremy in my life.

I give my deepest condolences to the entire McGraner family and heartfelt thanks for raising such a great person.

I miss you Jmac....

**Neal Grimm (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ Jerry and Kathie - Our heart-felt sympathies in the loss of your son. We pray for God's peace and love to comfort you and your family.

**Shirley & Sharon McGraner (Lexington, KY )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ You will be missed dearly, but we will always remember you. May you rest upon the throne with the Lord and some day we will meet again. It was great while you was here. Rest In Peace man.

**Joseph Chaney (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 15, 2005

- ☒ My thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy's family and friends. Jeremy and I became good friends in Tech. School. He was a dear friend and I will always remember him. Words can not express how much he will be missed.

**Amy Gann (Holloman AFB, NM )**

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February 14, 2005

- ☒ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy's family. We enjoyed getting to know him while he was at Tech School at Keesler. He was one of 8-10 airmen who would come for the weekend to the camp with our daughter, Kara. We enjoyed visiting with him last month when he came for the afternoon to visit. We are thankful we knew Jeremy and will always remember his smile.

**Greg and Lynne Gaines (Purvis, MS )**

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February 14, 2005

- ☒ I knew Jeremy only for a short time but he left an impression that will not be forgotten. Jeremy always had a smile and left a bit of sunshine with everyone he touched. My sympathy to the McGraner family.

**Pedro DaSilva (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

- ☒ Jeremy was one of the first people I met when I got to my first duty station here at Travis and while not knowing anyone, he welcomed me and showed me around. He was always upbeat and caring. I will surely miss seeing him around the shop.

**Derek Worth (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

- ☒ Jeremy is one of the kindest people that I have ever met. He was always smiling and he never had a negative thing to say about anyone. He was an extraordinary friend to me, he was ALWAYS there when I needed someone. We had many good times and many great heart to heart talks and he will forever be missed.

**Christy Chapman (Vacaville, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

- ☒ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family in this time of sorrow. Jeremy was in our flight and will be truly missed. I will remember him as I always saw him, smiling. God bless.

**Sonya Horn (Travis AFB, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

☒ My deepest sympathies go out to all of Jeremy's family and friends. My first memory of Jeremy was the night I picked him up from the airport when he transferred to Travis AFB. I had no idea what he looked like so I had to call his mother to find out. After about 45 minutes of looking, I saw someone with a "high-n-tight" sitting on a bench with a look on his face of uncertainty. He was probably thinking, "Did they forget about me"? Jeremy touched so many people's lives in different ways. To me, he was a co-worker and a dear friend with a big heart. He was somebody I could talk to about anything, someone who listened and always offered a helping hand whenever I needed it. So the answer is no, no one could ever forget him.

**David Olson (Vacaville, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

☒ We both are very sorry for McGraner's passing. He was a great friend to the both of us. We love him very much and he will always be with us in our hearts. Thank you for raising such a great son it was a pleasure being his friend. We love man and we will always keep your memory alive.

**CARLOS & ALISHA ASHLEY (VACAVILLE, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

☒ Words cannot begin to describe the untimely loss of this unselfish young man. He was close to all those in his work center. It is still very hard to see his empty desk every morning when we come in to work. I wish the best for his family, wife and daughter. He will be greatly missed.

**Kirk Vanderpool (Travis A.F.B, CA )**

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February 14, 2005

☒ I am really sorry about the lost of Jeremy. He left behind many friends and loved ones. I'm Praying for his family, and that God's blessing showers them and keeps them safe during thier time of grief.

**Jonise McAllister (Fairfeild, CA )**

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February 13, 2005

☒ I'm really, really sorry about Jeremy's untimely passing. Jeremy is one of the kindest people I have ever met. He was a great friend, and I am really sorry for all the family and friends he left behind. God Bless all of you.

**Sandy Bates (Fairfield, CA )**

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February 13, 2005

☒ My sympathies are with you all. I was deeply saddend when I heard the news. I knew Jeremy from Travis AFB, we were in the same squadron and were also friends. I last saw him smiling and waving hello to me as I passed him in the hall at work. Jeremy was a great guy and I will never forget him. All my heart!~Monica

**Monica Timbresa (Kadena AB, JP)**

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February 13, 2005

☒ Kristin, Melinda, and Jonathan had told me so much about Jeremy. His

commitment to his country, which extended to VOLUNTEERING to serve in Afghanistan, amazed me. I admired him so much and wish I had been able to meet him.

Sending thoughts of love and comfort, and thinking of you all,  
Maggie Bollar

**Maggie Bollar (New Carlisle, OH )**

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February 12, 2005

☒ My sympathy to the McGraner family.  
Kindest Regards,  
Cindy Osborne  
**Cindy Osborne (New Carlisle, OH )**  
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February 12, 2005

☒ We were very sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one Jeremy. We wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Beth is the sister of Kerry Taylor. Beth last saw Jeremy when he was a little boy while living in Lexington.  
Take care,  
Love, Beth and Tom Edwards  
**Beth & Tom Edwards (Lexington, KY )**  
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