



Lucas Christopher Short

May 11, 1986 - January 11, 2008

Lucas Christopher Short, 21, Topeka, was born Mothers Day, May 11, 1986 and was baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He attended Most Pure Heart Grade School and graduated from Hayden High in 2004 in the top 10 of his class. Luke participated in cross country and swimming. During his high school years, he operated Luke's Lawn Service. In 2004 he earned Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 46 at Most Pure Heart. He was a junior, pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering at Kansas State University and was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. In 2006 Luke completed an internship at the Naval Research Lab in Washington D.C. Luke suffered a spinal cord injury in a diving accident in Sept. '06 and missed the '06 school year for medical and rehabilitation reasons. Luke went back to KSU in Sept. '07 in a wheel chair and successfully completed the fall semester in spite of his disability. On January 10, 2008, Luke lost his battle with chronic lung problems sustained at the time of his injury. Luke faced life in a wheelchair with his usual determination and humor. He will be remembered as an outstanding scholar, kind and caring son, brother and friend. Luke is survived by his parents, Steven and Janice Short and his sister, Melissa, Auburn; grandparents, Adrian and Ann Wessel; Mary Ann Short, all of Topeka and Richard and Sally Short, Paxico; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Jeff Short in Nov. '03. Family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m. today at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10

a.m. Sat. at the Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary and W.M. Keck Center, The Spinal Cord Injury Project, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lucas Christopher Short*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Luke. Joe was at Madonna the same time Luke was there. Even though we didn't know Luke very well we feel your pain and offer our most sincere condolences. Joe wears his "never give up" bracelet and noticed in a newspaper article that it said Luke never gave up. Just another thing they had in common. God bless your family at this difficult time. The White family*

Bob, Kristen & Joe White - January 14, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ *Dear Janice, Steve and Melissa, we are so sorry to hear this about Luke. We all remember him as a tough and nice young man. He was a symbol of "never-give-up". He will be in our prayers and we are sure, that he found a good place in peace at our Lord in Heaven. Our deepest sympathy to you all! Kathrin, Juergen & Helga Sterzenbach*

Helga Sterzenbach - January 13, 2008 at 12:09 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Luke was my "Pledge Dad" while I was at Phi Kappa Theta, and he was always there for me, no matter what he had going on. His light will surely be missed.*

Taylor Payne - January 12, 2008 at 08:30 PM

JD

“ We cannot begin to know the extent of your pain at the loss of your son, but remember that God knows because he gave up his only Son for us. May it comfort you to think of Luke in heaven with Jesus where he is filled with joy and has no pain.

We did not know your son, but we are members of MPH and wanted you to know you are in our prayers.

Shalom,

Dorothy and Jerry Dolsky

Jerome and Dorothy Dolsky - January 12, 2008 at 05:58 PM

SM

“ Dear Janie and Steve - we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. We know the pain and loss you are feeling as we lost our son Zachary last year. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you. Steve and Pam Morris Olathe, Kansas

Steve and Pam Morris - January 12, 2008 at 01:05 PM

LS

“ *Janice, Steve and all the family:*

I wanted you to know I was thinking about you. I did not know Lucas, but he sounded like a wonderful man. I know you all have wonderful memories of him. Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are thinking of you maybe helps. I hope so.

Jancie, I remember you, when you would come and visit my parents (Charles and Burmah Mills) on 20th and Atwood. I knew the rest of your family and your parents too. What kind people.

I just wanted to express my sympathy to you all.

Sincerely,

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Lucas Short - January 12, 2008 at 11:20 AM

SE

“ *The Short Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am an Occupational Therapist at Madonna and worked with Luke a few times throughout his rehabilitation. I want you to know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Luke, his smile and bright personality. May God's strength be with you through this difficult time. Shannon Eckery - Lincoln, NE*

Shannon Eckery - January 11, 2008 at 10:29 PM

PS

“ *Janice, Steve and Melissa,*

We were so very sorry to hear about Luke. As has been said and will continue to be said many times he was a true inspiration and touched many lives.

May God's strength be with you in this time.

Our thoughts and prayers,

Paul and Shannon and Taylor and Cecilia Stuke

Paul Stuke - January 11, 2008 at 03:58 PM

KS

“ *To the Short family,*

Luke was an exceptional young man. He was such a positive role model at Hayden and always. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

In sympathy,

Rick & Kathy Strecker and family

Kathy Strecker - January 11, 2008 at 12:51 PM

JA

“ *Short Family,*

I only knew Luke for a few months, but he was a truly sweet soul. I hope knowing how special he was and that he touched many lives during his short time on this earth brings you some comfort.

-Jaclyn Anderson, DSS/K-State

Jaclyn Anderson - January 11, 2008 at 12:45 PM

DH

“ To the Short Family: We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to you during this difficult time. May you cherish the memories that you had with Luke - as he will always remain in your hearts.

Don & Nancy Harris - Westmoreland, Ks

Don & Nancy Harris - January 11, 2008 at 11:34 AM

B(

“ Steve, Janis and Melissa - It's hard to know what to say at a time like this except, I'm sorry. I never personally met Luke but have gotten to know about him thru mutual friends. It's obvious that he touched many lives during his time on earth and he will be missed by so many. He did his best and I'm sure you are very proud of him. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers. God Bless.

Barb DeWalt (Tinsley) - January 11, 2008 at 11:05 AM

DM

“ I was sad to hear about Lucas. He clearly lived his life in a dignified, eloquent manner and I know he will be sorely missed. Words do not explain emotions well, but the word that keeps coming to my mind about Lucas is heroic. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Doug Barnes

Douglas Barnes, MD - January 11, 2008 at 10:16 AM

LM

“ Steve, Janice & Melissa,

We are so sorry about Luke. He was such a good kid and went through so much over the past 16 months. All of you have been an inspiration to so many people. Your faith is strong and it will help you through this difficult time. We know that Luke is at peace now and one day we'll meet him again. You are in our prayers. Know that the comfort of your family and friends will help you through.

*Love,
Linda & Lauren Martin*

Linda Martin - January 11, 2008 at 09:30 AM

PH

“ *I was just broken to hear about Luke. I know that your family has contacted and helped my cousin, Amy Kennedy, deal with her injury. Luke, along with your family have been an inspiration to the family in helping them deal with Amy's spinal injury.*

God must have had a special place for Luke in His Kingdom and so He called him Home. My heart breaks for all of you. I wish I could help to ease the pain but only God can do that. My prayers will be with you through this very difficult time. May God's Love surround you and give you peace.

Peggy (Haines) Howe - January 11, 2008 at 09:25 AM

MB

“ *Janis, Steve & Melissa,
We are so sorry to hear about Luke. He was truly an inspiration in the way that he handled his life not only after the accident, but before it as well. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We know that Luke is at peace with God in Heaven. We pray that you may you feel that peace too.
Andy, Michelle, Alex and Katie Bolin*

Michelle Bolin - January 11, 2008 at 09:11 AM

ML

“ *Steve and Janice: I want to offer to you my deepest sympathy at the loss of Luke. He was quite a gentleman, true to an Eagle Scout, and he will be missed. It is difficult to find the words to say to you now, but know that your family is in our prayers. I can never thank you enough for the help that you, Steve, gave to Zach with his Eagle project. Sincerely, Merrill, Zita, Zachary, and Holly Lancaster*

Merrill Lancaster - January 10, 2008 at 08:11 PM