

# *Memorial Book*



*In Loving Memory of*

*Michael Ray Butler*

*(March 13, 1989 - January 29, 2007)*



This memorial website was created to remember our dearest **Michael Ray Butler** who was born in **Okla City ,Oklahoma** on **March 13, 1989** and was killed in a single vehicle crash in Mannford,Oklahoma, while on his way home from school on **January 29, 2007** at the age of **17**. We feel a great sadness over the loss of your presence, but your memory will forever live in our hearts. We all miss and Love you very much.

"When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears.

And hug your sorrow through the years, but start out bravely with a gallant smile.

And for my name sake and in my name live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near. And never be afraid to die, for I am waiting for you in the sky!"



The image features two roses in a muted, earthy color palette, set against a textured, parchment-like background. The roses are positioned in the upper right quadrant, with one slightly larger and more open than the other. The overall aesthetic is soft and romantic.

# *Gallery*

*so sweet, so unforgettable...*





**welding class**



**july 2006/lake**

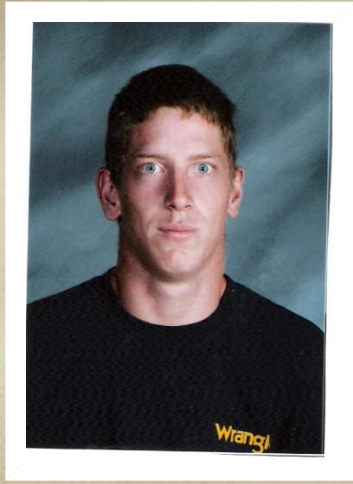


**jan. 29th 2007/vo-tech**



**grandpas 70th bday**





11th grade



9th grade



15 yrs



8th gr. graduation





**8th grade graduation**



**8th grade**



**7th grade**

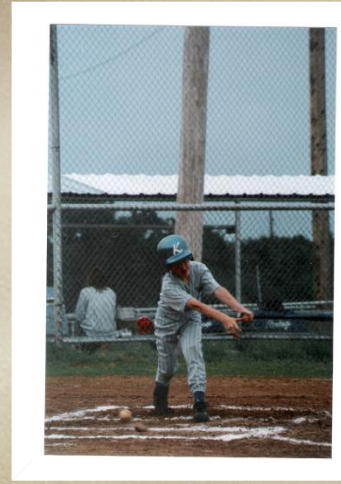


**14yrs**





12yrs



12yrs



10yrs



8 yrs at home





8 yrs



9th grade

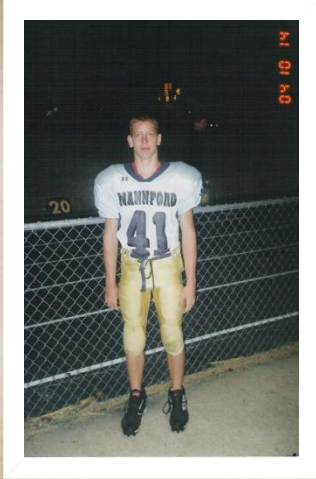


8th grade graduation



Michael and Jessica





**9th grade football**



**kindergarten graduation**



**3 yrs old**



**17mos**



**sisters wedding**



**sisters wedding**



**15 at my dads**



**17mos**

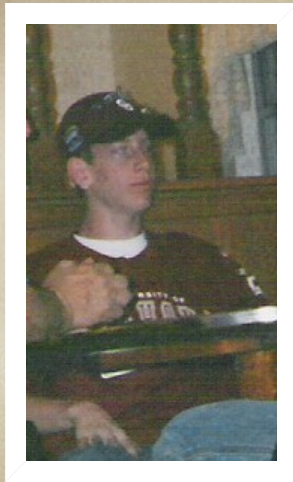




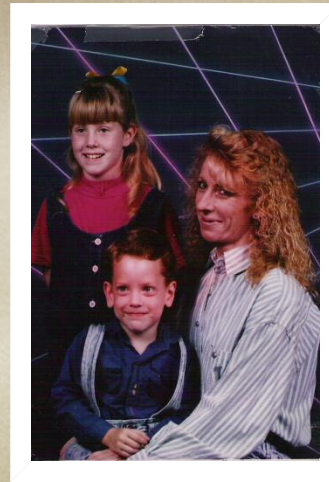
9mos



17 mos



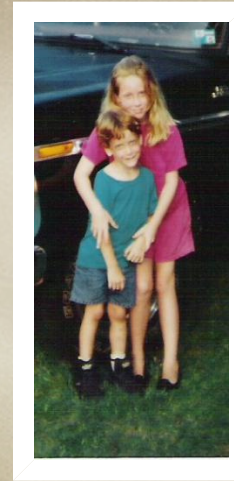
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1992,mom & sister



**michael & nephew colby**



**michael & sister kristen**



**9 yrs old**

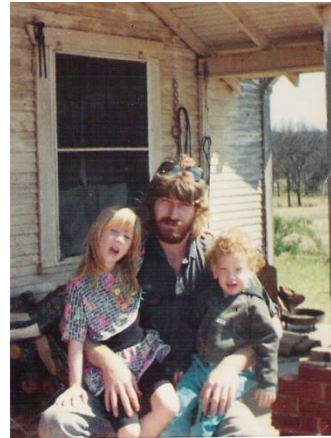


**1998/sister & cousins**





**michael,sister & grandma**



**michael,sister & dad**



**3 yrs**



**michael and kristen**



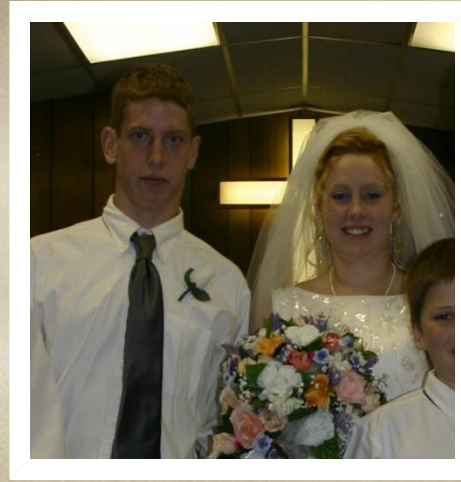
**easter**



**michael at 16**



**michael and kristen**



**sisters wedding**





3 yrs



4yrs



Michael, Grandpa and Kristen



14 yrs



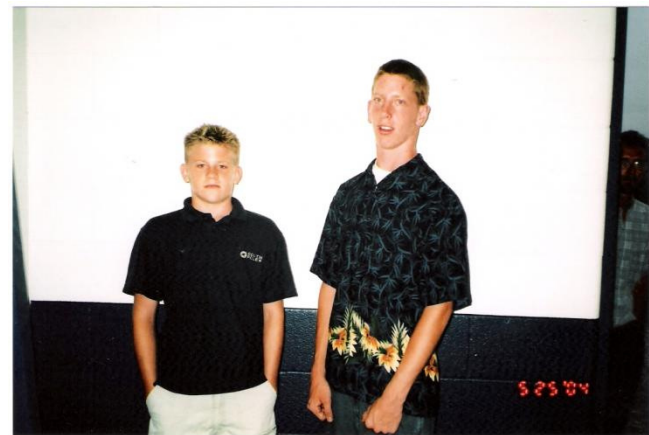
**6 yrs Easter**



**Papa, Michael and Cody**



**Michael at 8 mos**



**Michael and Brandon**

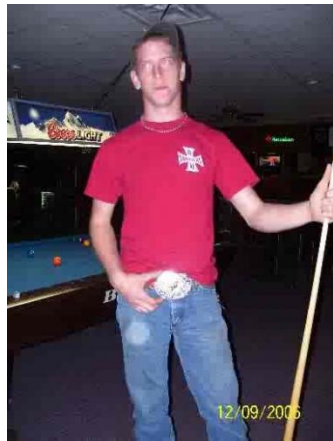




**Michael and Cody at Atwoods**



**Michael in his truck**



**Michael at game room**



**Michael and Kevin**



**Michael and Donnie ?**



The background is a textured, mottled brownish-gold color. In the upper center, there are two roses, one slightly to the left and one slightly to the right, rendered in a soft, light tone that blends with the background. The text 'Memorial Candles' is written in a white, elegant cursive font, centered horizontally and positioned below the roses.

*Memorial Candles*

*our words, your light...*



05/08/2007

**Jacinda**

*Hey bubba, they gave you an award today at tech. I wish you could have been here... I miss you so much buddy. I love you!*

05/07/2007

**Kristen**

*Hey, little brother I miss U more w/ every day that goes by, I love U and I'll see you again someday. Rest in Peace little bro*

05/07/2007

**Jacinda**

*Hey buddy! I miss you, and wish you were here with us, it wont get an easier but ill see you again. I cant wait. i love you!*

05/04/2007

**Mom**

*I miss u so much and its not getting easier. Everyone asks are u alright the answer is NO Im NOT! I'll never be alright again.*

05/02/2007

**Cody Cox**

*I was playin catch w/the football n' memories started to fly. I miss U and those days that we had fun together. LUV U Cody*

05/02/2007

**Kristen**

*Michael I miss you very dearly, and love you more than U will ever know.....  
LUV U*

05/02/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael everyday your not here it gets harder and harder I miss you so much. I love you my sunshines*

05/02/2007

**beth**

*Michael u have to know now how loved u was by all!!! I'm sorry for all the bs man, it's killin me now!!! Love ya*

05/02/2007

**beth**

*Still have all the stuff there of us tryin to get the van unstuck, but didn't work so well did it!!! LOL Ne way cont..*

05/02/2007

**beth**

*Hittin the van tryin to get to work at atwoods n we kept tellin them u couldn't but they didn't believe us cont...*

05/02/2007

**Michael**

*This pain just gets harder and harder everyday!!  
Leavin da house is hard cause everytime we do it's a reminder of u cont...*

05/01/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael I keep waiting to see your smileing face walk threw my door I miss you so much I love you my sunshines. RIP babe*



05/01/2007

**UR Big Sis Kristen**

*Micheal, this past 3 months has been really hard, almost like its just a really bad dream, I need to wake up from..(contiued)*

05/01/2007

**UR Big Sis Kristen**

*But no matter how loud I scream I still dont wake. Bubba I miss you more than U will ever know. Ill see U again someday, I LOVE U.*

04/30/2007

**angie**

*Hey michael... its been 3 months that you've been gone but it still feels like yesterdsy.. i can't wait to see you someday*

04/30/2007

**Jacindap**

*Hey buddy! everyone down here misses you tons! we all know you miss us just as much! Im trying to stay strong for you! i love you!*

04/30/2007

**Kassandra Youngblood**

*...You're the best person I know. I love your more than you'll ever know. I'll see you again someday. I love you!*

04/30/2007

**Kassandra Youngblood**

*Hey Bubba. Not a day goes by that I don't miss you. I really need you. Your the one person I know that wouldn't desert me.*

04/29/2007

**Lani**

*Hey bub,I miss you like crazy,I still find myself waitin for you to pull into shane's driveway. I love u,thanks 4everthing*

04/29/2007

**Mom**

*It's been 3 months today and its like I still think ur going to come home at any time but I know ur not.I miss u so.....much.*

04/29/2007

**Jake Shaeffer**

*Michael, i miss you man. We had some good times. I especially remeber Mr. Smiths 3rd hour. See ya someday man. JS*

04/29/2007

**Ali**

*Hey bubba! I hung out with Donny tonight! You should be very proud of that boy. I love and miss you so much!*

04/29/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael I miss you so much and there is a huge emptyness in me now that can't be filled without u I love u my sunshines.*

04/28/2007

**beth**

*This emptyness we have in our hearts will never b filled by another! Micheal Thank You for all u have done 4 all of us miss luv ya*

04/28/2007

**Ashlyn**

*Michael i love you and i miss you but i am happy that i got a chance to meet you i am very lucky and grateful! See you soon babe!*

04/27/2007

**Angie Brown**

*The world will never be the same without you.... love you*

04/27/2007

**Your Big Sis, Kristen**

*Micheal I luv U so much and miss U dearly,thing just are not the same w/out U here.I luv lots.And I'll never 4get U.  
RIP*

04/26/2007

**Ashleigh**

*Hey Michael i wanted to tell you that i miss you and so does everyone else at Atwoods we all have a place for you in our hearts*

04/26/2007

**Mom**

*It gets harder everyday not having u here.I don't know if I'll ever be all right again,but i'm tring for u.I Love you.*

04/25/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael I thank god for the time I had with u and I know we will be together again I love you my sunshines.*

04/25/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael I miss you so much. And you will always be in my heart Wait for me I love you my sunshines. RIP babe*

04/25/2007

**Susan**

*Michael I miss you so much! I miss those late night phone calls. I love you!*

04/25/2007

**Jacinda**

*Michael i miss you so much buddy, not a day goes by that i don't think about you. ill see you soon. love ya!*

04/24/2007

**Ali Moore**

*I miss you so much bubba! You were a great man! I love you so much!*

04/24/2007

**Faith Goumaz**

*Michael you are the best and i miss you soooo much.. i love you..! you mean the word to me i will see you soon...!*

04/24/2007

**TYLER PRUITT**

*MICHAEL had alota memories with u at the pool hall and atwoods. il c u again before to long*



04/24/2007

**Brandon joseph aycock**

*Michael not talking u to and u always coming to my job and tring to get me to come work atwoods miss talking to u man.RIP*

04/24/2007

**Cody McClary**

*Hey kid. Remember when you told me i should talk to ali as friends? Were gettin married in July. Just wanted to say thanks. Luv ya*

04/23/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael you are greatly missed and loved we will never forget you I love you my sunshines. Rest in peace my love.*

04/23/2007

**kristen**

*Michael I Love U and miss you lots.....*

04/21/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael I have been so lost without you I would do anything to have you back in my arms I Love you my sunshines.*

04/19/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael You meant the world to me and it's gets harder every day I will never be the same without you I love you my sunshines.*

04/17/2007

**Mom**

*I miss u more and more with each passing day. I just wish I could hug u and tell I love u just one more time.*

04/17/2007

**kristen**

*Everyone tells me this will get easier w/time, and that every thing will be all right, but w/every day that goes by (continued..)*

04/17/2007

**Kristen**

*And UR not here its not getting easier and things are not all right, I miss U so much,never 4get I'll luv U 4ever and always..*

04/15/2007

**Melissa**

*Michael I think about you everyday...I miss you so much..Things just aren't the same anymore.I love you bub.*

04/13/2007

**Kristen**

*I've been completly lost w/out U,I miss hearing UR voice and seeing UR smile, everyday is just not the same, I LUV U always...*

04/11/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael mot a day goes by that i don't think of you i miss you so much I love you with all my heat I love you my sunshines.*

04/07/2007

**Mom**

*"If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring U home again". I Love You*

04/04/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael every day I hurt more and more knowing that your not by my side I miss you so much I love you my sunshines.*

04/04/2007

**Chris Simmes**

*I miss micheal, he was a good friend, nice, smart, funny, everything, he was jessica moffit's boyfriend, i miss him very much.*

04/03/2007

**beth**

*As each day goes by, there is not one that we all don't think of you! We miss u lots! Kevin is so lost with out u here! luv ya*

04/02/2007

**Kristen**

*Hey, little brother I just wanted you to know that I love you very much, and that I will never forget you. Ur a great brother, LUV U*

04/01/2007

**Mom**

*Here I am lighting another candle for you. I just miss you so much. I'm blessed for the time I had you here with me. I love you*

03/31/2007

**Jessica**

*I love you so much Michael and I miss all the great times that we always had I love you my sunshines.*

03/31/2007

**Autumn**

*I miss you alot uncle michael! I drew a picture for you today, hope you like it! love you, autumn*

03/30/2007

**Mom**

*I was always so proud of you. I miss your smile and your blue eyes, But you will forever live in my heart. I love you, my angel.*

03/29/2007

**Ur favorite big Sis..**

*Michael the one thing i miss the most is talking to u on the phone every night and hearing u say i luv u sis..well i luv u*

03/29/2007

**Ur favorite Big Sis...**

*Michael I miss U more and more everyday, which makes missing you even harder, I LOVE U LOTS. Rest in Peace litte brother. =)*

03/29/2007

**Melissa Epperly**

*Michael not a day goes by that I don't think of you.. I love you bub... You are in my heart and prayers. I love you bunches*



03/24/2007

**tara**

*I love you forever even though you are gone i think about you everyday you are in my prayers*

03/22/2007

**DAD@TERRY**

*You were an inspiration to all that knew u. tears are shed daily for such a tragic loss we love u son and miss u so much*

03/22/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael every day I miss you more I would do anything to have you back in my arms I love you my sunshines*

03/21/2007

**Jessica**

*Most people thought what we had wasn't much but we knew different babe i miss and love you more than anything my sunshines.*

03/20/2007

**Melissa Epperly**

*Michael you helped me through so much and always stood by my side. You'll always be in my heart. I love you lots.*

03/20/2007

**Jessica**

*Michael we had some really great times and never any bad i will always miss that and you i love you my sunshines.*

03/17/2007

**Mom**

*Know one will ever no the pain I feel.I miss you more ever day,Rest in peace,son.I love you.*

03/16/2007

**Jessica**

*No one will know of the loved we shared and still share i will always miss you my sunshines I love you with all of my heart.*

03/15/2007

**JoAnna Howard**

*I didn't know you well, but you were still an awesome cousin. Rest in heaven.*

03/15/2007

**Aunt Joan**

*The world was made a brighter place because of you Michael and heaven is even brighter. love you.*

03/15/2007

**Unknown**

*On the chest of Jesus he now lays his head. Their hearts now beat as one, God has brought home yet another one of his beloved sons*

03/15/2007

**Beth Stewart**

*Michael we all miss you lots, but we all know u r still here with us everyday! luv u lots!! we will never forget!*

03/15/2007

**Donna**

*May he rest in peace, for he  
is now an angel in heaven  
with Jesus.*

03/14/2007

**Cody Cox**

*Even before UR sister U have  
always been a brother 2 me,  
lots of good memories I will  
miss U lots.. LUV U*

03/14/2007

**Colby Cox**

*I love you Bubba Micheal  
and I'll never forget u...*

03/14/2007

**Kristen Cox**

*I am very proud that I got to  
have him as a brother, he  
was the greatest ever and I  
am going to miss him very  
much. I love U Bubba.*



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*Condolences*

*from the deepest of our hearts...*

**Jacinda Porter**

**Sorry**

**April 25, 2007**

I never had the privilege to meet Michael's family, but I can tell that his mom is an amazing woman, you are very strong. After Michael passed away I couldn't imagine losing anyone closer to me. But I recently lost my grandma and it's one of the hardest things ever. Losing a family member is very hard to deal with. I'm so sorry for everything you have had to go through. But you and your family are in my prayers.

**Ali Moore**

**"lil sis"**

**April 24, 2007**

I never met any of Michael's family but from the man I knew him as, you guys all did a wonderful job raising him. I looked at him as my lil brother and he called me sis. He will always be missed. And the memories are what we have left...I intend to keep them alive just as I know the rest of us will. All my prayers go to the family of Michael Ray Butler. RIP bubba

**Arlene Chavez**

**Mommy of 3 little girls**

**April 19, 2007**

Dear Family,

So sorry for the loss of Michael. Your Memorial touched my heart. He is a beautiful boy, always keep him close to your heart and your memories. You can never lose him in your memories!

Thank you for reminding me to cherish every single moment with my beautiful angels.



The background is a textured, mottled brownish-gold color. In the upper right quadrant, there are two roses. The one on the left is smaller and more tightly curled, while the one on the right is larger and more open, showing its petals. The roses are rendered in a light, almost ethereal tone, blending with the background.

*Shared Memoirs*

*all the gray you turned into colors...*

## ***Kassandra Youngblood***



Hey bubba. We had some great tmes together. You we're so amazing in you rshort time here. I remember at work how you always said "I GOTS IT" when there was a load out and in the back when they put new concrete down your wrote it in it. It's still hard to go back there and look at it. It makes me want to see you even more. I miss knowing that you were at Atwoods because we could hear your truck from the back of the store when you were in the front. It's weird how the little things in life that may sometimes annoy you, you want to hear again because we know we can't and we don't want to believe that you're actually gone. You are honestly the best man that I know. It's still hard to believe that it has been 3 months. It doesn't feel like it. I miss you so much. The other day I got a text at

work from your phone and my heart stopped. Deep down I knew it couldn't be you but a part of me wanted it to be you. I almost threw my phone across the store lol But yea..... I know that even though you aren't here physically that your still here in spirit watching over all the people that you love. I'll see you again someday and when that day gets here I'll be smiling from ear to ear. You are truely loved by everyone you met. I love you bubba!

## ***Lani Landers***

Hey Bubba, Its not the same without you here, not at all. I miss meetin you up at the pool hall,hearing you come down the road, and ecspecially miss calling you for help with Shane. We are still together as you no, bub. I will never forget the time we had to drag you to the hospital cause you were in so much pain or at my birthday party when I had to put you and Shane in my truck so you guys would not fight.ha ha. I miss you alot Michael but I will never forget you. Demi misses getting to ride in your loud truck with her back vibrating. I can't wait to see you again and give you crap like usual-ha-ha. Be good up there bub and help us down here. Love and Miss you so much Your little sis

## ***Mom***



This is really not a memory ,but a poem to you.

"There is a special angel in heaven that was a part of me that is'nt where I wanted but where God wanted him to be. He was here but for a moment like a night time shooting star and though he is in heaven he isn't very far. He touched the hearts of many like only angels do. I would have held him every minute if in the end I ever knew, So I send this special message to heaven up above, please take care of my angel and send him all my Love."

I love you and miss you very much.....mom

### *Jessica*

Michael losing you was the hardest thing I will ever have to go through you were the best boyfriend a girl could ask for I love you very much and I always will never forget that I know we will be together again someday and I can't wait I miss you coming over almost every day I miss your smile how it could light up a room I miss everything about you babe and if I could bring you back believe me I would do it in a heart beat our love will never die and you are always in my heart and by my side I love you my sunshines.

### *Ali Moore*



Hey bubba! I miss you more and more every day. You knew how to make me smile and laugh no matter how bad my day was. I will always miss the sound of your truck rolling into Atwoods. You made work fun.

I have so many memories of you.....When it was raining and cold outside one day I forgot my jacket when I went to work and you let me wear your jacket. Then when you had to outside you took it back but gave it to me sopping wet as soon as you got back in. You were always up for protecting me and Katie.

I also remember you "beating" me up in the parking lot when we were waiting for everyone else to get off. NO matter how hard I tried you always won.

Then there is always the thing I will thank you for. And that is helping me and Cody get together. I really wish you could be at the wedding in person but I know you will be there in spirit.

And I just want to say sorry to you. The night before your accident you called me and I didnt pick up because it had been a really bad day. That was my one last chance to talk to you. My mom keeps telling me it would not have changed anything but....I still regret it. I am sorry bubba!

I love you with all of my heart and soul! Save me a place up there next to you. Make sure God lets me in lol

RIP Cowboy! You had a good ride no matter how short it was. And your memory is burned into all of our hearts.

Love your "lil sis"

### ***Cody McClary***



Man it's a different place here without you. I dont work at Atwoods anymore but after that day we never had the pleasure of hearing your system or your pipes and EVERYBODY saying "theres Butler." One of my best memories was you lettin one go in the radio at work and chris askin if anybody was talkin to him. Thanks to you, me and Ali are happily engaged and gettin married in July. I know you'll be there. You brightened everyones day at least twice. I'll never forget you Michael. Save us all a seat right next to you. You won't be forgotten. See ya later Rebel. "I GOTS IT"

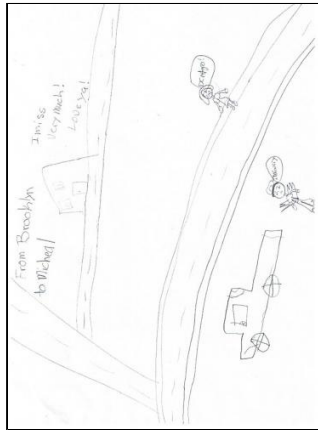
### ***Jessica***



I remeber when you had me hold your car keys and I sat them down on the table and you thought they were still in my purse and I walked into the room and said Michael your not in my purse are you. And sure enough there you were holding a tube of lip gloss and my wallet. And you smiled and said no babe. And then we both started to laugh while you put all my stuff back in my purse. I miss you more than you will ever know I'm so lost without you I love you so much my sunshines.

Love Jessica

## **Brooklyn**



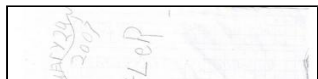
Hope you like your picture uncle michael, I love you and miss you,

Brooklyn

I miss you picking on me during lunch at school, you always throwing food at me and never getting caught but they would catch me, wasn't fair, lol, I will never forget you!

Love you lots!

## **Autumn Stewart**



Here is your picture uncle michael, hope you like it!! Love you and miss you, Autumn!!

This is me and mommy and you

### ***Kristen***

Well, Me being your big sister we have lots of great memories, the last was when you came down here to stay with me, so you could play in Cody's football game. It was very muddy and you were sliding all over the place it was great. But you did awesome, Cody even dedicated his last game to you and they kicked butt. One of my funniest was at grandma's for easter when you were playing on that old power wheel car. It was hilarious. You got on top of the car and Brian pushed you down the hill and you crashed into the tree at the bottom of the hill where you then flew off the truck in pain..I still think about it to this day. My most cherished memory was talking to you that sunday night before you passed and everything we talked about, but the best of all was hearing you say I LUV U Sis which you ended every conversation we had with. And thats something I will have with me forever. Michael you are the greatest brother ever, and know one could ever come close. By the way your new niece is gorgeous, I wish you could of been here to see her, she has your gorgeous hair color and your trademark ears I even think Her eyes are starting to look like yours. We changed her middle name from nicole to Rayleigh in memory of you, I think God made her a little piece of you to ease the pain and some times it works. Michael you will be in my heart and thoughts forever..... I LUV U with all my heart and miss you dearly, Rest in peace little brother...With all my Love, UR Big Sister, Kristen

### ***tara your little sis***

michael you were like a brother to me and I love u so much and it sucks bad that you are gone. I remember this one time that u and shelton were party and i got so silly , but that was fun well g2g.



Love sis

## ***DAD@TERRY***

we miss u so much, your smile,your laugh,and all the joy you brought into our lives you may be gone but you will never be forgotten . you will live on in our hearts and minds forever. until we see you again know that a single day goes by that we don't think of you and wish you were still with us.

## ***beth***



well, we all know kevin and michael's other favorite past time, so, here it is!! Your big brother misses that so much michael! Things just are not the same with out you here buggin us! Can I borrow some money till friday, lol, friday never came, but that's ok, cause when we needed your help with either the well or kevin's truck, we knew we could always count on you! You will never be forgotten!! Love ya!

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# *Life Story*

*every hour, every thought, every smile...*



### ***March 13, 1989***

Born in **Oklahoma OKC, Oklahoma** on **March 13, 1989**.

### ***January 29, 2007***

Passed away on **January 29, 2007** at the age of **17**.

### ***March 14, 2007***

Michael was born In okc ,weighing 2lbs 14ozs and only 14 in. long. He's was always my little miracle.He loved being outside,playing video games and working on their trucks with his brother Kevin and Cody,and picking on Jacob.He was also Momma's boy and boy did he know how to get around me. He had me wrapped around his little finger and he knew it. Michael loved his both his Dads, grandparents ,brothers, sisters, all his nieces and nephews very much. He was especially excited about his new niece being born,he would call his sister Kristen every night to see if she was going to have the baby yet and to say I love you .Michael died six weeks before his nieces birth.

Michael attended Keystone Schools and graduated 8th grade there. He was very active in baseball and basketball,and had recieved several awards and trophys, which included honor roll,science,math,reading,spanish and he was student of the month five times during elementary, I remember he was so excited the first time he was student of the month,we took him out to eat and he said "this is the best day ever". Michael was loved by everyone he met. He never met a stranger, it was like he'd known you forever. He,s favorite things to do included, EATING,

hunting, fishing and camping with his brother Kevin,cousin Brian, and his best friend Trevor and being with family and friends which all meant alot to him. Michael attended Mannford High school where he was a junior,and he met his girlfriend Jessica whom he cared for very much. He was a member of FFA and had recieved the Greenhand Degree and a Medal. He played basketball for two years, and football for one year. He also attended Central vo-tech,where he was enrolled in welding and had recieved a certificate for excellence.

He always had dreams of becoming a welder and eventually owning his own business one day with his cousin Brian. There was never a person he wasn't willing to help no matter what, he made everyone smile where ever he went. If you were down he could always cheer you up. Michael was killed in a single vehicle accident on Jan. 29, 2007, while on his way home from school. His presence will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him. You'll always be in my heart son and I love and miss you deeply. Things just aren't the same without you here.

Michael was given the **OUTSTANDING STUDENT** of the **YEAR** award in welding at Central Vo-Tech on May 8, 2007. I wish he could have been there.



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