



Adam Houghtaling

August 21, 2012

Houghtaling, SSG Adam C. age 27, of St. Louis Park , passed away August 19, 2012. Preceded in death by grandfather, Clyford Houghtaling; uncle, Bradley Schlepp; great-grandparents, William and Elsie Voss, Wallace Hardie, Leona Hardie and Hattie Hardie. Loved and adored by parents, Curt and Heidi; sisters, Melissa (Laura Andrews), Jessica (Daniel Griffin); significant other, Kelsey Anderson; grandparents, Rodney and Ardyth Voss, Janice Houghtaling; uncles and aunts, Roderick Voss (Mark Floding), Jodi Voss (Anna Griesbach), Donald Houghtaling, Charlene Schlepp, Carolyn Busta (Daniel); his Schmoobools, Elliott; cousins, other relatives, many, many friends; and A Battery First Battalion 147th Field Artillery, Aberdeen, SD, "Pride of the Dakotas." In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Funeral service 11 AM Thursday, August 23, at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids. Visitation 1 hour prior to the Thursday service and 5-8 PM Wednesday, August 22 at Washburn- McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Gathering and prayer service 10 AM Saturday, August 25 at Bethania Lutheran Church in Rosholt, SD, followed by burial at 11 AM with full military honors at Bethania Cemetery. "Forever a Soldier" www.Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

Tribute Wall

MT

“ We have appreciated both Adam and Melissa's volunteer service to The Aliveness Project. His cheerful smile is surely missed. Sincere condolences from all of us at The Aliveness Project.

~

Monica Travis,

Minneapolis

Monica Travis - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“Curt and Heidi and Family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful son. God Bless and Keep you always,

~

David, Kathleen, Justin, and Jared Dell,

Columbia, South Dakota

David, Kathleen, Justin, and Jared Dell - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Curt, Heidi and girls, We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Know that your family is in the prayers and thoughts of our family. We pray for your hearts to heal a little more every day. Jeff, Helen, Katie & Billy Torrence

~

Helen Torrence,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Helen Torrence - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Curt, Heidi, & Family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Adam. He was a great man and I really appreciated his desire to help out at GSLC. He has touched many lives and his memory will live on forever. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

~

Matt Scott,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Matt Scott - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Adam at this time. All of us at Lavender Media miss his laugh, his smile, and his determination to bring out the best in people. Now Adam is at his post standing guard and protecting us all. Let there be no doubt: the world is a better place because of Adam Houghtaling. Stephen Rocheford and the Lavender Staff

~

Stephen Rocheford,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Stephen Rocheford - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Our thoughts are with the entire Houghtaling family. We take very seriously the sacrifice Adam made for his country and, in so doing, for us. That sacrifice left a weight on his soul just as his passing will leave a weight on everyone who knew him.

~

Cat and Mike Egge,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cat and Mike Egge - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Adam is gone from your sight, but never from your memories or your heart. I would like to share a memorie with you. While in grade school when Adam and our daughter Laura (Leenderts), were 'going out', Adam would take jewelry from his sisters jewelry box and give to Laura.... With Sympathy and Warm Remembrance. Darrell and Melanie Leenderts

~

Darrell and Melanie Leenderts,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Darrell and Melanie Leenderts - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss of Adam; praying for peace and comfort for all his loved ones.*

~

Donna Lewis,

Cranberry Twp., Pennsylvania

Donna Lewis - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *To the Houghtaling Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the sadness. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

~

Jennifer Barnes,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Jennifer Barnes - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Heidi, Curt & all.....I'm speechless because I understand no words can possibly express your sorrow at this time. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you now and will continue as time goes on. Sue & Dale Wein

~

Sue & Dale Wein,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Contact Me

Sue & Dale Wein - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jessica & Family Please know that your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers and draw comfort from a host of friends who share your grief and sorrow. Focus on the many good times and memories to help you get stronger with each passing day. God Bless all of you. Jim & Bev Sorensen

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Heidi, Curt and family, We are so sorry for your loss and may God embrace you with comforting angels and surround you with His loving presence. Love, Sherry and Wes Gienger

~

Sherry and Wes Gienger,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Sherry and Wes Gienger - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I only had a chance to meet Adam on a few occasions, but what will stick with me is that he was kind, and caring, and loved greatly. I am sorry for your extreme loss.

~

Emily Sevenz,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Emily Sevenz - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Adam, u will Be missed greatly! You were such a sweet heart and you were loved by many! I hope u are at peace and in a better place. My prayers go out to your family!

~

Rebecca Nelson,

aberdeen, South Dakota

Contact Me

Rebecca Nelson - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ To the Houghtaling family..Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this tragedy. I hope you all can find peace and comfort in this time of need..I am so sorry for you lose. God Bless you all!

~

Nichole Schrenk,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Contact Me

Nichole Schrenk - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Heidi and Curt, Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God hold you in His arms and bless you with peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.*

~

Tami Meidinger,

Ashley, North Dakota

Tami Meidinger - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“Curt and Heidi, It's hard to find the right words to say at a time like this. It was an honor to serve our country overseas with you and Adam. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. May God help bring your family strength and peace during this difficult time. God bless.

~

Tom Siebert,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Tom Siebert - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Houghtaling Family, We are so very sorry that your family has lost Adam at such a young age. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed! We have had so many kids come through our business SkateAway, but Adam will ALWAYS have a place in our hearts and our memories!! He always had a smile on his face and fun and laughter in his soul, we will never forget him! Our hearts break for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

~

Rob & DeeAnn Brandner,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Rob & DeeAnn Brandner - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Heaven just got another Angel! I am a better person for knowing Adam. I envied his compassion for others and his contagious smile; a true reflection of the friends and family that he surrounded himself with. He will be missed deeply.*

~

Beth Reeves,

Eagan, Minnesota

Contact Me

Beth Reeves - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To the family of Adam- Adam was a friend of my brother back in Aberdeen, they played baseball together. He was always a joy to have around. He will be miss by so many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Stacy Wolf,

Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Stacy Wolf - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Heidi, Curt and Family, My love and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

~

Kathryn Costas,

New Harmony,, Indiana

Kathryn Costas - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Houghtaling Family: My prayers are with you through this difficult time. I cannot imagine losing a child, hold onto all your memories & stay strong for one another. Know he loved you all. Kerma & Don Reshetar

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Missy and the Houghtaling family: I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

~

Angie (Floyd) Johnson,

Fargo, North Dakota

Contact Me

Angie (Floyd) Johnson - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *May God hold all of you in the palm of His hand just as He now holds Adam. Remember all the great and happy times. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

~

Mary Beth Piatt,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mary Beth Piatt - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *MY thoughts and prayers are with the family of Adam!! He was a very special guy and person!!*

~

Pam Mettler,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Pam Mettler - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Kurt and Heidi Your son was a gift from God. Now he will live with our God and be his soldier.

~

Deb and Duane Clemens,

Aberdeen

Deb and Duane Clemens - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Houghtaling & Voss family, My heart hurts knowing that Adam left us too soon. Hold onto the beautiful memories you have shared with your son, brother, nephew & grandson. Adam has touched so many lives during his time on earth. I have not a doubt that he is now in peace with our Heavenly Father and will forever be your guardian angel. You have so many friends and family to love you and support you during this grieving time. We love you!*

~

Catherine & Ted Marks,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Catherine & Ted Marks - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Houghtaling Family, My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family.*

~

Paula Beckler,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Paula Beckler - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Thoughts and prayers he will be missed by many I will forever cherish the memories I have with Adam

~

Matt Johnson,

aberdeen, South Dakota

Contact Me

Matt Johnson - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart goes out to all the Houghtaling family and Kelsey Anderson. Your all in my thoughts and prayers and I'm so sorry for your loss. No words can be spoken to heal the pain. May peace find you all.- Shannon, Evan and Cayden*

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“ *Melissa, Jessi, Heidi, Curt, Tutti, and Rodney: When I found out about Adam, my heart broke. His death doesn't feel possible. All of the love that people have for Adam on Earth seems like enough to move mountains or part waters- surely it would be enough to keep him with us. It's so difficult to comprehend. I pray that you find comfort and support in each other, and solace in all of your happy memories of Adam. I pray that you feel embraced by all of the love, light, and goodness that people send your way. Adam was so very special- an amazing human. I am blessed to have known him.*

~

Anna Cunningham,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Anna Cunningham - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *My sincerest condolences to Heidi and her family on the loss of this wonderful son and sibling. Both my daughters went to school with Adam, and he was a really smart guy with a lot going for him. We will remember him always!*

~

Karen Maier,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Karen Maier - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ you will be greatly missed

~

Brandon Reshetar

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We pray that God enfolds you all during your journey through grief.
May your memories give you strength. Our sincere sympathy

~

Denise and Jeff Bullinger,

Moorhead, Minnesota

Denise and Jeff Bullinger - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.* ”

~

Crystal Wolter,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Contact Me

Crystal Wolter - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“Curt, Heidi and family, I so enjoyed my lunch and texts with Adam! I am so very sorry for your loss! I hope that your fond memories help to ease the pain. Terry Houghtaling

~

Terry Houghtaling,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Terry Houghtaling - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Houghtaling Family ~The hardest changes of all are those that include good-byes. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. ~ Scott & Peggy*

~

Scott & Peggy Lunzman,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

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KB

“ Love and prayers for healing to all of you.

~

Kay Braun,

Rosholt, South Dakota

Kay Braun - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *my heart goes out to everyone who was close to adam...:(may he rest in piece*

~

brittany baldwin,

aberdeen, South Dakota

brittany baldwin - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Your pain is my pain, I will miss Adam always.*

~

Scott Artola,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scott Artola - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So sorry to here about your loss Ardy and Rodney. I am sending up
BIG prayers for you and the whole family. Love LuAnne Christensen

~

LuAnne Cristensen,

St. Michael, Minnesota

LuAnne Cristensen - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Forever a Soldier, Forever a Brother, Forever a Friend...*

~

Tony Lunzman

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ ?Peace, Prayers and Blessings, for your family.

~

Lloyce Wilson,

San Francisco, California

Lloyce Wilson - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am sorry for your loss, my heart aches for all of the Houghtaling family. Adam always had a great smile on his face whenever I saw him. He will be missed by many.

~

Jean Schwartz,

Minneapolis

Jean Schwartz - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“Curt, Heidi and Family, Adams memory will forever live strong within me. He was a great Soldier and friend, and although it had been a few years since we visited, I know that we would have picked up right where we left off. All of my memories of Adam are happy ones. My deepest sympathies to you and yours during this tragic time.
Logan

~

Logan Eggiman,

Fargo, North Dakota

Contact Me

Logan Eggiman - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Death puts a crazy turn in your life, and grief changes over time. I'm not sure it ever stops changing. I would never say to you that it gets easier - but it does turn into something bearable. I pray for God to give you strength and energy, and for all the good memories to fill your dreams:)*

~

Jessi (Mather) Stucke,

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Jessi (Mather) Stucke - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you Missy and your family

~

Stephanie Logan,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Stephanie Logan - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ To the Houghtalings and the many, many people whose lives Adam touched, I am so greatly sorry. He was such an amazing human being. My prayers are with you guys. Although no words can bring solace, I am praying that you'll find some comfort and peace in the coming days. See you on the other side, Houghty.

~

Timi Kiewel,

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Contact Me

Timi Kiewel - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss!! Adam was a great guy, he always put a smile on my face! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

~

Becky McColley,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Becky McColley - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts go out to all of you. Our deepest sympathies. Brian and Donna Tanner*

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DP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Jessica. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

~

Dawn Patterson,

Charlotte, North Carolina

Dawn Patterson - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Adam, little brother, dorkboy. I can't believe you are gone. You were my heart and my joy. You made me laugh until it hurt and were always there for me. 28 years ago today you came into our lives and not one day went by where you didn't make me the happiest big sister on earth. I love you so very much. Happy birthday and may God hold you in his arms as you find the peace and rest you could not find here on earth.

~

Melissa Houghtaling,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa Houghtaling - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

~

Kelly Bacon,

Roseville, Minnesota

Kelly Bacon - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM