



## Nicholas Duelo

February 12, 2003

Duelo Nicholas P. Duelo SERVICE TODAY age 22, of Golden Valley, tragically due to a car accident on 2/7/03. Nick was a senior at Luther College, Decorah, IA. In his 22 years of life, he had a tremendous impact on the lives and faith of countless young people. His love of family, people, life, travel, music and of his Lord was evident in his life. Beloved son of Judy and Pete; brother of Paul; grandson of Norman and Eileen Olson and Elena Duelo. Also survived by loving aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and many friends. Memorial service Wednesday (TODAY), 1:30 pm Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, 7520 Golden Valley Rd. Private interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley. Nick, we love you with an endless love! Thank you for all you brought to our lives! Rest now in the arms of Jesus, honey. Washburn-McReavy 763-537-2333

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Nick, I came across some photos of you the other day from a Calvary Youth trip, with you dressed in some crazy hot-pink-and-sequined outfit and I laughed out loud. Can't even imagine what you'd be doing and who you would be if you were still here. Thinking of you always.

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*Devon Whitehead,*

*Akron, Ohio*

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**Devon Whitehead** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Nick. We are planning our 10-year reunion, and I'm helping find some information from our class members. I have two pages of names. Halfway through "C" through halfway through "E." You're on my pages. I would so much rather be calling your mom to get your current email address than writing this here. We are deeply going to miss seeing you this summer. But I know we'll see you again someday. I still think about you all the time!

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*Erin Bennett,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Erin Bennett** - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ Ah Nick.....it still hurts.Five years of missing you...your smile, your laugh, your hugs, your joyful spirit, your music, your presence in our family. It's the separation that's painful, and we acknowledge that. Time does its work and the pain is less intense, but on days like today the calendar reminds us of the reality of your death. There will always be sorrow that you're not here with us in the physical sense. Healing the pain is something only God can do, and we've seen the moments when he's been at work. Moments of grace that tell us that you're with us even now, but just in a different way. As Grandma Olson recently wrote to us: "Nick's death did not sever your relationship but enhanced it in a mystical way. We are blessed above all others with the sure knowledge that our empty arms will someday be full again." Our missing you confirms that we were created for something more, for a heavenly reunion with you and with the Lord. These words from a fellow bereaved parent say it better than we can: "And so I live with the loss. I do not deny it. It is there, sometimes felt and sometimes unfelt, sometimes raging and sometimes still. I am alive not in spite of this loss but with this loss. I can laugh, sing, dance with a hole in my heart. I can even praise. This is the grace of healing. It does not diminish my son in any way. On the contrary, he is honored when the rest of us go after God and the life we have been given with every bit as much joy and abandon as he did, knowing that nothing can separate the love we share, not even death. It is only upward from here, my sunshine boy, until I see your smiling face."From the apostle Peter: "After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you." I Peter 5:10And so, Nick, today is a day we set aside to remember you. We do that every day...all 1,825 days since we last saw you alive. Because, you see, as we live with our memories of you, life pulls us forward. And that tells us that God is on the side of life, that life wins over death, that every day is a gift from him. We love you forever, and all is well.With full hearts,your family

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*Judy Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Judy Duelo** - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Still missing you- still thinking of you always. Still finding you in little ways through out life. Thank you for always being there for me.*

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*Kelly Janson,*

*Des Moines, Iowa*

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**Kelly Janson** - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I can't believe that we are coming up on our fourth year without you...wow...I trust you are doing well, and that the fullness of life you are experiencing in heaven is amazing. Thought you'd be interested that I moved out to California, and am now going to Fuller Seminary. Crazy thing happened, I am starting an internship at a church, and my new coworker/fellow intern, is named Nick. So we are both the new guys, and its really strange walking around with him and being introduced as Jeff and Nick all the time, because it reminds me so much of high school. You and me man, like peas and carrots...we was always together!! Another guy who I now work with is a Cuban, and so I had coffee with the two of them this morning, and it really was surreal. Here I was with Nick, and a Cuban guy. So strangly enough, it made me think of you. Well, I look forward to reconnecting with you, and think about you often, in particular every time I see a Taco Bell. You are missed greatly, and loved dearly.

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*Jeff Bonhiver,*

*Pasadena, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Jeff Bonhiver** - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Nick, Yet another birthday without you here. How we MISS you!!! We wonder where you'd be living and what you'd be doing if you were still here on earth with us. Special dates like this one force us to face our memories, and it still hurts to go through October 25th without you. So we choose to try to remember the good and dwell on that. How thankful we are that you were born to us 26 years ago! What our hearts once knew, we'll NEVER forget. So we celebrate you and your birth today; a day of remembrance and gratitude for what you brought to our lives. Always thankfulness for you!! Always and forever in our hearts, Mom and Dad

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*Judy & Pete Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Judy & Pete Duelo** - October 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Nick--

*I find myself thinking about you and wishing you were here on earth with all of us but I know you are in a wonderful place watching over us. I just wanted to let you know that I still am reminded of you when I pass by your parents, drive by Noble Elementary and even when I meet someone who reminds me of you. I want you to know that you have been in my prayers for the past three years and will always continue to be in them. Peace to you and your family.*

*God bless.*

*~Andreea*

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*Andreea Simian,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andreea Simian** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest son,

*I can't seem to let Christmas Day go by without writing how much we all miss your presence here with us. Everything about our Christmas celebration brings memories of you. In this tender season, I am thankful for the gift of remembering past Christmases shared with you, and I'm thankful that you are with us in spirit and memory. Forever in my heart.*

*Love, your mother*

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*Judy Duelo,*

*Golden valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Judy Duelo** - December 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Not sure what heavens like, my friend, but I like to think you've met my dad by now and that you've been showing him some new dance moves... if not, do me a favor, look around for the big beautiful man with twinkling eyes and broad smile and clue him in (he was blessed to be mostly norske and so lacks that cubano rhythm). I love you and am honored to have you and memories.*

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*Karyn Johnson,*

*Chaska, Minnesota*

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**Karyn Johnson** - December 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Hi Nick,  
Just wanted to drop you a line and tell you that a number of "serendipity" events have occurred to mom and I in the last few months:  
Meeting a young woman in Ocean Springs, MS who had heard of you; hearing a song called "Held" at your favorite fast food restaurant, Taco Bell; seeing someone in the Norsemen choir at Luther that was "your twin" (they were in the balcony at Christmas at Luther and he was third from the left back row); playing 5 Christmas cd's, hitting "shuffle" and the first song to play was "All is Well". We've had more, but I can't remember them all. Coincidence? I don't think so. Why? The timing. Always the timing. But you know what Nick, I think you know all this already. In fact I think you "knew" about them before hand. Miss you immensely Nick, especially during your favorite season, Christmas! Oh, but what a reunion it's going to be!!!! I Love You, Dad

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Pete Duelo,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

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Pete Duelo - December 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dearest Nicholas,

*Today you would be 25 years old, on the 25th of October, your "golden" birthday. You are still so missed, and on special days like this your absence is magnified tenfold. We've kept a candle burning today to represent your presence with us. We brought a rose to the cemetery and then went to your restaurant of choice for your birthday celebrations, Famous Dave's. And we're about to have cheesecake, your favorite, in your honor. We will always celebrate the day you were born into our lives, a gift beyond measure. You are forever part of us, wherever we are.*

*Always, in all ways, missing and loving you,*

*Mom and Dad*

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*Pete and Judy Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Pete and Judy Duelo** - October 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Hi Nick,

*I think about you ALL the time! A day doesn't go by that doesn't make me think of you. Its funny I didn't see you often being that you were in MN or Iowa and I in CA but I knew about your life thru Pete and Judy.*

*I know that you are in a better place but I miss your prescence(sp?) terribly! I just wanted you to know. You have definately left a mark with everyone you met. I'm in awe of all the letters that your friends have written.*

*I've wanted to write for the last 2 years but never had the words that your friends have had but I finally decided to write anyway.*

*I love you, see you in Heaven some day, Aunt Elenita*

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*Aunt Elenita Duelo,*

*Antioch, California*

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**Aunt Elenita Duelo** - March 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

“ I have a random story about how I came upon this guestbook, Duelo. My coworker Jeff (who frequently gets bored at work) thought it would be funny to type all of our names into "Google" to see what would come up. Among the many random links that came with my name, there was a link to the edition of CHIPS that was a memorial to you shortly after you passed away. And that page led me here.....I haven't visited this guestbook in awhile, but reading all of the entries today have brought back so many memories of you.

Emily Martz and I visited your grave for the first time back in October--over Luther Homecoming weekend, actually. We brought you bright yellow flowers because they reminded us of those awesome yellow pants you always wore....how I miss seeing those on a daily basis! We sang to you too--did you hear us? "Go" and "Light the Fire" are 2 songs that always make us think of you and MOB, so we thought those were appropriate. While we were there, a huge family drove up and put flowers by the grave of a small child....a loved one of theirs that had passed away recently. They were sobbing so loudly and my heart ached for them and the loss they were feeling at that moment. Tears started to well in my eyes, but all of a sudden, I felt a huge wave of calm come over me. I realized that you are the lucky one, Nick, because you're in such a better place now. You get to be with our Lord everyday--how wonderful is that? I know you're with me always, even if you're not physically here, and because of that, I was able to walk away from your grave with a smile in my heart that day.

I have a picture of you that sits on top of my TV--it's of you in the ball pit at Chuck E Cheese in LaCrosse--one of my favorites (you were always a little kid at heart!). Everytime I see it, I think of the Duelo nod, your yellow couch, Michael Jackson (by the way, the ringtone on my cell phone is "Beat It", just for you), Olson Hall, APO, faith, hugs, conversation, love, and friendship. You were such a blessing in my life, if even for a short while, and I'm so fortunate that I was able to experience life with a friend like you. I miss you and love you and can't wait until I will see you once again....after all,

*someone needs to teach me how to moonwalk and no one here seems to know what they're doing :o)*

*With Love,  
Kaia*

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*Kaia Nordal,*

*Mitchell, South Dakota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kaia Nordal** - December 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I just found out about this message board thing about a week ago, apparently I didn't get that memo!! Anyway, Nick, I've been thinking about you a lot dude, I miss you and love you so much. Thank you for your witness and uniquely evident trust in God, it has helped me along my journey in many ways.

You would be happy to know that I decided to move back to the cities, so I don't live in Fargo anymore, I know, well why did I move up there in the first place, don't worry about that, the important part is I'm back...

Nick, I want you to know that in a very strange way, you have helped me to formulate an idea of what my vocation is for life. In the days after the accident when the pain and hurt began to die down a bit, the main thing I wanted to do was to help plan your funeral service. I wanted it to be great, so that all could understand your great faith and passion for God, and love of music.

So now I am so excited about the work of the church. Planning and preparing for worship drives me and makes me excited about life and God. Oh yeah, and I work at Calvary now...

So Nick, thank you for everything, you are a great friend, who always was there to listen, to care, and to trust...

Your influence of music has also affected me so much, and I want to share a song I wrote about you on here, I'll have to play it with guitar for you sometime but for now you can just see the words...

"Out There"

Wait by the phone, for a call from your own, best friend  
Are you awake, can you hear he is gone from here, he's moved on

Is there anybody out there?

Is there anyone who cares?

Does the One who made him know?

Are the rest of us aware?

Sit and take it in, do you believe this is the end for him?

Listen to me child, you know I am always there for you

*But does that give us all the answers?  
I have questions unresolved...  
What options are there left before me?  
When can I bring him back to life?*

*There seems to be no one in this world who is free from death  
But I know of One who gives us life...*

*Is there anybody out there?  
I found someone who truly cares  
I know the One who made him knows  
But are the rest of us aware?*

*I love you Nick...*

*in Christ,  
jeff*

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*Jeff Bonhiver,*

*Richfield, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jeff Bonhiver** - December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Nick,

*Impossible as it seems, today we observe a second birthday since you left us for heaven. We miss you even more...if that's possible. Your death is still at the center of all our awareness. The memories of you can burn, because your absence is still so painful. Yet they also bless, and today we choose to focus on all the joy you brought to our lives.*

*We gave a gift to the Nick Duelo Camper Scholarship Endowment Fund today in honor of your birthday, the day we welcomed you to this world and to our family. We want to tell you about one of the scholarship recipients this year. She's a sixth grade girl who lives with her great-aunt and great-grandmother. The family is on welfare. She has a Kinship mentor who brought her to the Vine worship services at Calvary last year, introducing her to God for the first time. She was baptized last February, and heard about Bible Camp. She was so excited about going to camp, because she wanted to learn more about her new-found faith and she wanted to meet some kids her age from church so she'd know somebody when she started confirmation there this fall. We were so happy to be able to send her to Wapo. Your spirit there continues, Nick, and we're excited to have this "living" memorial in your name that contributes to kids and their faith growth.*

*We also will be going to the accident site this weekend. We were just granted a two-mile stretch of the interstate for the Adopt-a-Highway program. We'll be picking up trash on the roadside there. The highway sign will read "Friends and Family of Nick Duelo." We hope this will do three things: 1. Mark the spot where you left this earth for heaven and where you met God; 2. Remind anyone driving by who might see the sign and read it, realizing that someone died there, that driving is a responsibility that needs to be taken very seriously; 3. Perform a civic service in your memory.*

*We continue to miss you every hour, yet we give thanks that you*

*were born into our lives. How we wish you were here in your physical self to celebrate with us. But that isn't our reality, and we know that we have to accept you being here with us in spirit only. So we celebrate you today on your 24th birthday, remembering Jesus' promise in John 10:28 - "I give them eternal life. They shall never perish. No one can snatch them from my hand." And we ask God to watch over you and to let you know how much we miss you and love you. Happy Birthday, Nick!*

*All our love,  
Mom and Dad*

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*Judy and Pete Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Judy and Pete Duelo** - October 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *Miss ya, buddy. Can't wait to see ya again.*

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*Pete Eliason,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Pete Eliason** - August 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Hey Nick-

*I've been meaning to write you!*

*I wanted to share my exciting news with you. I have been inspired by you to be a leader on my church's middle school mission trip and I leave this Sunday with about 30 youth from my church and meeting up with numerous churches from various places in the country. Isn't it exciting?!?!*

*I am so pumped and I wanted to tell you that it's because of your constant sharing of Christ's love that I wanted to go on this trip and share my experience and learn about Christ with others too. You spread the good news in everything you did; in your words, in the way you interacted with people and in your actions. I know this is something you would have encouraged me to do and it is another way that you still continually lead me to Christ's love. I only hope I can have half the effect you have had on so many people. Thank you for your inspiration to share the good news with others. Please watch over me and give me guidance while working with others and also while I learn more about Christ myself. This trip is for you!!*

*Always in my thoughts and prayers!*

*All my love and many blessings,*

*Kellylas*

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*Kelly Flynn,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Kelly Flynn** - June 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Nick-

*Remember Boys Choir? I think we shared our first year together there. Good times were had by all. Our moms fixed all the vests one year. Remember we had to carry all those things in? I saw you about 4 years ago at a Caribou shop in Brooklyn Park. You were with my cousin Amanda, watching her brother Ben play guitar. I guess you guys had a mutual friend from your church. I recognised you, but didn't figure out it was you 'till you were gone. Wish I woulda' said something. You would have been a great guy to chill with. I was really taken back when I just in the last week opened my Boys Choir newsletter and saw your name on the Memorial Scholarship list. I'm sorry I didn't know you beyond our youth. It sounds like you were an outstanding young man. Is there a Caribou in Heaven? If there is, keep a large mocha waiting for me. I wanna do some catching up when I get there.*

*Love and Peace Nick,*

*-Joe Ohlgren*

*Mr. & Mrs. Duelo & Paul & all of Nick's friends, you are in my prayers.*

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*Joe Ohlgren,*

*Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Joe Ohlgren** - May 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Nicholas-*

*There isn't a single day that passes that I don't think of you, Nick. I miss you more than words can describe. You still influence my life in so many ways. You still lead me to Christ, even in death, you are the one who always leads me to Him. Thank you for your constant love and support and for all the ways you continue to witness to me. I love you!*

*- Kellylas*

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*Kelly,*

*Decorah*

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**Kelly** - April 01, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest son,

*Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas. We came across this beautiful Christmas legend recently:*

*There is an old Christmas tradition that God sends each person into the world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others, with a special act of love to bestow. No one else can speak that message, or sing that song, or bestow that act of love. They are entrusted only to each person. According to the tradition, the message may be spoken, the song sung, the act of love delivered only to a few, or to all the folk in a small town, or to all the people in a large city, or even to all the people in the whole world. It depends on God's unique plan for each person. (Author unknown)*

*At this holy time of Christmas, when we are recalling the fact that God so loved the world that He sent His only son into the world for us, we say this to you, dear Nick:*

*Your message has been heard in our hearts, your song has warmed our world, and your love has brightened our lives. Thank you for your message, your song, your love. You will always be on our grateful hearts and prayers, and you will NEVER be forgotten.*

*Always,  
Mom and Dad*

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*Judy and Pete Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Judy and Pete Duelo** - January 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ MOM & DAD

*My First Christmas In Heaven*

*I see the countless christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights,like Heaven's stars,reflecting in the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear, For I am spending christmas with jesus christ this year .*

*I hear many christmas songs that people hold so dear,but the sounds of music can't compare with the christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing .*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me loved ones,you know I hold you dear, be glad I am spending christmas with jesus christ this year.*

*I sent you each a gift from my heavenly home above, I sent you each a memory of my undying love.*

*After all love is a gift more precious than gold.*

*It was always most important in the stories jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, as my father said do, for I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear for I am spending christmas with jesus christ this year.....*

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*anonymous,*

*Minnesota*

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**anonymous** - December 26, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dearest Nick-

*Signing this alittle late I know but I wanted to let you know and your family know how much of a joy you were in the youth group. I will always rememeber looking up to you and the others when you were tim teamers and always involved. I will remember the wapo moments and the west virgina fun we all had with you ,there with us. Your love for life and your faith was an ispiration. Two weeks ago I lost my bestfriend in a caraccident and its been hard. I have been listening to the born cd and my favorite song My child. You are so talented. You are dearly missed and thought about on a day to day basis. Though I never knew you as well as others your presence was awesome and always made me and others feel happy. Take care of my friend Jess up there in heaven and will see you again someday.*

*Always Nicole*

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*Nicole Smith,*

*Robbinsdale, Minnesota*

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**Nicole Smith** - December 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Nick,

*Today we remember the day of your birth, October 25, 1980. What JOY that day!! We waited so long to have another baby, to give Paul a brother or sister. And you continued to bring us joy as you grew. It's your smile, your joyful spirit, your "aliveness", that I miss the most. I've realized that if God hadn't answered that fervent 9-year prayer of mine...and you hadn't been born... I wouldn't have you in eternity with me some day! So even though you don't get to be 23 here on earth, and the tears still flow almost daily, today I remember the joy that your birth brought me and of the joy that will be mine when we meet again in heaven. Still, your absence here is powerful and heart-wrenching. I've learned that grief is the price we pay for loving. I wouldn't trade the 22 years that we had you for any of the pain and loss that I feel now. Losing you is still at the center of my awareness, and yet I rest in my trust that you're with God. So have a happy first birthday in heaven! I love you.*

*Born: October 25, 1980*

*Reborn into heaven: February 7, 2003*

*All my love,  
Mom*

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*Judy Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Judy Duelo** - October 25, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My Dear Nick,

*Today is your 23rd birthday. 23 years ago tonight, I held you in the delivery room immediately after you were born and thanked God for you! Little did I know you would be such a blessing in my life. Your exuberance for life; your "I'll try it" attitude; your smile; your "HEY!"; your love of God; your love of family; your love of people; the blessings are innumerable. Then, in what seemed like an instant...you were vaporized! Gone! Your blessings ceased. Now, only in my memories. It's been about 9 months since that night...so many questions, no answers; so much pain, so little relief; so much sadness, so little joy. But, Nick, you, of all people, would say...Hey!..."Be strong and trust". That was your advice when I didn't understand God or His ways. Your life and "blessings" spoke to me everyday about your faith and your trust in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In your honor, I will maintain that trust, the hope (Hang Onto Promises Eternal) and the witness of your faith you demonstrated to so many. I love you Nick, and can't wait to meet Jesus and see you and be able to say..."Hey...I stood strong and trusted". Thank you son for 22+ years of memories and love. Happy Birthday from Earth to Heaven.*

*Tu Papa, Pedro*

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*Pete Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Pete Duelo** - October 25, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I was never really good friends with Nick, but I have known him since Noble Elem. When I heard about what happened I was completely shocked, and saddened. He truly was a great person.

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*Jessie Richardson,*

*Monticello, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jessie Richardson** - April 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Nicholas,

*It's been 5 weeks now since you walked out our front door and left us here on earth. My heart is so broken; my chest so tight; the tears still fall. How thankful I am for the one hour we had with you that night. How thankful I am that I'm the one that cooked your last meal, and that Dad prayed before we ate and you shared that meal with us and Matt. But, Nick, you weren't supposed to get to heaven before me. You had your whole life ahead of you....so much promise, so much energy, so many dreams, so many hopes, so much to give, so much to receive, so much eagerness, so many songs left unsung. I'm so glad that we have a faith that allows us the liberty of crying out to God....why? oh, why? I need to hear that life's tragedies aren't a reason to bail out, but a reason to sit tight, as Max Lucado writes. He quotes Corrie ten Boom who used to say, "When the train goes through a tunnel and the world gets dark, do you jump out? Of course not. You sit still and trust the engineer to get you through." The world is very dark right now, Nick, and I'm sitting still and working through this grief while trusting that God will see me through to the light at the end of this grief journey. You are so missed; the pain takes my breath away sometimes. Yet I believe that when we close our eyes in death, we open them to see God. How I wish you could tell me what you know now! God gives me peace and strength just when I need it, and the reassurance that we'll be reunited one day. I cling to that promise that I'll hold my little boy in my arms again, and we'll be together forever. I love you, honey.*

*All my love,  
Mom*

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*Judy Duelo,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Judy Duelo** - March 15, 2003 at 12:00 AM

“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily slows our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set out before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus on whom our faith depends from start to finish.” Hebrew 12:1-2

No one could be a better example of how to run the race here on earth than Nick Duelo. With Christ as the center of his life, God always worked through Nick to reach out to people in his music, humor, and willingness to listen. "Joy" is the best word that can describe our memories with Nick. He never ceased to amaze us with his creative lyrics, high pitch scream, stellar dance moves, stylish clothing, love for "Michael Jackson," and passion for life. We have also gotten the priviledge to know a deeper side of Nick. His depth of thoughtfulness, always refelcted his faith and desire to serve people and God.

We will always remember the countless Sunday nights at the Borowicks having bible study, the creative talent shows on our mission trips, clown worship, our summer at wapo, the fun visit to Luther, and the precious moments we were able to share just hanging out and talking about life.

Words can't describe how much we loved Nick but we are comforted in knowing that he is up in Heaven dancing with Jesus.

Thank you Nick for making such an impact in our lives and teaching us how to run this race with our eyes fixed on Jesus. We think of you everyday and know you are laughing with us and at us. YOu better be the first person after Jesus to greet us! We can't wait! "Smile, God loves you!"

We love you...Hope they have "Big Cheez-its" and "Mountain Dew" up there!

*Judy, Pete, and Paul, we love you so much, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily.*

*Thank you for blessing our lives,  
Kera Wayne and Michelle Kvam*

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*Kera and Michelle Wayne and Kvam,*

*Moorhead, Minnesota*

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**Kera and Michelle Wayne and Kvam - March 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM**

KD

“ Nick,

*I remember that moment in slow motion, when I found out you died. Disbelief. Shock. Fear. I took you for granted. I didn't realize how lucky I was to have known you until you were gone. There are a lot of people here hurting, Nick. You left us much too soon. But I know you had no regrets. You lived the way we all strive to. You actually experienced a perfect life, and in just 22 years. God has much bigger plans for you, I just wish he had them for you here on earth. Your funeral was beautiful, the best I have been to. And for a moment, I did not feel the negativeness of the word 'death'. Instead, I felt the positiveness of the word 'life'. Now that you're gone, I have a slightly different picture of you. Sometimes it takes pain in our lives to open our eyes to what was right in front of us the entire time. You are so much more than human. I see God. When I think of you, I see God, and it's beautiful. It's amazing how you lived your life. I hope I can be half of what you were. I hope I can feel for life half of what you felt. I hope I can make half as much of an impact on others as what you made. I still stand in awe of you, Nick. You are still loved. You are still a part of our lives. You are so missed. I'm sorry I did not get to know you better, as a person. But I know your spirit. Thank god I was able to be a witness to your amazing spirit. Life can be cruel- your death is evidence of that. But your death also shows us how amazing life can be as well. Look at what you were able to get out of it. I am excited for you to be witness of my faith as I was of yours. I am excited for you to realize you are the reason I want to be a better human being. I hope you are smiling, looking down at us, as we are crying, laughing, gleaming, thinking of you.*

~

*Kari Dubke,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kari Dubke** - March 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I just learned of the tragedy of Nick's death when visiting my sister and brother, Maureen and Terry, in Portland. I am another niece of Eileen and Dunn's. Distance has kept us from knowing you Nicholas, or even your parents, but we are still family and feel deeply for the loss of you to this world. From all accounts, you have been an exceptional young man and you will be missed, both by those you touched personally and by all of us who feel the world is a better place when good will and good work is exercised by people like you. Bless you, and your family, near and far.

~

Linda Prokopy,

Conway, Massachusetts

*Contact Me*

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**Linda Prokopy** - March 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Duelo,*

*My friend, my brother. I miss you. Too many words, too many stories, not enough laughs, not enough smiles, not enough time. Nick, I am so incredibly thankful for the time that God placed you into my life. Three incredible years. In those years we went from being strangers to the closest of friends. What I find most difficult Nick is all the stories and experiences that we shared will only live on in my heart and soul. Although I will do my best to share these, it will not be the complete picture because we aren't there to compliment one another as we had come to do so well in the time we had together. Our stories, our experiences, our lives, something for me to treasure, yet something I can no longer share in a physical sense with you. I continue to try to dance and smile because I know that's how you would want it to be. You touched me in so many ways Nicholas Peter Duelo. You are the kind of friend that people hope and pray for to come into their life. You came into my life, touched me, and left me much too soon. I will continue to travel with you by my side. I will continue to share good music with you. I will continue to laugh, smile and live life to the fullest because there is no other way to do it. You knew that. We knew what that meant. We shared that. There are no final goodbye's Nick, only see you later's, what a day and party we will have when "later" finally comes. I hold onto to that hope and promise. I love you Duelo, always my friend, always.*

~

*Dan Burris,*

*Monument, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Dan Burris** - March 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Nick,

*There are no words to explain the pain I feel in my heart just thinking that I will never see you again. You brought joy to our family in a way that we never fully understood until your passing. I will always remember you smiling and singing along with your wee sing tapes when you were 4 yrs old. How you loved to sing!!! I know you are singing in God's choir. I Love you Nick and will always treasure the brief time we had together. You were a gift from God to all of us who loved you.*

*Aunt Barb*

~

*Barbara Ciminera,*

*Thousand Oaks, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Barbara Ciminera** - March 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Nick,

*I will always remember things like the time you colored all over my barbies faces with permanent marker and the fun we had at camp WAPO. I wish that more memories could have been made like going to eachothers weddings and watching our children play together at family reunions. I wish we would have had more time to spend together. You will forever remain in my thoughts, my prayers, and my heart.*

*Love,  
Jenn*

~

*Jennifer Kesler,*

*Arcata, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Jennifer Kesler** - March 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Nick,

*I know what a joy you were to your family, especially your grandparents, Norman and Eileen Olson. They have shared their love and pride in you over the years. You have left a wonderful legacy, one that your parents, brother, and all your relatives are so proud to have been a part of. I only wish that I as your third cousin, living on the west coast, had been able to have known you as they had.*

*Our love and continued prayers are with your family. May the peace and love of God be with us all.*

*Maureen McDonnell*

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*Maureen McDonnell,*

*Dundee, Oregon*

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**Maureen McDonnell** - March 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Sammie and I extend our love and support for cousin Eileen and the family of Nicholas Duelo at this trying time. May God bear you up with his strength and continued love.*

~

*Don Gaines,*

*Brush Prairie, Washington*

*Contact Me*

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**Don Gaines** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ We miss you, Nick. We were so looking forward to your graduation from Luther. Instead you graduated into the Lord's presence. We know your joy is fulfilled in Christ - and that is wonderful. In the meantime we remember the joy you brought into OUR lives and thank God for the gift you were. You greeted life with your arms wide open and your gift of joy really touched others, particularly young people. Your mom and dad were instrumental in making so many experiences possible for you but, most importantly, they lived a daily life of Christian obedience that taught you to love everyone. And for that we thank God. See you soon, Grandma & Grandpa Olson.

~

*Eileen Olson,*

*Oxnard, California*

*Contact Me*

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**Eileen Olson** - February 26, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *I didn't know Nick, but I'm a distant cousin. My father Perry Lien is a cousin of Nick's grandma Eileen Olson and I do know her. My dad sent this site to me and I cried. No heart breaks more than when your child/grandchild passes away. I'm sorry for your heartbreak, but thank God it appears he knew his Savior. I hope that you find so much comfort in that. God bless Nick's family.*

~

*Shelly Dinley,*

*Huntington Beach, California*

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**Shelly Dinley** - February 21, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Its been years since I have seen you last, and I am sorry for that.  
May god touch and embrass you forever. thank you Nick.*

~

*ben hodes,*

*crystal, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**ben hodes** - February 20, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Nick,  
*It was a pleasure and an honor to make music with you during our time at Armstrong High School. Your presence will be thoroughly missed.*

~

*Jessica Timman,*

*Eau Claire, Wisconsin*

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**Jessica Timman** - February 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Dear Nick and Family,  
I dont know if any of you remember me, but Nick was a good friend  
of mine back in the day. He was one of my first friends at Noble  
School and Calvary. He is someone who I remember as being a  
really happy guy. I would like to offer the Duelo family my  
condolences.*

~

*Erin LeDell,*

*Hartford, Connecticut*

*Contact Me*

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**Erin LeDell** - February 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM



EB

“ Nick~

*Those who knew you loved you. And those you loved you are going to miss you like crazy. There are many high school memories with you in them, and all of them are happy. Pete, Judy, and Paul, God bless you and your family. Your son/brother was an amazing inspiration to so many people!*

~

*Erin (Miller) Bennett,*

*Shoreview, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Erin (Miller) Bennett** - February 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Nick was in my public speaking course at Luther last year and was definitely a shining star in the class. He made us laugh almost daily, entertained us with his guitar and voice, and touched us with descriptions of close relationships with friends. I vividly remember one speech he proudly gave about his father while wearing his dad's suit.

Though I only knew Nick as a student for one semester at Luther, he touched me. My heart goes out to his family and friends that knew him well and loved him dearly.

~

*Kim Powell,*

*Decorah, Iowa*

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**Kim Powell** - February 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Nick, I will never forget all the smiles, pats on the back, songs, and especially the laughter that always seemed to surround you. Mornings in homeroom always seemed a little brighter after your renditions of Tom Jones tunes. You were a great friend and I, and countless others, are truly blessed to have known you. Pete, Judy, and Paul, be proud that you were such a large influence in a life that touched so many in a positive way. My thoughts are with you always.  
Love, Lindsay Etter

~

Lindsay Etter,

Plymouth, Minnesota

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Lindsay Etter - February 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Pete, Judy and Paul*

*It has been awhile since our paths last crossed, however your friendship has never been forgotten.*

*I thought along time about what I could say to ease your sorrow but nothing seemed quite right.*

*What I would like to pass along to you is something that was told to me when I lost someone dear to me.*

*It is that; Those that we hold in our hearts are never truly gone.*

*They are with us in the words we speak, the actions that we take, the memories that we hold and the love that we share. Our loved ones make us who we are today and the love of their memory will make us into who we will become tomorrow.*

*I am truly sorry for your loss.*

*May God Bless you and give you strength.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Eric & Karen Jensen*

~

*Eric Jensen,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

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**Eric Jensen** - February 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM



ED

“ *My Dearest Nephew Nick,  
I knew you were a wonderful person but I am so sorry that it took  
your death for me to discover just what a truly special person you  
were. I am overwhelmed by how much you touched others. I know  
that you are at peace but you have left a void here that will never go  
away.*

*I love you,  
Aunt Elenita*

~

*Elenita Duelo,*

*Antioch, California*

*Contact Me*

**Elenita Duelo** - February 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Dear Nick,  
I still see you wearing your mom's Guatemalan apron, or playing "La bamba" in my Spanish classes. I also know that Heaven got the person with the best sense of humor from Earth. Dios te bendiga.  
Tu profesora,

Rita

~

Rita Tejada-Guzmán,

Decorah, IA

Contact Me

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**Rita Tejada-Guzmán** - February 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Family & Friends of Nick,

*Nick and his "Members Of The Body" team from Luther College came twice to my congregation, Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus, Wisconsin. I was very impressed both by his musicianship and by the maturity of his faith. I was a member of a Lutheran Youth Encounter team myself when I was a student at St. Olaf College in the early 1970's. I remember remarking to the staff at Faith that Nick was the best guitarist I had seen with one of these teams for quite some time. Since I was a guitar player for a similar team years ago it was fun to watch Nick and I even got out my guitar and played one or two songs with him.*

*More importantly, the depth and sincerity of his Christian faith and the joy it brought to him radiated from Nick. His ministry with the young people of Faith, Columbus, (and with the whole congregation through his music in worship) touched lives and stirred up the faith of many here. I have no doubt the same thing happened in many other places where Nick shared his music and his faith.*

*Nick was a remarkable young man. We grieve for your loss and keep Nick and all of you in our prayers. Even to a saint so young our Lord can extend a welcome home with the words of scripture: "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your master."*

*In Christ,  
"Pastor Bob" Moberg  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Columbus, Wisconsin*

~

*Moberg,*

*Columbus, Wisconsin*

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**Moberg** - February 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Dear Judy, Pete and Paul*  
*Today's service was beautiful beyond words. A real tribute to a life well-lived. God blessed us with knowing Nick and will honor his memory. Blessings to you and your family throughout the difficult days to come.*  
*Don and Kay Anderson*

~

*Kay Anderson,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kay Anderson** - February 13, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Judy & Pete,

*I don't even know where to begin...*

*I remember watching Nick in the Calvary musicals and at confirmation nights, etc. and wishing my girls would be a part of those things and have as much fun and enthusiasm as Nick did.*

*Pete, I was on the DCLA trip with you a couple years back and will always remember the fun we had on the bus joking back and forth about stuff in the isles and what it smelled like. Thank you for sharing yourself with someone you never knew before, and making her 1st (and only) time camping a blast!!!*

*Nick was so blessed to have the two of you for parents, and the rest of us were/are truly blessed to know you and him. God has surely done good work!!!*

*May He keep you in his loving arms.*

*Gail, Bob, Kelly & Kristen Hernz*

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*Gail ,Bob, Kelly & Kristen Hernz,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Gail ,Bob, Kelly & Kristen Hernz - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM**

MC

“ Nick,  
*I remember a song you and Jeff sang when we were counselors at WAPO together. It was about "coming home" and recentering love and focus on the Lord. I know that you are now truly home. Thank you, Nick, for the goodness you expressed to all those around you. Christ shined through you and touched many lives. God bless.*

~

*Meghan Chozen,*

*Austin, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Meghan Chozen** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Nick~

*Your huge heart touched so many. I am thankful for the wonderful memories you gave me and I will never forget the smiles we shared. I wish you could still be here.*

~

*Jasmin Altmann,*

*Plymouth,, Minnesota*

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**Jasmin Altmann** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Nick - *What a fantastic and genuine man. My memories of you are filled with laughter and nonsense conversations which meant the world to me. I know that your loving spirit has rubbed off on myself and everyone in your life.*

~

*Amy Gehant,*

*Boulder, Colorado*

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**Amy Gehant** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Nick, I found this poem, and it reminded me of you; its something that I could hear you say. I miss you, and wish you and your family all the best.

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; Ah yes, these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much; Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seems all to brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author: Linda Jo Jackson*

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*Erica Barlow,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Erica Barlow** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Nick, you are an amazing light to so many people. So many lives will forever be changed because of your love for others, love of life, love of laughter, and most importantly your love for Christ. Say hi to JC for me, and we'll see ya soon.

Pete, Judy, and Paul, you are in our prayers and our thoughts. We miss him so much, but rest in the knowledge that Nick is having a blast kickin' it with Jesus. All the laughter, love, fun, and delightful times of life that Nick had~ that is all he will know for the rest of eternity.

*all my love, neenee*

~

*Janine (NeeNee) Kruger (Wuollett),*

*Buffalo, Minnesota*

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**Janine (NeeNee) Kruger (Wuollett)** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Thank you for being a wonderful person and showing people how to love life. I will always remember you for your bright smile and your laughs. You will be greatly missed. Good bless you.

~

*Jessica Beltrand,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jessica Beltrand** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Dear family and friends of Nick,

*Our prayers are with you. May the Love of God surround you, may His peace fill you and may His hands uphold you.*

*Jesus said, " I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."*

*John 11:25*

*May God keep you all in His grace.*

~

*Nijhar Minz-Ekka,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Nijhar Minz-Ekka** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ WOW, the first thing I thought of when I learned this horrible news. This has shook me so, I cant believe it. Nick I will always remember middle school to high school. We laughed and had good times. You, much like the entire class of '99 Falcons, were unforgettable. You will be missed by all of us Nick. Rest easy, you are now in good hands. Good Bye...for now!

~

*Wayne Danielson,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Wayne Danielson** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EY

“ Nick - It's been years since we've talked, but the news really shook me up. I will always remember growing up down the street from you by Noble School, and remember all the times we had together when we were in Metro Boys Choir. You will be missed by me and so many others. My deepest condolences go out to your family.

~

*Evan Yoraway,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Evan Yoraway** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Nick -

*You've been a great friend for as long as I can remember and will always be loved. God Bless You.*

~

*Andy Soltvedt,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andy Soltvedt** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Nick,  
We made beautiful music together in Chamber Singers, I'm sure you are making beautiful music now. I remember how funny you were as the barber in La Mancha when you wore the "golden helmet of Mambrino."  
Peace and Love to your family and loved ones.  
Love ,  
Janine

~

Janine Brinkman,

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Janine Brinkman - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Hello Nick,  
You are one of the brightest memories I have of my elementary years in Golden Valley. I am so happy that we were able to recently catch up and that I could see the great man you'd become. I will miss you.

~

*Lauren May,*

*Moorhead, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Lauren May** - February 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *From Noble to Armstrong and even Wapo. The amazing musical talent God blessed you with has touched the lives of many people. You can now walk side by side with Him forever. Thanks for your joyful and loving spirit. Judy, Pete, and Paul- My prayers are with you and know that one day you will reunite with Nick in heaven. God's Blessings*

~

*Becca Boesen,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Becca Boesen** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Nick - we were only in high school for one semester together but I was so pleased to find you at Luther as well. I pray that everyone grieving may find some comfort in Nick's memory and know that he positively touched so many lives...God bless you Nick.

~

*Katie Fletcher,*

*Luther College, Iowa*

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**Katie Fletcher** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Nick,  
My memories of you go back to the time we were in elementary school. You have always been full of laughter, love and warmth towards others. You will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless.

~

*Andreea Simian,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andreea Simian** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Nick has definitely left us all too early. I was really looking forward to savoring his last few months at Luther and then for the opportunity to someday shower him with praise in a sparkling reference. It is so sad that he has left this world so early, but how he lived the time that he had is such a beautiful thing. Nick, you will be missed much and thought of often.

~

*Andrew Olson,*

*Decorah, Iowa*

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**Andrew Olson** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Nick~ It is so hard to smile these days knowing we won't be seeing you for a while... scenes of Luther and Wapo and the times inbetween keep running through my mind. But more importantly, I keep seeing you amidst the glory of God and I know the angels applauded when you arrived. You will be missed, to say the least...

To Nick's Family~ I can't imagine your loss. I will continue to pray for you daily, and I am so glad to know you are surrounded by a wonderful community of family and friends. God bless you until you are with your son again.

~

*Kate English Nickel,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Kate English Nickel** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ To the family of one of the finer students I've worked with at Luther. I offer my thoughts and prayers to you in this time of sorrow. Please know the joy Nick spread on campus. Your young man was one I would have been proud of were he my son. I can honestly say he was always one of the finer examples - a great role model - for other students at Luther. I worked with Nick just a few times, but always enjoyed seeing him pop into User Systems with computers to be fixed. I know our loss is Heaven's gain...and the Good Lord picked a fantastic young man to be an Angel up above. He will be missed.

~

Les Yaw,

Decorah, Iowa

*Contact Me*

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**Les Yaw** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Your family, love, faith and church all touched our lives and made us better people. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

~

*Paul, Carol and Dougie Douglass,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Paul, Carol and Dougie Douglass** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Nick - Your love of God and of your friends touched more lives than you can ever know. Your light will shine forever. Pete & Judy - you are constantly in our prayers. Your family is so special to us. May God surround you with his love and give you strength in this time of greatest sorrow.

~

*Ron, Peggy, Anna & Greg Dokken,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ron, Peggy, Anna & Greg Dokken** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Nick~ I haven't talked to you in a long time I know, but what I remember most about you is your singing, and your smile. (And how you could always make me a lot of other people laugh!) Something else that sticks out in my mind is how on the summer trips and Wapo and things like that, you and a few other people would be up singing, and I would see and hear how much you loved the Lord... And it made my faith that much stronger. Nick, you are probably singing with the Angels as we speak... We all love and miss you very much!

~

*Danelle Stewart,*

*St. Michael, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Danelle Stewart** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MN

“*Nick, I'll never forget the great times we had together in Biology and with friends. We will all miss your fun spirit.*  
*Mike*

~

*Mike Nesheim,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Mike Nesheim** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Nick,  
My memories of you go back to elementary school and will continue  
on forever. God Bless You.

~

*Michelle Hoemberg,*

*Robbinsdale, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Michelle Hoemberg** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Nick,

*Our paths crossed many times in my two years at Armstrong, and each encounter left me with a smile on my face. From discovering that I had seen you in a show at Theatre de la Jeune Lune before we ever met to seeing your first performance with your first band in a friend's basement, my memories of you are filled with joy and music. My thoughts are with you and your family, and I wish you all great peace and comfort in the future.*

~

*Rebecca Feldman,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Rebecca Feldman** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

E(

“ *Nick,  
We haven't talked much since high school but when I heard the news I couldn't believe you were taken from us so soon. You will be deeply missed.*

~

*Elizabeth Manning (Wehling),*

*Big Lake, Minnesota*

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**Elizabeth Manning (Wehling)** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Nick

*You have touched the lives of everyone who has ever know you. I will always remember the great times we had growing up together and will forever consider you my friend and brother. Thankyou for everything, you will be greatly missed. God bless.*

~

*Andrew Franz,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Andrew Franz** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KK

“Pete & Judy, You have always been a fixture family at Calvary. You are such Godly people and you show it in your kindness and gentleness and especially in the children whom you raised. Your family has touched so many lives. Our hearts and prayers surround you.

*Kristin (Raine) Keppel, classmate of Paul.*

~

*Kristin Keppel,*

*Mayer, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kristin Keppel** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Nick ~ You are truly going to be missed. I will never forget singing in choir and chambers with you. Your outgoing personality and fun loving spirit is what I will miss most. You were a great friend and always made those around you smile. God bless.

~

*Chris Laumann,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Chris Laumann** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Nick, you will be sorely missed, we had a lot of good times, from the plays at Sandburg and stuff at church, like the musical, what a great singing guitar playing hobo you were! And what a great time we had in DC, you were a wonderful support. Also who can forget the great time we had in New York with choir! Pete and Judy you are in my thoughts and prayers always, to lose such a wonderful and caring son who left such an impact on all those he touched, It's hard to believe that he's gone. He now resides in the Kingdom of the Lord and living eternally with Jesus. Take care.

~

*Jenny Sather,*

*Crystal, Minnesota*

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**Jenny Sather** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I did not know Nick personally but as a member of Calvary Lutheran I had the opportunity to hear the music that he performed in service. It always touched my heart when he sang. He was a blessing even to those of us who only knew him from afar.*

~

*Janet Stralow,*

*Maple Grove, Minnesota*

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**Janet Stralow** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My son, Zach, and Nick were in Armstrong Chambers together. I remember Nick as a vibrant young man. I am so sorry for your loss and hope that the love of your family and friends help you through this most difficult time. In sorrow.

~

*Debra Gartner,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Debra Gartner** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Nick I will miss you. You will always be in my thoughts and in the thoughts of many other people. You were a great roommate and I really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet a person like you. Thank You for everything!

God bless you. My love to you always.

Renis

~

Renis Cama,

Decorah, Iowa

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Renis Cama - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Nick,

*Our paths crossed many times in my two years at Armstrong, and each time, you left a smile on my face. From discovering that I had seen you in a Theatre de la Jeune Lune show before we ever met to seeing you in your first performance with your first band in a friend's basement, my memories of you are filled with joy and music. My thoughts are with you and your family, and I won't ever forget your place in my life. I wish you and your family peace and comfort, and I thank you for your contribution to the world you lived in.*

~

*Rebecca Feldman,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Rebecca Feldman** - February 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *The Help Desk at Luther is a sad place today. Nick was a bright spirit! By knowing him, I know that he has a wonderful, loving family. My heart goes out to you.*

~

*Ellen Macdonald,*

*Decorah, Iowa*

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**Ellen Macdonald** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Nick you are one of God's bright stars and you shined that light onto the lives of all who knew or met you. You will be lovingly remembered and truly missed. Heaven has gotten another angel to do God's work and I believe your spirit will be a comfort to all who love you. May the fond memories that your loved ones have for you comfort them during this difficult time. We will miss your constant smile, humor, positive attitude, and wonderful stories.

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*Jeanine Alcocer,*

*Decorah, Iowa*

*Contact Me*

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**Jeanine Alcocer** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*Nick, thank you for all the wonderful memories! You were an amazing person that will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family during this hard time.*

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*Corrie Schmidt,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Corrie Schmidt** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Judy, Pete and Paul, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you at this tragic time. My most fond memory of Nick was how he befriended my grandson Blake at summer camp - Wapo. Blake adored the counselors to the point of spending most of his free time with them and surprised me at the closing camp fire when Blake sang a song that he had composed and with the help of Nick and other counselors and Nick and Jeff wrote the music and accompanied him on the guitar. It touched my heart and I know it will live on in my heart as well as in Blake's heart forever. Whenever I would ask Blake if he was interested in going to summer camp, his first reply was always...is Nick going to be there. You will never know how many kids have been touched with the love of Christ shared with them through Nick. Now he is with his Lord and I am sure that he is already composing music.

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*Georgie Waulk,*

*Crystal, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Georgie Waulk** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our love and deepest condolences go to your extended family and your many friends. Nick was a true gentleman with charm, warmth and an abundance of talent. He touched many people and made our world a better place. His smile will forever be etched in our hearts. He will be dearly missed.  
How lucky the angels are to have him in their heavenly choir!

~

*Merrie, Bruce, Michael & Lisa Forstein ('99 Armstrong HS Choir Fan Club),*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Merrie, Bruce, Michael & Lisa Forstein ('99 Armstrong HS Choir Fan Club) -**  
February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Nick,

*I will never forget the smile you brought to everyone as you walked down the halls of Armstrong. You touched many hearts. I will miss hearing you play the guitar at Calvary. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

~

*Kirsten Berg,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kirsten Berg** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Nick,  
*I just wanted to let you know that we are all going to miss you very much buddy. I have never met someone who was as full of energy and life as you were.*

~

*Tom Jordan,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tom Jordan** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AS

“Nick was an awesome person, I can still remember his bright smile and creativity from the time we were classmates at Sandburg Middle School. He will be missed, only because he touched the lives of so many.

~

*Andrea Scanlon,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Andrea Scanlon** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Nick, it has been years since I talked to you, but I still have the warmest of memories playing in the woods as children, and growing up together. You will be missed by everyone.

~

*Joshua Kothe-Levie,*

*Saint Paul, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Joshua Kothe-Levie** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Nick,  
*Your kind spirit will be missed by many. I am glad that I had the opportunity to get to know you.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

~

*Sarah Nyhus,*

*River Falls, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Sarah Nyhus** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Nick, I will never forget your kind soul and all of the great times we shared.

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*Mike Espenson,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Mike Espenson** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Family of Nick,  
Nick was a great person and fabulous singer. Sharing my cub scout  
experience with he and his dad Pete was an enjoyable memory in  
my life. Nick I am sure you are singing with the Angels! My prayers,  
Andrew Witucki*

~

*Andrew Witucki,*

*Robbinsdale*

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**Andrew Witucki** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Judy & Pete,  
I know you may not know me, I'm Shelly's Aunt Becky. I met your precious Nick a couple times at Shellys house and have to tell you my heart aches for your loss. Please know that there are people that care deeply for you and the family, and what you are enduring right now. Our prayer is that the Father will hold you all in His presence and comfort you with His love.  
Mark & Becky Pease

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Mark & Becky Pease,

Plymouth, Minnesota

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Mark & Becky Pease - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ You were a wonderful person, and enjoyed having the chance to work with you a few years ago. You will be missed by many!

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*Dave Eastwold,*

*Ivoryton, Connecticut*

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**Dave Eastwold** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Nick

*You brightened everyone's lives! You will be sorely missed. My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.*

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*Carin Mangimeli,*

*Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Carin Mangimeli** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Nick you were a blessed person I will miss you greatly. May god bless your family with love and support Your family is in my prayers lol . I know that you are with our father in heaven Jenny

~

*Jennifer Koopman,*

*Crystal, Minnesota*

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**Jennifer Koopman** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Nick-I never had the honor of meeting you but know through others what an outstanding man you are. You will be missed terribly by your parents, family, and many friends. You lived your life for God and now you are with Him. Pete, Judy and family-my deepest sympathy to you. You are in my heart and prayers. Linda

~

*Linda Brown,*

*Robbinsdale, Minnesota*

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**Linda Brown** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Nick-

*You are missed by so many, but knowing that you are singing with God and all his angels makes coping a little bit easier. Thanks for all of the smiles and memories. You were one of His best creations. May God bless you and your family.*

~

*Lynn Fussy,*

*Crystal, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Lynn Fussy - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ Nick, you're readily warm smile and beautiful voice will be missed.

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*Heidi Kothe-Levie,*

*New York, New York*

*Contact Me*

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**Heidi Kothe-Levie** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Pete & Judy -- My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.*

~

*Celeste Levie,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Celeste Levie** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. Our daughter Crysta met Nick and Jeff at Dorian Music Camp while still in high school. She told me about these two great guys who made the week so much fun. Then as a freshman at Luther, she was so thrilled to see them both there also as freshmen living in Brandt. When we came for Parents Weekend, it was Nick and Jeff's room that she said "we had to see"...she wanted to make sure we met them both. We fondly remember Nick sitting with us at a concert and seeing him several other times we were on campus. Crysta felt so blessed to call him friend and she will miss him so!!! I can't imagine your sorrow...just know that you and your family have been and will continue to be in our prayers.

~

*Cathey and Weidmann,*

*Fridley, Minnesota*

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**Cathey and Weidmann** - February 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Nicholas,  
I miss you already. You will always be loved, by me and so many  
people. My love to you always.*

~

*Jennifer Kelly,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jennifer Kelly** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *God Bless you Nick. I'll never forget seeing you smile and making a difference in so many people's lives. Pete and Judy, and the rest of the family, please never lose your faith.*

~

*Kenzie Brown,*

*Robbinsdale, Minnesota*

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**Kenzie Brown** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Nick Every One From The Class Of 1999 Armstrong High School  
Will Miss You And Will Always Remember You. God Bless You!

~

*Christine Thovson,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

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**Christine Thovson** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ You were a sweet guy who could always make me laugh, and a great person with a unique yet genuine personality. Your music and talents will be cherished and missed by all. You're one "Quality chick" that I'm going to miss greatly.

~

*Lynn Wolsted,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Lynn Wolsted** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We cherish everything you have helped us with, we love your smile, cheer and spirit. May you rest forever with the one you loved.

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*Calvary Youth Group,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Calvary Youth Group** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Going to miss you Nick. God Bless.

~

*Blake Riley,*

*Golden Valley, Minnesota*

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**Blake Riley** - February 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM