



Richard Lee Pyles

November 13, 2013

Pyles, Richard Lee age 23, Edina, MN, passed away suddenly at home on November 13, 2013. Richard (Rick) was a 2012 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a major in History and minors in both Chinese and Political Science. His life goal was to serve our country as a U.S. Marine by joining the Officers' Candidate School. In furtherance of this goal, he had prepared himself physically and mentally to become a Marine officer. In the past 18 months, Rick made a tremendous transformation, in which he lost over 100 pounds and trained in several martial arts. He also took the LSAT this fall and was preparing applications for law schools across the country. He had the privilege of accompanying a Children's Heartlink medical group to China last year with his father, Lee, where he served as the interpreter for the group. He received praise from the Chinese as an excellent interpreter, "... although he speaks with a Beijing accent." Rick was a lifelong WVU Mountaineer fan, having spent his early years in Morgantown, WV, while his parents served on the faculty of the medical school there. He is survived by his parents, Marie E. Steiner, MD, Lee A. Pyles, MD, both faculty in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, and his sister Cindy, a chemistry major at Boston University, as well as his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steiner, and aunts and uncles Cindy Steiner, Lois Dirksen, David and Linda Pyles, Richard Pyles and Gary Pyles. His paternal grandparents, Harley and Patricia Pyles of Fairmont, WV predeceased him. Rick was a brilliant young man with a great future ahead of him. We will miss him. Visitation will be held Monday,

November 18 from 6-8 pm at Washburn- McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St and Highway 100, Edina, MN 55436. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 19 at 11 am at the Central Lutheran Church, 333 S 12th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to Rick's special interests: The Animal Humane Society, Golden Valley (www.animalhumanesociety.org); The Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org); The Ronald McDonald House (www.rmhtwincities.org). www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr.St. Louis & the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Division purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Lee Pyles.*



Dr.St. Louis & the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Division -
November 18, 2013 at 07:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Pyles.*



November 16, 2013 at 10:08 AM

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“ *Marie, Lee and Cindy,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ricky. I have so many fond memories of both Ricky and Cindy while they lived here in Morgantown, WV. My best memory of Ricky would be sitting at his house watching him watch the weather channel. He would fill me in on many details of weather here in Morgantown as well as many other areas. Even at 9 years old he was an intelligent little boy who I had not doubt would grow up to be an incredible man. I have always kept you all in my heart. Know that I am mourning your loss with you.
With love and prayers,
Reshel Murray*

Reshel Murray - November 15, 2013 at 09:42 AM

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Marie, Lee and Cindy,

I am so sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. I remember watching the kids for you once and working with both of you for many years in the PICU in WV. Two incredible people made two incredible children who I am positive grew into exceptional adults. Please know that my heart aches for all of you and I will keep you in my prayers always.

*With love,
Robin Root*

Robin Root - April 13, 2014 at 02:40 PM