



Steven Andrews

January 8, 2006

Andrews, Steven Russell age 28, beloved father, husband, son and brother, died along with his beautiful and loving wife, Michelle, on December 27, 2005. Steve met Michelle on their first day of college, and they knew they were meant for each other shortly afterwards. They were married on June 24, 2000, and were blessed with the birth of Lukasz on October 8, 2003. They moved to Florida in 2004 so that Steve could join a landscape architecture firm and their young family could be closer to the ocean. Steve's desire to learn combined with his natural sense for building relationships advanced him quickly in his career. Steve graduated from Edina High School in 1995 and the University of North Dakota in 1999. He received a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota in 2004. His love of music led him to become an accomplished guitar player, and this Christmas he bought two-year-old Luke his first guitar. Steve was active in scouting for many years and became an Eagle Scout in 1995. He enjoyed hockey, football, camping, backpacking, church youth groups, laughing and sharing popcorn with family and friends. In fact, he always believed that a bowl of popcorn could solve any problem. Steve inherited his mother's sparkle and story-telling skill; he loved sharing family anecdotes and laughing with everyone. He took annual outings with his father, and the two of them recently climbed the highest peak in Colorado. His big sister, Jennie, always kept a protective eye on him, and they shared many musical and outdoor activities. He is survived by son, Lukasz, parents, Russell and Barbara Andrews, sister, Jennifer Andrews, paternal

grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins, and the entire Kokora family. Memorials are preferred to the Luke Andrews Trust at any Bank of America branch. Visitation in Minneapolis 4-8PM, Tuesday, January 10 at The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle 2914 West 44th Street, Minneapolis MN. Memorial service 2:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan 11, 2006 at The Church of the Epiphany 1900 111th & Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids, MN. Washburn-McReavy Seman Chapel, 763-767-1000

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Dear Andrews family,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am an old friend/girlfriend of Steve from high school and have nothing but happy memories of him. He was one-of-a-kind, generous and always happy. I never met Michelle or Luke but my heart goes out to all of your family and hers.*

~

Marci Bernstein,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Marci Bernstein - January 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Russ & Barb –

My thoughts are with both of you right now. The years that my sons, Eric & Adam, and I shared with Steve during our Scout Troop 62 days were full of adventure, laughter, growth and sharing. I was moved when reading that you and Steve still explored woods and mountains together. You'll carry the beauty of that father-son bond always.

Peace...

~

Bill Lewis,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Bill Lewis - January 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *my family is deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this trying time.*

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amanda ross,

naples, Florida

amanda ross - January 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Dear Russ, Barb & Family*

We are so saddened to hear of your loss of your beautiful son & daughter-in-law. I remember while you were building your house how often you talked about your family & how close you were. May Luke be your comfort-we are in Hawaii for our January break or we would have been @ the services for you. You are in our prayers.
Mary & Steve Kohlhepp

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Mary & Steve Kohlhepp,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Mary & Steve Kohlhepp - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Dear Barb, I remeber your stories about Steven and how much he put the sparkle in your eye. I am not able to make it to either service, but please know I am available to be with you and would very much love to hear your stories and be a shoulder when you want one. Love your Friend, Faith Kidder 612-729-8868

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Faith Kidder,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Faith Kidder - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *To the family of Steven Andrews. I am fortunate to have met Steve & Michelle just one time at a concert Barb invited me to. Russ was singing in the choir. Steve & Michelle seemed to be so happy & so full of life. My heart goes out to all of you during this very difficult time. I will keep you in my prayers. I worked with Barb at Henry High School.*

Sincerely & with love & prayers,

~

Maureen Buhl,

Fountain Hills, Arizona

Maureen Buhl - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Andrews Family,

I was so saddened to learn of your loss of Steve and Michelle. I went to high school with Steve. We were in Varsity Choir together and had lots of fun during our rehearsals. Although I didn't know him well, I remember him as a kind, gentle, sincere and happy person. He always had a smile on his face. Steve truly was a wonderful person. I'm am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and Michelle's family.

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Stacey (Olson) Huebner,

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Stacey (Olson) Huebner - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Barb--I am so very, very sorry to learn of what happened to your son and daughter-in-law. As soon as I read about it, I knew it was your "Steven" being how often you spoke of him as he was growing up, and also when I talked with you about a year ago at church. My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family, your grandson. If there is anything I can ever do to help, if you want to walk, or talk, or meet, please do call me. Barb "from OLG choir" (612-922-2122 home, and work 763-475-0010.)

~

Barb Shefland,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Barb Shefland - January 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Andrews Family,
I cannot possibly express the sorrow I feel for the loss of Steve and Michelle. I was a good friend of Steve's during our teenage years (or, I should say, Steve was a great friend to me). I never had a chance to meet Michelle, but I remember spending some time with Steve about 8 years ago and he told me all about Michelle - I could tell by the sparkle in his eye that she was "the one." And what a lucky girl! Steve was one of those people that you may lose touch with - but the memories are so wonderful that you share them with people who never knew him. My husband never got to meet Steve - but has heard all the stories about Steve throughout the years. He was a great treasure.

In July I lost my 3 1/2 month old daughter Brady Judith to SIDS. I miss her terribly - and I know on some level the pain you feel at this loss. It is a deep and indescribable pain. But, memories are amazing! Sometimes it may feel too painful to recall - but most of the time - those memories will get you through your darkest hours.

You are all in my prayers.

~

Colleen Brady Lindstrom,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Colleen Brady Lindstrom - January 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Dear Barb, Russ, and Jen,
I am deeply saddened by your loss.*

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Patty St Dennis,

Dresser, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Patty St Dennis - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Dear Russ & Barb,
We are so sorry for you. Our daughter, Nicole Hogan, and her family always talk about your wonderful kindness, care and love for Ally and Ty. We hope that your family and friends can bring you some comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Larry and Cynthia Donahoe*

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Larry and Cynthia Donahoe,

Wake Forest, North Carolina

Contact Me

Larry and Cynthia Donahoe - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM