



Travis Eiler

June 16, 1988 - December 2, 2011

Travis John Eiler, age 23, entered into Heaven on Friday, December 2, 2011 while serving God's Kingdom abroad. The son of Eric and Danielle Eiler and older brother of Corbin and Austin, he was born in Myrtle Beach, SC on June 16, 1988. Travis graduated from Socastee High School with perfect attendance from K-12, sang with the Socastee Singers, lettered in track and cross country, receiving the Brave Award in both sports. A 2008 graduate of Spartanburg Methodist College, he received the General Award of Excellence for being the top all around male student in Academics, Sports, Community Service and Leadership and was recognized as an All American Academic Athlete. A 2010 graduate of Southern Wesleyan University, he earned his BA in Sports Management. He received full academic and sports scholarships all four years for running track and cross country and made the Deans List each semester.

Surviving, in addition to his parents and brothers, are his paternal grandparents John Eiler of Florence, SC and Darla Eiler; maternal grandfather, James Edward Reed (Sharron) of Clearwater, FL; aunts and uncles, Jim Reed (Robin) of Akron, OH, Bob Reed (Maureen) of Wallingford, CT, Michelle Reed Smith (James) of Murrells Inlet, Greg Eiler (Marie) of Culloden, WV, Gwen Eiler Hopkins (Freddie) of Ringold, VA and their families; and a special Granny, Annette DeCilles Hurston (Bill) of Myrtle Beach. Maternal grandmother, Nancy DeCilles Reed preceded him in death in 1993.

An active, charter member of Palmetto Shores Church, a Celebration of His Life will be held at 1:30 PM Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Socastee High School with Rev. Ronny Byrd officiating. A reception will follow.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfunerahome.com/obituaries

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made locally to The Travis Eiler Memorial Fund at Conway National Bank in order to establish a foundation to carry on his life's work of serving the Lord.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Eiler Family,
We think of you as well as Travis each day and always will. His smile is unforgettable.
With Love,
The Snyder Family

Phyllis Snyder - December 24, 2011 at 05:59 PM

CZ

“ Danielle and Eric,
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. In your time of sorrow know that God is there with you and your family.

With our deepest sympathy, George and Cindy Ziegler and family

Cindy Ziegler - December 24, 2011 at 08:46 AM

VM

“ Danielle,

What a privilege to spend last Sunday afternoon with you, Eric, and your three boys. I am still speechless and simply in awe of the strength of your family. I was blessed to be there. I love you!

Vivian

Vivian McCain - December 24, 2011 at 07:51 AM

GH

“ *Danielle and family,*

*Words cannot begin to express our deep felt pain nor can it pretend to know your pain yet still we reach out in prayer and love for you. Although we nevet knew Travis personally, we were moved and in awe of the tremendous turnout and love poured out at the memorial service. How proud you must be as well. His life challenges and inspires us all. May you find comfort, strength and love from the heart of God through this time,
Love from Gerry, Melissa and the entire Hunt family*

Gerry and Melissa Hunt - December 24, 2011 at 12:08 AM

VD

“ *Vickey Doxey lit a candle in memory of Travis Eiler*



Vickey Doxey - December 23, 2011 at 09:26 PM

CB

“ *i graduated with travis, rode the bus with him as well. we had a couple of classes together , he was always the one i went to when i had a question/issue with the assignment. he was always more than happy to help me . it was such a good guy!! i'm so lucky to have known him! im so sorry for your loss! as a mother myself now i couldnt even imagine what it would be like to lose one of my babies! my prayers have been sent to you and the family from the tragic day i read the news..and are still being sent! he will be greatly missed!*

Christi Ann Belcher - December 23, 2011 at 09:12 PM

DW

“ *Danielle and Family: John and I are saddened at the loss of your son. Please just know that there are many people out there who have you in their thoughts and prayers. We will never know why this happened, just be assured there was a reason. We send you our condolences.*

Dan Walsh and John Davenport

Daniel C. Walsh - December 18, 2011 at 03:23 PM

PY

“ *Danielle and Family, We are so saddened to hear about the loss of Travis. He was a remarkable young man. Heaven has surely gained an angel. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.*

Patti, Jimmy and Chris Yahnis

Patti Yahnis - December 18, 2011 at 08:26 AM



“ *Larry Handeland lit a candle in memory of Travis Eiler*



Larry Handeland - December 16, 2011 at 05:42 PM

CG

“ Carol Gegner lit a candle in memory of Travis Eiler



Carol Gegner - December 15, 2011 at 05:00 PM

DJ

“ Danielle and Eric- My aunt and I are very sorry for your loss and your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We were neighbors on Temperance Drive, while Travis and I were in High School and Travis rode to school with me everyday. He was a great friend and a huge inspiration to many. I admire his faith in Christ! He always encouraged me in my own walk with the Lord. I look forward to seeing him again one day! -Dana Jacobs and Nancy Zaccagnini

Dana Jacobs - December 15, 2011 at 09:37 AM

MC

“ We met Travis when he came to Rome last spring during their trip to Italy to renew their visas. We invited him over for dinner and enjoyed sharing stories with him. Travis really impressed us as a strong, brave and very thoughtful and compassionate young man. Out of the group he was the one who volunteered to come watch our 8 month old son after we put him to bed so that we could go out for the evening. I remember coming back that night and having a good long talk with him about his work in Central Asia, his life as a runner, and his love for the Lord. We feel deep sorrow for your family and it is difficult to make sense of it. We will keep you in our prayers.

Matthew and Stephanie Cushman - December 15, 2011 at 07:41 AM

JP

“ Eric & Danielle, words cannot express the sorrow that I feel for you & your family at this most awful time in your life. I may not have seen you for years, Eric, but my heart breaks for you! I have a 13 yr old son and absolutely could not imagine my feet being in your shoes. I have prayed for your family from the day that my mom called with the news and will continue to keep you in my prayers. With the Lord's help, you will get through this very trying time. If I can do anything for you or your family, please do not hesitate!

Julia Altman Prosser, Pamplico, SC

Julia Altman Prosser - December 14, 2011 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ Eric and Danielle, my heart breaks for you at the reading of this news. I am praying that God will send His healing balm for your spirit as you allow yourselves to grieve. Heaven is a better place today, and the earth is warmed by the strength of your testimony. Love in Christ, Jess Mauldin

Jess Mauldin - December 14, 2011 at 01:15 PM

BA

“ We were truly saddened to hear about your son, Travis. Even though we didn't know him personally, he holds a special place in our hearts since our son, Scott Argabrite, had Travis in the 4th grade. Please know that the Argabrite family sends our deepest, deepest sympathy to the entire family. May you all continue to look to our reigning Lord Jesus Christ who loves us so much. May your hearts be encouraged as our boys sing praises to the risen Savior. May Psalm 139 be an encouragement to you.

*In deepest sympathy,
Mike, Barbie and the entire Argabrite family*

Barbie Argabrite - December 14, 2011 at 12:38 PM



Danielle and Eric, we were very sorry to hear about Travis. Travis was truly special! He did two key things commanded by Jesus - he let his light shine, and shine brightly and he went out and spread the good news. Travis was right when he said he knew where he would be when he died, wrapped in Jesus arms! May God grant you peace and be with you always! Larry & Kathy Handeland

Larry Handeland - December 16, 2011 at 05:41 PM

SS

“ There is a special place in heaven for those who pass while serving God...Your son probably did more to help others in his 23 years than many people do their whole lives...I hope his story continues to inspire others for it has inspired me.



Sarah Smith - December 14, 2011 at 08:18 AM

MH

“ I do not know you or your son, but his story has inspired me today. You should be very proud of him for his faith in Christ and willingness to answer His call. My prayers are with your family.

Maria Hyatt - December 14, 2011 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ Travis you and me never really sought eye to eye on many things but, we shared in the love of Christ while at SMC together. You were a great man and even better friend to all who knew you. You will definitely be missed. My thoughts and continued prayers will be with your family until we all meet again. Jeff

Jeffrey Scott Williams - December 12, 2011 at 05:33 PM

CG

“ Dear Danielle, Eric, Corbin and Austin, You all are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Thinking of you , Chuck Glover, VA



Chuck Glover - December 12, 2011 at 03:37 PM

MH

“ Mark & Germaine Huxhold lit a candle in memory of Travis Eiler



Mark & Germaine Huxhold - December 12, 2011 at 03:28 PM

DA

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Donna Atwood - December 10, 2011 at 02:37 PM

MS

“ Travis was my student ambassador at SMC. He also became a member of my family through his relationship with my sister. I could not begin to choose a favorite memory of this man, the one that has been in my mind the most lately though was the first day I met him, and he convinced all of us that it would be cool to play duck duck goose on the lawn in front of the auditorium. But my favorite memory of him, will be the day that I get to see him again in heaven. I love you Travis! My thoughts and prayers are forever with his family and all of his friends who like me are celebrating his life. God Bless, Evan



Melissa Evan Smith - December 07, 2011 at 12:36 PM