

In Loving Memory of Josh Hillman



"LOVE NEVER ENDS...When I saw a child, I spoke like a child...For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is LOVE."

-I Corinthians 13:8-12 NRSV

Dear Josh,

You died a violent death in violent times, but your death only made news in passing. For you did not die from guns, or alcohol, or drugs, things all too common place in your teenage world. No, we lost you in something we take too much for granted every day, an automobile. But your story needs telling: You were created through an act of love by God and placed in the loving care of your parents. They raised you to respect guns through their proper use and care. They raised you to know the difference between right and wrong. They taught you to respect others. They taught you to love. We grieve Josh. Our tears flow freely, our sorrow immense, our hearts heavy. We cannot understand why God had taken you from us, in such a manner, at such a time. We know that we will miss you; your glowing smile, your sheepish grin, your teenage awkwardness, your innocence, your love. We know that in our lives, our world deserves more kids like you. So rest in peace, dear Josh. May God watch over you and Joey until the day we meet again in his loving arms.

With Love,
Your Family