



Xavier Thomas Murphy

October 29, 1988 - October 11, 2011

Anderson - Xavier Thomas Murphy, 22, Anderson, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, after a brief illness. Although his life was short, he had an impact on his world that was felt by many, and his memory will be cherished by a multitude of loving friends and family members. Xavier was born on October 29, 1988, in Champaign, Illinois. He resided there, and in Berlin, Germany, before his family moved to Anderson in 1992. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic parish, and he attended St. Mary's grade school through the eighth grade. He played on the St. Mary's boys' basketball team, and was a member of the Anderson Blitz soccer program. As a freshman in high school, Xavier attended Lapel High School, where he played football and basketball, and made many friends. He finished his high school years at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, from which he graduated in 2007. At Guerin Catholic, he lettered in track, basketball and football, and served as a co-captain of the track team, and of the Golden Eagles football team, playing wide receiver and cornerback. He received the Guerin "Outstanding Business Student" award at graduation. He was also recognized as "Guerin Male Athlete of the Year" in his graduating class. Xavier attended college at the University of Notre Dame du Lac, from which he graduated in 2011. At Notre Dame, he majored in political science. He was a proud resident of Zahm Hall during his entire life at Notre Dame. For four years, he worked with the student management program for the Notre Dame football team, serving as head manager for student personnel in his senior year. At the time of his

death, he was working as an intern with Notre Dame's football equipment program, and applying to graduate programs in sports management. Xavier was a person filled with love and energy and a profound devotion to his faith. He liked reading, especially books on history and politics. He enjoyed good food, particularly meats of virtually every kind. He loved being around babies and small children. He was an avid sports fan, and he greatly enjoyed athletics of many kinds. He loved Christmas, family vacations in the summer, Mt. Baldy at the Indiana Dunes, and the Fourth of July. Above all, he loved to be with his family, and was devoted to his brothers and sisters. He is survived by his parents, David and Marcia Murphy, of Anderson; his sisters, Madeline New Orleans, Isabel, Mathilda and Eleanor Anderson ; his brothers, Julian South Bend and Gilbert Cleveland; his grandparents, Nate and Marge Martin, Robert Murphy Rockford, IL, and Joe and Martha Warren Lebanon OK; great grandmother, Lillie Martin Rockford, IL his devoted girlfriend, Sarah Jane SJ Power of Perth, Australia; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Rosemary Murphy. Viewing is Friday, October 14, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Robert Loose Funeral Home in Anderson and Saturday, October 15, from 9 to 11 a.m at the church. A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Carmel, Saturday, October 15, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Robert Williams and Rev. Richard Doerr officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, IN. A meal will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1225 Main St. in downtown Anderson. Donations in Xave's memory may be made to the Xavier Murphy Student Scholarship Fund through the Office of Development at Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 N. Gray Rd., Noblesville, IN 46062.. www.LooseCares.com

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *My Dear Martha, Words can not express what is in my heart for you today. I know the devoted grandmother you are and how much you love each of your grandchildren. My heart aches for you and your family. Your strong faith will sustain you all, until you see Xavier again someday. When you miss him terribly, bring to mind the beautiful picture of Xavier sitting next to Our Lord, who is smiling down upon him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all today.*

Karen Walgamotte - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts. Wishing you God's peace. The Murphy Family*

John Murphy - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear David and Marcia and family, We are so saddened by your loss. We pray that God's great love and comfort will surround you continually as you grieve through this. We remember Xavier playing violin earnestly and beautifully at Mrs. Scott's. Love, Skip, Jennifer and kids*

Skip and Jennifer Trudeau - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *You do not know me but your son's passing and the story of his life has touched my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Cathy Klein - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *David & Marcia ~ May God bless you with a peace that surpasses all understanding. Your family will continually remain in my prayers. Cassandra ~*

Cassandra Day - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear David and Marcia, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My wife Paulla passed away this year from the same disease. May God be with you. Steve Hoehne*

Steve Hoehne - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *To my friend Martha: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. If I could give you a hug right now and share a cry, I would. You know as well as I do.....our faith can get us through even the worst of times. May God Bless you and your family.*

Mark Ricard - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."-Mt. 5:4 I can't even imagine the immensity of your pain, but I can have faith and hope for you and your family during this time. Remember that even though we can't see a reason for what has happened, we can have faith that in His plan He has good reason. Please accept our deepest condolences and know that God loves you and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. All in our family pray that all of you will come out of this with an even stronger faith and hope in the power of God. We are here to support you in any way you may need. Love the Peredo family*

Peredo Family - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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BR

“ Dave and Marcia, we were so shocked and saddened to hear about Xavier. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian and Kathy Robson - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ im so sorry about your sons illness and death. I know he was a wonderful son and person. We always wonder why God takes a young man in the prime of their life. My prayers and support are with you. Take comfort in knowing that he is in heaven and is no longer ill. one day when God decides we will all be in that better place where no more tears will fall. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time. I am a close friend of Mark Drakes and met you at Joes birthday party several years ago incase you are wondering who this is. Im praying for you all.

nancy gordon - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Marcia and David, You and your family are in my heart, thoughts and prayers.*

Ann Weigand - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Xavier was probably a young teen when we saw him last - and what a beautiful young man he had grown up to be - committed to life and to doing his part to making this a better world... We share the family's pain, his sudden death stunned and saddened us deeply; we will be with you in spirit during this painful time... Martha and Joe, and Marcia and David, you all are in our prayers and hearts With much love, John and Sabina*

Sabina and John Sten - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *To the Murphy Family, Our deepest sympathy for you and your family in this time of sorrow. The Washingtons*

Perry, JoDean, Victoria, Phillip Washington - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *David, Marcia and Family All my prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. Xavier was a very dear son. His smile, his spirit and his goodness will remain alive in the hearts of everyone who knew him.*

Gloria Blalock - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My prayers and sympathies go out to your family. Although I did not personally know Xavier, I felt compelled to offer my condolences as I too graduated from St. Marys and then Notre Dame many years ago, even acting as student manager for football for a time as did Xavier. My niece was in his graduating class from St. Marys and I received several calls and emails today from family telling me all kinds of nice things about this young man and his character. I was touched by what I heard and read about him today and realize it is a great loss to both the Anderson and ND communities. May God be with you in this difficult time.

Mark Schulte - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Dave and Marcia, my deepest sympathies go to you and your family. Xave was an exceptional young man that our family knew from St.Mary's grade school. When Clare and Stefan left and moved to Fort Wayne, it was hard to leave such a close knit family. I remember Xave playing basketball with Stefan and Adam, and kidding around with Clare. She had the wonderful experience to see Xave at Notre Dame while she went to school at St Mary's college. Both she ,Stefan and Adam remember Xave with his easy smile that could light up a room. My prayers are with you and all the family.

Cecelia Poitras McVey - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Marcia, David and Family We are holding you in our hearts and prayers. We pray God gives you comfort and peace as you celebrate Xavier's light that he left in your hearts and in this world for so many to see! God Bless You and we love you and your family!

Tonya and Gerry Carman - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Madeline, Marcia, David, and family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. While I didn't know him as a young man, Xavier brought laughter and light to my childhood days. My heart warms with memories of Xavier's little brother antics. He was an amazing boy, as all your children are. My heart is full with love for all of you now and always. May you feel peace in this deep sadness. Love always, Maggie

Maggie Beck-Coon Reeves - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ David, Marcia and family ? Losing a child is the most difficult thing any parent can have happen. Sandy and I know the pain and sorrow your feeling. Please know you have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave & Sandy Laux East Peoria, IL

Dave & Sandy Laux - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ To the Murphy family, we are a part of your APL family. Alex and I loved having our visits with Marcia and kids when we would run into each other at the library. You are such a wonderful family and are such an added treasure to Anderson, and Central Indiana. We are praying for comfort, and hope you feel the prayers of many and that Madeline, Julian and Gilbert feel those prayers when they have to head back to their respective cities. We love you. From Fay and Alex Dansby.

Fay Barber-Dansby - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Words cannot express how deeply sorry Patrick & I are for your loss. Xavier is a bright star shining in the sky & will shine always--I love you all & are with you in my heart.

Linda Manderson - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I will always remember that quiet polite boy with the beautiful eyes and huge smile that came into the library. He touched so many lives in his too short time on this earth. May the angels that keep him comfort you now.

Martha Green - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Martha, Joe, Marcia, David, Family & Friends ... I praise God for He is good. And, He is the only One who knows why Xavier had to leave us so early in his life. Although, I did not meet this outstanding young man, I weep for his loss. God used his life to touch and teach so many. I pray to God for His power to strengthen the Family and Friends of Xavier, as we remember him. Clarissa

Clarissa Edwards - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Marcia, David and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Remember that we live in the sure hope of the resurrection. Death is just a temporary separation and you will all be together again.

Elaine Mathews - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Xavier's spirit will be missed my many. We have lots of familiar memories of Xav at St. Mary's and Guerin with Meg and the rest of the St. Mary's group. Our hearts are with you David and Marcia.*

Cindy and Tim Lanane - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *I will never forget Xavier's kind and caring ways and those beautiful, big brown eyes. The prayers go up and the blessings come down. Hopefully those blessings will give you strength.*

Brenda Kelly - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *You will be missed. I will always remember the little boy running through St. Mary's with Tyler.*

Brenda Ambrose - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM