



## Lucas Ryan Stephenson

August 29, 2010 - November 22, 2012

Lucas Ryan Stephenson, 2, of Bloomington died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012 at I.U. Health-Bloomington Hospital following from injuries in an accident in Greene County. He was born in Bloomington on August 29, 2010 the son of Jake and Stephanie (Crowe) Stephenson and was the center of their world.

Lucas attended the Little Whippersnappers Preschool and thoroughly enjoyed his playmates. His world involved anything to do with equipment. He loved his John Deere tractor, all big tractors, bulldozers, combines, all things powerful. He loved his "baby cow", horses, cows, crazy about his dog, loved to be out of doors and playing.

His survivors include his parents, Jake and Stephanie (Crowe) Stephenson, his grandparents, Janet (Martin) and Steve Crowe of Bloomfield, Pam (Reynolds) and Chuck Stephenson of Bloomington, his great grandmothers, Charlotte (Burgess) McIntyre (husband Terry) of Bloomfield and Mary Lou Stephenson of

Bloomington, one aunt, Shelley Stephenson of Bloomington, two uncles and aunts, David and Robyn Crowe of Phoenix, AZ and Travis and Pamela Crowe of Solsberry and one great aunt and uncle, Tammy and Casey Blunck of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, William and Joan Reynolds, Max Stephenson and Richard Crowe.

Funera services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home with Josh Cunningham officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Greene County. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Stephanie and family, I just learned of your loss and my heart is so sad. I remember the joy we all shared when we learned of your pregnancy and when Lucas was born. My prayers are with you.

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**Shirley Boardman** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ Louis, Judy and all the family on both sides, I cannot fathom how painful your loss must be, the only thing worse than losing a child is to lose one in a freak accident. My heart aches for all of you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I am thankful that you had Lucas as long as you did, he must have truly been an angel from God who was loaned to you for a time.

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**Joyce Jeffries** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ Louis, Judy and all the family on both sides, I cannot fathom how painful your loss must be, the only thing worse than losing a child is to lose one in a freak accident. My heart aches for all of you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I am thankful that you had Lucas as long as you did, he was truly an angel from God who was loaned to you for a time.

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**Joyce Jeffries** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JE

“ We are so sorry this has happened to you and your husband. We remember when our boy was two years old, and we do not want to think about losing him at that age or any age. It would be devastating. Our hearts are breaking for you. May God give you the peace that passes all understanding as you go through this terrible ordeal. Love and prayers, Jean and Don Rhoads

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**Jean Rhoads** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KI

“ May your sweet angel play in peace and joy. You know that his spirit will surround you daily as he loved his family so.

*His photo shows his joy and the memory of the joys he had will live well in your hearts.*

*My prayers of peace and sweet remembrance go out to you.*

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**Kim Meyer** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

EM

“ Steph and Jake: I wish there was something I could say to ease the pain. My heart broke when I heard the news. I'm so incredibly sorry for your loss. Just know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Emily Jackson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AD

“ My little boys loved all the same things yours does. They are grown men now, and I can't imagine the pain you must feel at this time...Two irreplaceable years of boundless joy, followed by a time of immeasurable pain. May the passage of time, the support of friends and the love of God carry you through this very difficult time to a place where there is peace and understanding.

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**Angela Douglas** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ME

“ We are praying fervently for your family as you grieve the loss of your dear son. Our son Nicholas has been a playmate of Lucas since he joined Little Whippersnappers at 6 weeks of age, and is nearly 2 now. We miss his sweet grin and playful attitude, and are still at a loss for words. We hope you can take solace, knowing that your sweet boy is in a place without pain, sadness and sorrow, among a host of angels, watching over you, forever in your hearts.

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**Matthew and Elizabeth Martindale** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

RS

“ Thinking of your family in this trying time. God Bless.

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**Ron and Staci McFall** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TI

“ Stephanie...I'm speechless. You and your family are in my prayers. So sorry for your loss.

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**Tiffany Freeman** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MK

“ We cannot even begin to imagine the pain of your loss. My heart is breaking for you and your family. Being a mother, I just cannot fathom the depths of your despair but please know that Lucas has touched so many lives and was loved by those who have never even met him. You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will give you comfort and peace, faith, hope, and strength to get through this horribly difficult time. Know that you are loved and there are so many people out there that care for you & are praying for you. Please let us know if there is ANYTHING we can do for you.

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**Mariah & Kyle Sturgeon** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MI

“ Jake and Stephanie. My heart is breaking for you and your family. My daughter, Braylin, was in the same class as Lucas at daycare and I remember seeing that precious little boy often. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you every day.

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**Misty Edwards** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ Jake & family,  
I am so sorry for your loss! Sometimes we just don't know how to respond, so we say..the least we can do is pray. But I have come to realize the very best thing anyone could ever do for others is to pray. So, I wanted to let you know I have been praying and will lift your family in prayers during this difficult time. I personally have learned when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is the closest. I pray for His restoring power, & that you may feel His presence as he takes your hand, through this storm...

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**Jackie Tate** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ET

“ Stephanie and Jake, Our hearts break for you and your families. Know that we are praying for strength and peace for you. I have added your family to our church prayer list. (Jill Swiatowy-Heitzmann's parents)

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**Erin & Tom Swiatowy** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JG

“ It broke my heart to hear about your little boy. Just know you are in the thoughts and prayers of so many.

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**Jaime (Varner) Glaser** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LC

“ Our sincerest sympathy to your entire family. Our only grandchild is also 2-1/2 and cannot imagine what you are going through. We have worked with Grandpa Chuck for years now and remember his joy when the baby was born. It took our breath away to hear of your loss and we know that you will never really be over it. But our prayer is that God will give you comfort in having each other to turn to and also in his Grace. We will keep you on our prayer list.

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**Larry & Cathy Smith** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CR

“ Stephanie and Jake,  
I am completely speechless...and am sending you all the love I have during this difficult time. I can't even express how sorry I am to hear about Lucas. I truly believe you will see each other again one day.  
xoxo

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**Caryn Kerstetter Reeves** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ST

“ So sorry to hear about this horrible accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families.

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**Sherry Helms- Terrell** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

“ I have thought all day of the right words to say... and I can't think of them. My heart breaks for Jake and Stephanie. I can't imagine the pain and sorrow you are feeling during this difficult time. I love you both so much and I am so sorry for this horrible tragedy!... I found this today and I hope somehow you can relate. Know that family and friends are here for you both 24/7.

*"Please Don't Tell Me"*

*"Please don't tell me you know how I feel,  
Unless you have lost your child too,  
Please don't tell me my broken heart will heal,  
Because that is just not true,  
Please don't tell me my son is in a better place,  
Though it is true, I want him here with me,  
Don't tell me someday I'll hear his voice, see his face,  
Beyond today I cannot see,  
Don't tell me it is time to move on,  
Because I cannot,  
Don't tell me to face the fact he is gone,  
Because denial is something I can't stop,  
Don't tell me to be thankful for the time I had,  
Because I wanted more,  
Don't tell me when I am my old self you will be glad,  
I'll never be as I was before,  
What you can tell me is you will be here for me,  
That you will listen when I talk of my child,  
You can share with me my precious memories,  
You can even cry with me for a while,  
And please don't hesitate to say his name,  
Because it is something I long to hear everyday,  
Friend please realize that I can never be the same,  
But if you stand by me, you may like the new person I become  
someday."*

*Judi Walker*

*(In Memory of Shane)  
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**LeeAnn/Justin Ratcliff** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TA

“ *May your sweet memories comfort you at this difficult time. Thinking of you.*

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**Tammy Chatham** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ME

“ *Stephanie and Jake,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you. My thoughts are with you both in this difficult time and I am wishing you both strength.*

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**Melissa Gonnerman** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AA

“ *Stephanie and Jake, Mary Ann and I are heartbroken over your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Andy and Mary Ann Tellas** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TA

“ *We are extremely saddened by your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family!*

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**Tadewos Assebework** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TO

“ Jake and Stephanie I don't know what to say but that I'm sorry for your loss and my prayers are for you and your family.

Tom Fuller - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LB

“ Jake and Stephanie, Our hearts ache for you and the loss of your darling Lucas. We will pray for you daily. We too lost a baby boy, but cannot possibly know what you are going through. I am sure Jake that our Gree is holding your Lucas in her arms right now. If you need anything just call us. Love and Prayers from the Calkins family.

Lisa & Bruce Calkins - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't imagine the sadness and heartbreak you are experiencing right now, but praying that God will give your family the strength to get through the days ahead.

Tami Martindale - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

NC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping the families and Lucas in our thoughts and prayers.

Natalie Wisniewski and Richard Crider - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LB

“ To the entire Crowe family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God be with you all and give you the strength to get thru the days ahead. Our family holds your family in our hearts.

Larry and Beverly Burris - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CS

“ Stephanie..We are sending love and smpathy to you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we hope for you comfort from God to carry you through this most tragic time. I wish there was more to say but i know that is not possible at tbis time of sorrow. Please draw from the love and support of those around you.

Cheryl, Austin and Seth Combs - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Bob and Carole Bowlen - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

J(

“ No words can touch the pain you feel, but please know I, along with anyone who has ever known you or your family is thinking of you during this most difficult time.

Jessica Mitchell (sowders) - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TO

“ My heart breaks for your family. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Tonya Shimkus - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BR

“ Jake steph  
So sorry for your loss. you guys are in are thoughts and prayers. am asking the lord to wrap his loving arms around both of you.and bring you threw this. if you need anything let us no

Bill Rhonda Boltinghouse - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KF

“ *Life is fragile and there aren't any words to ease the pain of your loss. May you find strength and courage in the love of your family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Kris and Frank Stewart** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

NC

“ *Jake and family, we are so very sorry for your tragic loss! Our deepest prayers and thoughts are with you today! It was so sad to hear, and could not imagine the strength you must have after such a loss. Jake, you were always a good friend to me, if you need anything please call! 765-432-5465. I hope you guys can find peace in knowing he is now taken care of in heaven.*

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**Nate & Mindi Conaway** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AK

“ *Stephanie, I am so sorry for your loss- I will continue to pray for you and your family! If there is anything you or your family need please don't hesitate to let me know!*

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**Amy Bland- Kelley** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DR

“ *My heart broke for you when I read about Lucas, and still does. I know it is difficult for you to find comfort at this time, but it is good to read all the support you have from family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and both of your extended families. May our creator help comfort you in your loss.*

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**Diana McGuire - Reynolds** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JR

“ *Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with Jake, Stephanie, and their respective families. We are deeply saddened by your loss. Jimmy, Norda, Justin, and LeeAnn*

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**Jimmy and Norda Ratcliff** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BR

“ *Stephanie, I am so sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do, I am willing to help in any way. Just let me know if there is something.*

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**Brian Piret** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AN

“ *Stephanie and Jake, I wish I knew the right words to share, please just know how much I care. I will be praying for comfort for your entire family.*

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**Ann Smith** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AP

“ *Stephanie, I'm so very sorry. My heart wept for you when I heard the news. There are no words I can say. I just pray for the peace that God gives, which passes our understanding, to be with you and your husband. There's a smiling little boy in heaven right now, but I know the gap in your arms here on earth feels unbearable; may peace, time and the love and support of your family and friends guide you through these days and months and years to come. Love you and miss you. April Cole*

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**April Cole** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DE

“ To the Stephenson family; Jake, Shelley, Pam & Chuck. I am so sorry for your loss. I know there are no words to ease your pain. I'm sending you love, thoughts and prayers.

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**Debbie Wright** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ Jake and Steph - you are so very special to Greg and I and our hearts go out to you. We are all here for you if you ever need anything. Lucas will always be with us in our hearts and our memories and will be missed deeply. Words cannot express our sympathy enough. Love you both.

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**Janice Burton** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LI

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends of this sweet little boy. May you find peace and comfort in all the happy times you shared with him. Thinking of you all.

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**Lindsey Whiles** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ Stephanie & Jake.....I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Jackie Farris** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LU

“ Dear family,  
You have never met me, but I want to extend my condolences to you. I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful little boy.

*In 1996, my two year old daughter, Casey, fell off my horse and was also killed when he hit her in the heart with his hoof. My husband and I thought we would die, it hurt so much. We have two other daughters who are grown now, but they were right there when the accident happened and even though they were 5 and 3 it impacted them greatly.*

*Everyone grieves differently, but I do know one thing. The moment your Lucas died, a part of you died too. You will never be the same, but you can come to know peace again through the pain. Don't let his life be for naught, but let it make you better.*

*If there comes a time that you feel you do not have support that you need, or you just need to talk to someone who has walked the path you are now on, please feel free to contact me. You are in my thoughts and prayers for I know every step you are going to have to take. I will call the funeral home and leave my contact information for you. My husband is also willing to talk with you as well.*

*Again, I am so sorry.*

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**Lu Emily** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LA

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Luke and Amber Owings** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SS

“ Stephanie and Jake, my deepest sympathy on your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you his strength and comfort.

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**Steven Sajkich** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AS

“ I am the neice of Liz Pruett, there are no words, or enough prayers or tears to explain how deeply sorry I am for your loss. My son is 2 as well (8.12.10) and I couldn't even begin to imagine ...I hope in this time though that you can just keep in mind all the joy that Mr. Lucas brought to your lives and hold it tight forever and let it bring you some kind of peace if that's possible... and just know that he is safe in the hands of God ... Heaven gained an adorable and very charming angel!! Prayers from Brownsburg, In!

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**Andrea 'Osborn' Starkey** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

NI

“ Stephanie, Jake, and Family  
This has been the worst thing I have ever heard. I cannot even imagine what you all are going thru. Lucas was a wonderful sweet baby boy that brought such joy to all our lives. You all are in my thoughts. So Much love and sympathy are with you all always.

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**Nicole Bowmer** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SU

“ Dear Stephanie & Jake,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. My heart hurts for you all.  
Sincerely,  
Susan

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**Susan Starnes-Liford** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MA

“ I was overwhelmed to tears when I saw this beautiful angel face in the paper this morning. Ilost a child also about the same age. It is the worst and most horrible feeling of loss a parent and family can experience. Stay strong with family and faith,my prayers are with all of you as you greive for your Angel Lucas.

*One of Gods Angels just came HOME*

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**Madelyn Arquette** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

FM

“ Stephanie & Jake, I cannot imagine what you are going through right now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Faye & Myron

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**Faye & Myron Thomas** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DR

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Lucas, the parents Jake and Stephanie, the grandparents Steve and Janet, and all. I pray that God gives you all Peace and healing in this most difficult time. My prayers are with you. God Bless

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**Dr. Richard Leyda** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ME

“ I can't even imagine words that would help you find comfort right now. I am so incredibly sorry for this tragedy. I will be praying for strength and healing for you and your family.

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**Melanie Payne** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KY

“ I'm so so sorry to hear about this, I'm so heart broken and my heart breaks for all of you! May you rest in peace sweet baby

Kylee Vanpelt - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KW

“ I can not begin to imagine the pain you now are in! Please know that you are and will be in our prayers during this difficult time.

Karen (Armstrong) White - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry, please know you all are in my prayers.

Barbara Mensch - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MI

“ Stephanie and Jake,

I cannot even begin to imagine what you are going through right now. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Hays - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

NC

“ Jake and Steph- my heart is so broken for you right now. I'm so sorry this happened and I am constantly thinking of you and praying for you. Please turn to each other and your families for support. I cant imagine the nightmare you are experiencing. Sending lots and lots of hugs your way.

Natalie (Langley) Crohn - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ME

“ Dear Stephanie,

*My most sincere condolences during these trying times of loss. May God carry you through in His merciful arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lucas, you and your family.*

*Mercedes*

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**Mercedes Randall** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

RJ

“ Jake and Steph, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Lucas. Our condolences and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Take strength in knowing that Lucas is beside God watching over the both of you. May God and Lucas lift you up in Faith.

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**Roger "Pete" and Jamie Burton** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LP

“ Steph and Jake,

*I don't even know what to say. I hope you both find peace.*

*Liz*

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**Liz Pruett** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ We are very sorry for your heartbreaking loss. We are keeping you both and your entire family in our prayers.

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**Jeff and Brooke Rees** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AS

“ I was so saddened to hear about this. We have a little boy 17 months and we live on a farm. He loves John deere and animals. I cannot express how sorry I am for u all. I cannot imagine what you r going through. I'll be thinking and praying for you all. May God carry you during your time of need.

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**Ashley Stogsdill** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

HH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Heather Hollingsworth** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DP

“ So sorry for your lost, your in our prayers

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**Dwight and Debbie Padgett** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family!

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**Marvin Holt** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

VI

“ I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. I know words don't mean alot right now, and I really don't know what to say except that you will all be in our prayers and if there is anything at all we can do, please feel free to let us know.

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**Vickie Crowe** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MR

“ I am so sorry about your loss of your child .

*I know your family and went to school with them at Solsberry Indiana*

*I will be thinking of you*

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**modena gallian rollins** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My whole family will be praying for you and yours. Please know that God will help you through this.

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**Amanda Spurgeon Orr** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KY

“ Dear Jake and Steph,  
*I'm so sadden by the news Heidi shared with me tonight. I know there is nothing I can say to help you in this time of sorrow. But my heart is with you both. Please stay strong for each other, you are a wonderful couple.*

*Love to both of you.*

*Kyle*

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**Kyle Allard** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

VI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God Bless and Comfort you in the coming days. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Vicci King** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

ML

“ *Jake and Stephanie*

*Words cannot express my heartbreak for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold on to each other to get through this difficult time.*

*Mindy*

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**Mindy Shute Long** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your's and your family's loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Shannon Lovelace** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

K(

“ *Stephanie and Jake,*  
*I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I pray you find comfort and peace in knowing that precious lil man is in heaven. He will always be in your hearts and watching over you as an angel. My deepest condolences.*

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**Kim (Martindale) Walls** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DJ

“ *Words can't describe. Please know we are praying for your comfort and may God help you find peace.*

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**DL & Julie Hollingsworth** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM