



Stephen McKinley Dodrill

March 19, 1991 - October 31, 2009

Stephen McKinley Dodrill was born in Ft. Myers, Florida on March 19, 1991. On October 31, 2009, he was thrown from his ATV, dying immediately. Stephen had just graduated from Bloomington High School North and was planning to attend a technical college for diesel mechanics. Almost any night, he could be found in his or a friend's garage working on something that had an engine, the louder the better. Stephen played basketball for nine years culminating in a junior high school state championship with a home school team in 2006. He traveled to Rwanda to help build a school for Youth For Christ and is well remembered there. He was involved in Young Life in high school. Stephen's legacy was not his trophies; it was his friends. He lived large and was a natural leader. He had a deep booming voice with an infectious smile and laugh. He was a loyal friend and always willing to help when somebody got in trouble. Many nights he would leave in the middle of the night to take someone home who had been drinking or to fix a broken down car. He encouraged one friend who was dabbling in drugs to quit and to get a natural high by having fun with him. He was always out in the woods, hunting with friends, building ATV trails or building large bonfires. He lived more in his 18 years than many do in their 70. Stephen was refreshingly honest. He always told things straight to your face. He was not wordy but when he talked, people listened because he had something to say. He was known for being trustworthy. He made up his own mind about things of importance. About a year ago, Stephen told his father that he could not sit on

the fence any longer about the direction of his life. He gave his life to Jesus Christ with the same total commitment that he pursued his other loves. His life changed and those that knew him saw it. He always looked for people he could trust and he trusted Jesus for what he could not see. Stephen loved his family. He spent four days with his Mom last year driving to California. He was always up for a road trip. He loved to wrestle with Jonathan, Olivia, Claire and even Mom. He loved Joshua and helped him on projects. He dearly loved little Claire and she loved him. He would scoop her up with one big hand when he came in the door, much to her delight. He will be sorely missed. He is survived by his parents, David and Cathron Dodrill by brothers Joshua and Jonathan and sisters Olivia and Claire, all of Bloomington, IN, by his grandmother Sally Swift of Jacksonville, FL, and by his grandfather Richard Stephen Swift and Martha Swift of Hendersonville, NC. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rufus McKinley Dodrill and Violet Dodrill.

The visitation will be 5-8p.m., Tuesday, November 3, at the Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State 37, Bloomington, IN 47401 The memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 10 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1503 W. That Road, Bloomington, IN 47403. Pastor Nussbaum of Exodus Church will officiate. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery, next to the school his brothers and sisters attend. Donations may be sent in his name to the work in Rwanda to Youth for Christ International, P.O. Box 4555, Englewood, CO 80155 and to Young Life Greater Bloomington, 4111 W. Broadway Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404. Online condolences may be posted publicly or sent to the family privately via www.allenfuneralhome.org. The Facebook group "Remember Stephen Dodrill" is another place to read about Stephen and see pictures of him that people have posted.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *David and Cathryn: I just learned of the loss of your son. I cannot tell you how very sorry I am to hear of this. We have a seventeen year old son (Benjamin) and I cannot imagine what the two of you and the rest of your family have been going through these last two years. I know that you have your faith to sustain you. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Dawn Bare Ruoff.*

Dawn Bare Ruoff - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MW

“ *Dear Dodrills,*

We will continue to pray that you find God's peace and comfort during this time.

*Love,
The Westerfields*

Mark & Suzann Westerfield - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CA

“ *Our prayers are with your family during this time. Molly (from church) sends Claire a big hug and a kiss and hopes to see her soon.*

*Blessings,
The Johnson Family*

Caroline Johnson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

NA

“ Dear David and Cathron and family:

I was so sorry to hear about the untimely passing of your son, Stephen. I cannot imagine your sorrow.

Although I know David only through the Ivy Tech course last spring, I know that you are a strong, loving family with a generous heart and spirit.

I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Nancy*

Nancy Obermeyer - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DO

“ Dear David and Cathron --

We were so sorry to read of Stephen's untimely passing in today's News Press. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Run to God. Only He is able to comfort your broken hearts.

*With Love,
Doug, Sally, Laura & Logan Morris*

Doug Morris - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DA

“ Dear David, Cathron, Joshua, Jonathan, Olivia and Claire,

We continue to pray that God will comfort you as only He can. 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

*We love you,
David and Kim Johnson*

DAVID JOHNSON - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

GR

“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the Dodrill family. God bless you and Stephen!*

Gregory Southern - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CI

“ *Dear David, Cathron, and family, Just want to express our sorrow over this world's loss of Stephen. I can not imagine your grief and shock. Even though we know God has given us our children and they remain His, I don't know how any of us could ever be prepared to let go of them. I rejoice that Stephen is with the Lord, knowing that you will be see him again. But I know that doesn't stop the tears and sorrow now. We grieve with you and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Mom (Aunt Bunny) is so sorry that she can't be there and sends her love, as do the rest of us. In Christ, Your cousin Cindy Wasson and family.*

Cindy Wasson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM