



## Jackson M. Murphy

September 17, 1998 - March 23, 2015

Jackson M. Murphy, 16 of Kearney died Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha. Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 AM Friday, March 27, 2015 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. The Rev. Joseph Hannappel will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7PM, Thursday at the church with a vigil to follow at 7pm. Memorials are suggested to family for future designation. On-line condolences may be shared at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jackson was born on September 17, 1998 in Kearney, Nebraska to Kate Murphy. He grew up in Kearney and was a student at Kearney High School. He was a member of the Kearney High Football and Wrestling Teams, Buddy Bowling, TOPSoccer, Challenger Baseball, and participated in other activities through the ARC of Buffalo County. Jackson never met a stranger; he made everyone he came in contact with laugh, hug and say 'I love you'. Jackson never knew anything but love, and he never gave anything but love. In his sixteen short years, he touched more lives than those of us blessed with much more time.

Survivors include: His mother, Kate Murphy. Aunts: Charlene (Bruce) Moats, Kearney; Mary Dady, San Antonio; Jane (Brian) Moody, Kearney; Sheila (Troy) Barger, Kearney. Uncles: Tom Murphy, Kihei, HI; Ed (Vera) Murphy, WaKeeney, KS; John Murphy, Kearney; Patrick (Veronica) Murphy, Kearney; Jim Murphy, Kearney; Marty Murphy, Denver, CO; Mike (Sandi) Murphy, Baker,

FL; Joe (Aiko) Murphy, Chandler, AZ. Cousins: Shane, Natalie, Nathan and William Moats of North Platte; Annie, Andrew, Hunter, Lily and Griffin Novacek of Kearney; Ben Moats of Kansas City, MO; Chad, Lynda, Sam, Luke and Jacob Murphy of Fort Atkinson, WI; Keith, Amelia, Duff, Fox and Pace Murphy of Nevada, MO; Jason, Crystal, Jaycie, Tessa and Blaise Dady of San Antonio, TX; Jake Dady and Shyler Leon, Makenna and Cora Dady of San Antonio, TX; Nick and Stacy Moody, Gage, Simon, Riley and Jolene Butner and Jaren Moody of Kearney; Amy, Jim and Brenna Fred of Sargent; Ryne Moody and Molly Walsh of Kansas City, KS; Paige and Rich Floyd of Arvada, CO; Emma Murphy and Mario Chavez, Leila and Jacob Chavez of Westminister, CO; Seamus Murphy of Denver, CO; Reniel Suba, Charlie and Maria Murphy of Chandler, AZ; Mattie Traphagan of Omaha and Zoey Barger of Kearney. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Barbara Murphy.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson M. Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mia Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



Mia Rodriguez - April 01, 2015 at 05:11 PM



“ *Emily sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



Emily - March 30, 2015 at 09:44 AM



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Emily - March 30, 2015 at 09:44 AM

EM

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Emily - March 30, 2015 at 09:44 AM

EM

“ Emily lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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Emily - March 30, 2015 at 09:43 AM

EM

“ Jackson made me laugh when somebody made fun of me, Jackson was and still is my very first friend he will never be forgotten.

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Emily - March 30, 2015 at 09:43 AM

DL

“ Darla Langenberg lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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Darla Langenberg - March 29, 2015 at 06:06 PM

MR

“ *Mia Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Mia Rodriguez** - March 27, 2015 at 09:12 PM

LG

“ *Larry Giddings lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Larry Giddings** - March 27, 2015 at 02:52 PM

MB

“ *Misty And Ariana Brunken lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Misty and Ariana Brunken** - March 27, 2015 at 10:50 AM

KH

“ *Just to let you know that we are holding you close this morning as the memorial service is being held there....we are praying that the Lord will surround you with the Peace that passes understanding at this sad time of saying goodbye to your precious son.  
Your friends in Omaha, Richard and Kathie Haubensak*

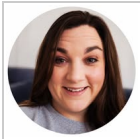
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**Kathie Haubensak** - March 27, 2015 at 10:02 AM

EM

“ I will miss you Jackson, you were my very first best friend and I will never forget that. You made everyone laugh and see the goodness in all things. You cheered me up when I was sad, and I will make sure your love and cheer keeps going, you made it go for me so I will do the same. And I want to thank your family for bringing you here on Earth, because you were meant to be. Without you our school would have more fights and arguments, but knowing you're still with us there is little fights and arguments. You are my light that makes my flowers grow, you are the smile that I wish I had, you are like a brother to me and my family. I will never forget you.

Emily - March 27, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ He was a friend for my little sister and they were great friends. He touched so many lives including mine. He taught so many life lessons. He will be missed

Haley Vollmer - March 26, 2015 at 10:30 PM

Holly Ham

“ Holly Ham lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Holly Ham - March 26, 2015 at 09:44 PM

SP

“ Shawn Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy

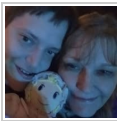


Shawn Pruitt - March 26, 2015 at 08:33 PM

SP

*I never had the pleasure of meeting Jackson. Our son Billy C. did and we on behalf of Billy would like to honor the wonderful memories he has of his wonderful and dear friend. And he will miss him and enjoyed playing Buddy Bowling with him. Prayers to the Family and Friends and Rest in Peace dear Jackson.*

Shawn Pruitt - March 26, 2015 at 08:46 PM



*On behalf of our special needs daughter, Kendra who can't do anything but feel very sad and keeps asking about Jackson...we just want to say that when you were here amongst us Jackson...we didn't realize we were with a Angel of Love...sent from God himself. Oh if we could just get one more of those wonderful hugs again...but we'd never be happy with just one.  
Thank you for brightening our lives...we'll always love you.*

Joyce Peterson - April 01, 2015 at 10:32 PM

JM

“ Julie Morse lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy

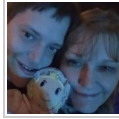


Julie Morse - March 26, 2015 at 05:53 PM

JM

*Heaven gained a beautiful Angel.*

Julie Morse - March 26, 2015 at 05:55 PM



*Kate...we love you too...we are so very, very sorry for your loss.*

**Joyce Peterson** - April 01, 2015 at 10:34 PM

DR

“ *Katie,  
Heaven got another Angel ...  
Jackson will always be with you in your heart  
..hold on to your memories !  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family,  
Debbie*

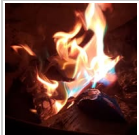


**debra reisbeck** - March 26, 2015 at 12:02 PM

MP

“ *Kate,  
So sorry to hear about Jackson. We've heard so much about him,  
he was so well liked. We are thinking of you.  
Rex and Margie (Morrissey) Paul*

**Margie Paul** - March 26, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ *Kate & family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



**Candi Brehm Fuqua** - March 26, 2015 at 09:41 AM

MT

“ *Marcy Kuhnel Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Marcy Kuhnel Thompson** - March 26, 2015 at 08:54 AM

MR

“ *Love u*



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**mia Rodriguez** - March 26, 2015 at 06:19 AM

JF

“ *Judy Fisher lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Judy Fisher** - March 25, 2015 at 11:47 PM


LK

“ *Leslie Kotrous lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Leslie Kotrous** - March 25, 2015 at 08:07 PM

 Rhoda  
Warnke  
Brown

“ *Kate,  
My heart goes out to you at this time and the loss you feel. I remember the first time I meet Jackson and his smile took my heart away and the special day we shared as birthday buddies. Thank you for the smiles Jackson. Thank you Kate for being the wonderful mother you were and the love you instilled in Jackson as he grew. Prayers and thoughts as you struggle thru this loss.  
Rhoda Brown*

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**Rhoda Warnke Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 07:41 PM

MR

“ *Marina Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of  
Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Marina Rodriguez** - March 25, 2015 at 06:12 PM

MW

“ *Jackson was so full of love and kindness, a real testament to you Kate! I know Jackson was the apple of your life, it was so easy to see that in how your face lit up when Jackson was around. My heart goes out to you. I pray you find peace.*

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**Marilyn Wiederspan** - March 25, 2015 at 05:06 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Petri lit a candle in memory of Jackson  
M. Murphy*



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**Kathy Petri** - March 25, 2015 at 01:28 PM

KP

*Jackson was a ray of sunshine! What a privilege it was to have known him. He was a wonderful young man who was blessed with a wonderful family! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

Kathy Petri - March 25, 2015 at 01:35 PM

MR

*We miss you*

mia Rodriguez - March 26, 2015 at 06:13 AM

SL

“*Kate,  
Sending our Sympathy and Prayers to you. We'll always remember how excited Jackson would be to come to work with you and always be ready to help us!! Love from your "Holdrege Crew"*

Susan Larson - March 25, 2015 at 01:26 PM

BF

“*My thoughts & prayers go to the Murphy family!!*

Bordeaux family - March 25, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“*Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackson M. Murphy.*



March 25, 2015 at 11:54 AM

JB

“*Kate & family of Jackson,  
Thinking of you. You are in my thoughts and  
prayers.  
May these few words express sympathy to  
you and your family.*

*Janet Bugay*



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**Janet Bugay** - March 25, 2015 at 09:42 AM

SW

“*Sharen Wroblewski lit a candle in memory of  
Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Sharen Wroblewski** - March 25, 2015 at 09:18 AM

AR

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**Albert Rodriguez** - March 25, 2015 at 07:49 AM

MR

*Gone to so be could change the world*

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**mia Rodriguez** - March 26, 2015 at 06:15 AM

SM

“ *Gone too soon! My deepest sympathy.* ”



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**Sandy Mushinski** - March 25, 2015 at 07:41 AM

Joanna  
Chesterman

“ *Joanna Chesterman lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy* ”



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**Joanna Chesterman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:34 AM

NP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. I had the privilege of working with Jackson at Kenwood. He would always bring a smile to your face no matter what kind of day you were having. No matter where you saw him he would say hi to you and make your day. He touched so many people in his short life. He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of meeting him.* ”



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**Nancy Pfannenstein** - March 24, 2015 at 11:21 PM

KF

“ Jackson had a place in my heart from the very first time he smiled at me. He was always happy and excited to meet new people. He was friends with everyone and will always be remembered by everyone he met. He brought joy with him wherever he went and will be greatly missed. Kate, I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Karen Fusby - March 24, 2015 at 10:27 PM

CL

“ Carol Lentell lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Carol Lentell - March 24, 2015 at 10:08 PM

NM

“ Sending our deepest and most sincere condolences to Jackson's family, friends, and teammates tonight. The wrestling community here in Lincoln mourns your loss. From our Lincoln Northeast wrestling family to yours, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,  
Nikki

Nikki Mandeville - March 24, 2015 at 10:03 PM

JM

“ Jeri, Kylee & Lindsey Mckeon lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Jeri, Kylee & Lindsey Mckeon - March 24, 2015 at 09:59 PM

SD

“ It was only this last year that I got to know of Jackson. My sons wrestle for Lexington but each meet I would look for him. Always easy to spot with a 10,000 watt smile and so much enthusiasm and passion, Jackson was an awesome kid! It was obvious that his team loved him and looked to him for that extra energy they needed to keep going. Jackson will be missed.

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**Shannon Duncan** - March 24, 2015 at 09:43 PM

BS

“ I was lucky enough to see this young man wrestle, talk about heart and a shining spirit! This young man left a stamp on many people's lives, much more than many people more than twice his age.

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**Barb Lincoln Northeast High School** - March 24, 2015 at 09:15 PM

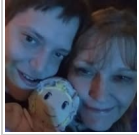


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**Brian Payton** - March 24, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ God made Jackson just like he was to make people smile and feel loved. We knew him when he was young and he became very, very special to us and our special needs daughter, Kendra...for the next few years. They always had fun together, no matter what they did. My husband loved to tease him and I loved his big hugs! There's never be a more precious boy in ours hearts than you Jackson. We love you and will be together again one day. Kate, your in our prayers daily. We are here for you if you ever need us. Many blessings and much Love.

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**Joyce Peterson** - March 24, 2015 at 07:51 PM

LM

“ Lisa Miles lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Lisa Miles** - March 24, 2015 at 07:38 PM

LM

*Football will not be the same without Jackson down on the sidelines by Kevin Madsen. I loved seeing the joy whenever the band played. He showed such spirit!*

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**Lisa Miles** - March 24, 2015 at 07:41 PM

SH

“ What amazing lessons he taught our wrestlers from all over the area. I am blessed to have been able to watch him wrestle. God be with your family.

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**Sherry** - March 24, 2015 at 07:19 PM

SH

“ *Sherry lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Sherry** - March 24, 2015 at 07:17 PM

 Rex  
Bavousett

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**Rex Bavousett** - March 24, 2015 at 06:02 PM

TI

“ *Fly high with Jesus Jackson. I will always remember that contagious smile of yours that light up the whole the place no matter where you were..*



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**Tiffany** - March 24, 2015 at 05:57 PM

JR

“ I will always love Jackson Murphy. He stole my heart when he was 11 months old. I was blessed to provide respite care for Jackson for 7 wonderful years. My time with him shaped me in so many ways and I am sure, he is a large reason for my becoming a special education teacher. He could light up any room and I am so proud to see all the heartfelt tributes. Kate is an amazing mother who trusted me, as a young college student, with her precious son. Now, a mother myself, I better understand the faith, wisdom, and strength she possesses. God truly has an angel. Jeana Reid

Jeana Reid - March 24, 2015 at 05:04 PM

MP

“ Mr. Paul lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Mr. Paul - March 24, 2015 at 03:56 PM

AM

“ Anita Munsterman lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



anita munsterman - March 24, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *I remember him giving it all in the 1 mi/5k run/walk at Yanney Park. That's Jackson! May we all remember, and have the strength to continue, no matter what comes our way, because Jackson showed us to never give up.*



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**Cheryl Willis** - March 24, 2015 at 03:17 PM

AB

“ *As a Custodian For KPS, I spend my years watching as young students grow to become young adults, and Jackson was no different. I never heard or saw of Jackson being anything but kind and well liked, friendly and excited to be part of the 'team'. He will leave a lasting impression on those who knew him and I know he goes to a better place.*

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**Art Bralick** - March 24, 2015 at 02:37 PM

SD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Jackson's family! He will be missed by all those who knew him!*



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**Sue Divan** - March 24, 2015 at 02:37 PM

ML

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the parents, grandparents and family of Jackson. My deepest sympathy to all of you.*



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**Mary Lieske** - March 24, 2015 at 02:33 PM

HH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a remarkable boy and sure made me smile. My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family.



Heather Hull - March 24, 2015 at 02:05 PM

Zachry Vasquez

“ I met Jackson through high school and was one that helped kids with special needs the very first day we met he gave me a hug and he took a great jump into my heart he was such a sweet kid to work with

Zachry Vasquez - March 24, 2015 at 01:37 PM

DH

“ Daren And Kate Hatch lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Daren and Kate Hatch - March 24, 2015 at 01:32 PM

KP

“ Karena Plautz lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Karena Plautz - March 24, 2015 at 01:19 PM

KP

“ I met Jackson in October 2013 when I started working at KHS! There was not one day he did not make me laugh. Every day, doesn't matter what I would say He would say "Funny?" And I would always say Hilarious... :) I will miss you Mr. Jackson Murphy!! 😭

Karena Plautz - March 24, 2015 at 01:17 PM

TH

“ Tasha Holliday lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



Tasha Holliday - March 24, 2015 at 01:16 PM

TH

“ Jackson was good kid in school. He always said hi to me in hallways in school last year. I had him in few classes. You will be missed. I love u bud??? R.I.P Jackson Murphy?

Tasha Holliday - March 24, 2015 at 01:15 PM

KP

“ I remember being told by one of the principal's that Jackson had given my daughter a kiss on the cheeks and that they were going to get married!! :) I was like ohhhhh Jackson... What am I going to do with you!!

Karena Plautz - March 24, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ I had the pleasure to work with Jackson at Kearney High. He always had a smile on his face:) He was such a sweet kid and so funny. He always liked to "fire" us paras:) Then he would hire us back. He will be dearly missed! Rest in peace Jackson...

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**Angie Neville Bickford** - March 24, 2015 at 01:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jackson M. Murphy.



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 March 24, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ Madalyn, Tobin, And Cindy Houlden lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Madalyn, Tobin, and Cindy Houlden** - March 24, 2015 at 12:58 PM



*Madalyn was a classmate of Jackson's and she made her first communion with him...HUGS and prayers to his family.*

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**Madalyn, Tobin, and Cindy Houlden** - March 24, 2015 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ I may have only met Jackson once at TOP Soccer, but I can tell by talking to my daughters and others at KHS that he was a great kid who brought joy and laughter to everyone he met. You can be proud of him and of yourselves for raising such a wonderful young man! Kelsey (class of 2015), Megan (class of 2017), Jerry & Carrie Stithem



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**Carrie Stithem** - March 24, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ Sarah Kurz lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Sarah Kurz** - March 24, 2015 at 12:28 PM

LH

“ My son wrestled Jackson at an invite in Axtell. My son was so excited to see the happiness on Jackson's face when he would score and win a match. He was an inspiration to all and my thoughts and prayers are with you all through this very difficult time.



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**Libby Holsten** - March 24, 2015 at 12:01 PM

JJ

“ *Jan Jurgens lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



Jan Jurgens - March 24, 2015 at 11:53 AM

AN

“ *R.I.P Jackson I seen u everyday and u would say Hi to me everytime u would see me and I will miss not hearing u say Hi to me everyday u will be missed by everyone u were my hero u made my day better when I hear u say Hi to me prayers go out to Jackson's family im sorry u lost a really sweet and nice and handsome guy we all love u Jackson u are in are hearts and will always be in are prayers love u buddy. 💔 and also prayers go out to his family I'm sorry for your loss Jackson was a sweetheart and a caring man I met Jackson when I was walking through the halls one day and he said Hello and gave me a hug and he always makes me smile. He also always has a smile that Brightons everyones day we are going to miss your beautiful bright smile that always makes everyones day. U were my hero and my bestfriend love u jackson.*



annastacia - March 24, 2015 at 11:43 AM

GP

“ *Jackson favorite things to say is "Funny?" And "You're fired." Jackson would always hangout with Mr.Madson during lunch and I would go see him and Jackson did the cutest thing ever he gave me a kiss on my check and told me I'm his girlfriend and that I'm going to be his wife. Jackson always wanted to come over and hangout! Jackson always gave warm love hugs. ~Gabby Pautz~*

gabby plautz - March 24, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ One of the best memories I have ever had with Jackson was at the Axtell jv invite freshman year and when he was wrestling and yelled and waved at all the Axtell cheerleaders and he was smiling and after his match he came over and greeted everyone with a hug and raising his arms in joy to celebrate his victory!

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**Blake Quintana** - March 24, 2015 at 11:33 AM

AN

“ R.I.P Jackson I seen u everyday and u would say Hi to me everytime u would see me and I will miss not hearing u say Hi to me everyday u will be missed by everyone u were my hero u made my day better when I hear u say Hi to me prayers go out to Jackson's family im sorry u lost a really sweet and nice and handsome guy we all love u Jackson u are in are hearts and will always be in are prayers love u buddy. 💔

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**annastacia** - March 24, 2015 at 11:32 AM

LS

“ Lauren, Kari, Chris & Steve Struebing lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Lauren, Kari, Chris & Steve Struebing** - March 24, 2015 at 10:47 AM

DV

“ I met Jackson when he was just a tiny tot. It is hard to narrow down just a few of my favorite things about him, but I love the way he said the words "hot dog" and the way he said my name or just my last name. I loved getting to see him come off the bus from school just as happy as could be and eat his snack while watching *The Adventures of Babysitting* or *Rachel Ray*. Then, we would go out and about to my dorm or shopping and he would make everyone around him smile while he said "hi" to just about anyone and everyone he could. I loved his excitement for *Taco Tuesday* and to this day on a Tuesday I think about Jackson and *Taco Tuesday*. He was excited about everything that life had to offer.  
Kate, you're an amazing mom who puts all of your heart and soul into your family. Your resilience and love for him is awesome. He was a special boy with a special heart because of you. Love and prayers to your whole family.

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**Danielle Valenti** - March 24, 2015 at 10:18 AM

TS

“ Teresa Schnoor lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Teresa Schnoor** - March 24, 2015 at 07:52 AM

SG

“ Sally Giittinger lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy



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**Sally Giittinger** - March 24, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ *Kris (Straatmann)Schneider lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Kris (Straatmann)Schneider** - March 24, 2015 at 06:55 AM



“ *Rex Bavousett lit a candle in memory of Jackson M. Murphy*



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**Rex Bavousett** - March 23, 2015 at 08:13 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jackson's passing. It was a real joy to have had him in our lives. He was always sweet and it seemed that everyone was his friend. Jackson was always a kind student in school, and always open to taking you out for a walk around the school, showing you where things are located, or "firing you" if you gave him any lip. He was so fun to talk with. He will be remembered and missed deeply.*

*Rex & Ian Bavousett*

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**Rex Bavousett** - March 23, 2015 at 07:51 PM



*Kate, I never met Jackson but have heard a lot about him through my daughter Molly. As a mother, I can't imagine your pain but it sounds like you raised a beautiful son.*

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**Liz Walsh** - March 25, 2015 at 10:28 PM

KT

*Kate... My Thoughts and Prayers go out to You and the whole Murphy family. He will be deeply missed..*  
*Kim Triplett*

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**Kim Triplett** - March 26, 2015 at 09:41 AM