



Gavin James Shaunty

April 22, 2005 - March 26, 2025

It is with the deepest love and sadness that we announce the passing of Gavin James Shaunty on March 26, 2025 as he entered the bliss of heaven at the early age of 19. Gavin was born on April 22, 2005 (Earth Day as he was always proud to share) in Zephyrhills, Florida and was immediately placed in the angelic hands of his Aunt Jane Bolton, who tenderly cared for him until God found his path to his forever home with his very loving family. Gavin immediately became the youngest son of three boys and moved to Texas for the duration of his life. Growing up, Gavin had so many passions and interests showing a strong love of trains, dinosaurs and all things nature. He carried these same passions with him throughout his life and enjoyed sharing them with family and friends. Gavin was blessed with his older brothers, a loving family and his precious close friends over the years. He was proud of his friendships and family and they brought him the most joy in his life, especially his two emotional support loving cats – Sydney and Sammy who have been at his side daily for over 13 years.

We are so proud of Gavin for his valiant efforts with school throughout his life. He carried such fond memories of Primrose Preschool and Hassler Elementary in Spring, followed by Salem Lutheran Middle School in Tomball and Montgomery High School where he graduated with a Plant Science Designation on his diploma once again showing his love of nature. The friends he made at these schools were lifetime friends showing his extreme loyalty to

those who he cared about. Gavin's dream was to one day become a park ranger so that he could protect nature on the earth that he so loved or to use his amazing artistic talents to possibly become an art teacher one day. He started that venture at Lone Star College where he achieved high marks his first semester and was on a path to work towards something purposeful. In true Gavin fashion, he took art classes along with his academics and joined the Paleontology Club at the school. In his spare time, Gavin was a true "giver". He spent his youth and teen years being a student/camper and then later a volunteer for God's children at summer camps at his favorite heaven on earth places, Serenity Equine (4 years) and Great Adventure Camp (GAC – 10 years). God gave him the best friends and caregivers who became like family to him at these places and made him feel secure, important and loved. And God gifted Gavin back for his service by providing him with a peaceful landing place to work in this last year of his life at Three Dudes Farms. The farm was Gavin's outlet, the animals were his flock of besties, and the flowers that Gavin watched grow and bring light to others were his pride and joy. The farm was his haven where he felt safe and closer to God's creations. Gavin's other place of joy was being in the mountains, immersed with the wildlife. He recently expressed his wishes to live in the mountains forever. To honor that, in lieu of a funeral service, his family will gather together this summer at Gavin's final resting place near our precious cabin in Angel Fire, New Mexico - his "happy place".

The word we heard most throughout Gavin's life to describe him was "kind". What a gift to be known as a kind human. His gentle nature, kind heart and love for living things is how he will always be remembered.

Gavin is survived by his loving parents, Matt and Jen Shaunty, his siblings, Jordan (& Sahran) and Jackson; and grandparents Henry and Cheryle Durbin and Tim and Claudette Shaunty; and his former foster family and dear friends – Aunt Jane Bolton (& Bentley) and Dallas "Sissy" Faherty (& Dan), and his

other loving aunts, uncles and cousins who will cherish his memory forever. Finally, are Gavin's close friends who were hand-picked and so important throughout his life. Gavin is preceded in death by his Papa Joe Wackerman and his Uncle Jeff Wackerman who are with him now to comfort him until we can be together again. Gavin's kindness and zest for life will be deeply missed but will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know him.

You may leave written memories to Gavin's family at www.shmfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, options for donations to honor Gavin and his life passions include:

The Trees Remember <https://thetreesremember.com/memorial-trees/>

Clearwater Marine Aquarium <https://give.clearwateraquarium.org/>

To learn more about the places and people who were so meaningful to Gavin, please visit:

Three Dudes Farms <https://threedudesfarm.com/> (Local Montgomery County, College Station and some Houston-area residents can support the farm via flower delivery subscriptions. Thank you to our favorite farmer, Brett Chisholm, for gifting Gavin his dream job.)

Great Adventure Camp (GAC) <https://gacisfun.com> (There is a Nancy Paul Scholarship fund with donation links on the website – thank you to Mary Ellen Taylor and Jay Barrera for your years of love and support for Gavin.)

Serenity Equine <https://www.serenityequineservices.com> (Thank you to Kendall Serrato for sharing your horses and Christian love and influence with

Gavin.)

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I am so very sad to hear of Gavin's passing. I have so many fond memories of Gavin during his time with us at MHS. He could light up the room with his smile. He was always so sweet and funny. When he and his friends would start talking and laughing I would always have the hardest time staying mad because you couldn't be upset with Gavin and his contagious laugh. He had incredible art work that he loved to share and his plans after graduation. I was so proud to see him walk across that stage. My heart is broken for his family and friends. I pray for peace during this time.

Sabrina Kelley

Sabrina Kelley - April 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM

JF

“ I had the honor to meet Gavin during the summer of 2014 as his camp counselor. Getting to know Gavin is by far the most memorable and unforgettable experience I had as a counselor in the best way possible. Gavin was one of the most beautiful spirits that entered my cabin. His love for Christ was undeniable, his kind heart for others was unmatched, and his passion for nature and bugs was unfathomable.

I remember that if I ever had to look for Gavin, I had to look towards the ground because he was always crouched over finding crickets. I absolutely did not like bugs but Gavin helped me overcome that fear. He would always come show me what bug or cricket he found and would want me to hold it and I reluctantly did. However, now I'm able to hold bugs in my hands and put insects into my two year old son's hands and show him that there's nothing to be afraid of and to respect them and their home. I learned that from Gavin.

It's been a decade since I've had the pleasure to create my own memories with Gavin and they will never be forgotten. To know Gavin is to remember him for life. Gavin's legacy will be remembered by many for many years to come.



Jacob Farris - April 13, 2025 at 11:18 PM

HJ

“ Oh Jenn and Matt, my heart sank upon hearing this. Words cannot even express the sorrow that I feel for you and the family. I have such wonderful memories of Brogan, Brandt and Gavin growing up together and some of the crazy boy things they would do. Gavin was so lucky to have you and the boys to grow and learn from. I will be praying nonstop for you all! Gavin knows how much he was loved!! May God give you peace and comfort! I will be praying for you all nonstop.

Heather Johnson - April 13, 2025 at 08:39 PM

DB

I'll always have a special place in my heart for Gaven. He knew we loved him. That smile was like no other. I have a special place in my heart for him and always will. I know he loved you all. 🙏

Debbie Brown - November 08, 2025 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ Gavin, I cannot believe you are gone. I always enjoyed seeing you show up to camp. I love that you teased me like a brother. You always made me smile and made my heart happy because I could literally see the joy you had at camp, the love you had for others, and the love you had for all of the nature at camp. I'm gonna miss you a ton!

Jay Barrera - April 13, 2025 at 05:42 PM

LC

“ *im so blessed that gavin was one of my best friends, he was always right there when i needed him the most. he would brighten up my day in an instant, making me smile and laugh.*
i knew him for almost seven years marking mid june. we rode at the same barn, we were in the same lesson group since day one. we spent every tuesday evening together riding and volunteering together. made many many memories together
i was so heartbroken when i found out, he was my closest friends, he was a big brother to me. wish i was there for him more but i do know he was very much loved, and will be dearly missed!
i will be praying for all of his family and friends! so blessed and grateful that he was my friend, love you gav!! ☐☐☐
-lauren coe



lauren coe - April 13, 2025 at 03:19 PM

EC

“ *I did not have the privilege of meeting Gavin. However, I know his grandmother Claudette Graves Shaunty and her husband Tim. Claudette and I went to school together in Columbus, Texas. Jen and Matt you raised a remarkable young man. Kind and loving to all he met.*
My deepest condolences to Gavin's family and friends. May he rest in peace.
Elenor Brune Crixell

Elenor Brune Crixell - April 13, 2025 at 12:04 PM

SC

“ We are shocked and heartbroken. Gavin was special. He had a kind, loving, innocent heart. He and my daughter Lauren had a special connection. They bonded over their love of Jesus and horses. Gavin just got Lauren and never judged. She struggles to feel accepted and loved, but not with Gavin. He was there for her through some really hard times the last two years. This is a huge loss. Gavin had a big impact on Lauren and she will miss him dearly. I know she has an angel in Heaven watching over her just like he did here on Earth. We feel so lucky to have known Gavin. We will be praying for all Gavin’s friends and family. Just know Gavin will never be forgotten. Lauren will always have a special place in her heart for him. He really made a difference in her life.

sarah coe - April 12, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SC

“ We are shocked and heartbroken by this news. Gavin was special. His kind, loving, innocent heart was a light for anyone lucky enough to know him. He and my daughter, Lauren, rode horses together. They had a very special connection. This is a huge loss for her. She struggles to fit in and feel accepted. Not with Gavin though. She looked forward to their weekly riding lessons and their long chats. He was there for her the last couple years when things in her life were really hard. This is a huge loss. Gavin was destined to do amazing things. He will be missed dearly. I know Lauren has an angel watching over her forever and he will always hold a very special place in her heart. Our prayers are with Gavin’s family and friends. Just know that Gavin was very loved and he had a huge impact on Lauren’s life. He will be forever missed.



sarah coe - April 12, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DY

“ I didn't know him very well, but I remember how funny he was. The only real conversation I had was on a trip to visit Lonestar in highschool. He sat and ate pizza and talked with me, he was nice and genuine.

Dyi - April 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM

BJ

“ I didnt know Gavin for very long only for one school year his seinor year my junior year but the time that i did know gavin was great he always had the biggest smile on his face always saw the brighter side of life and always saw the best he was amazing at drawing and amazed me in art class everyday with his drawings of dinosours and fnaf drawings we played roblox together me him and colton everyday that year im glad i was able to be his friend and be uplifted with laughter everyday with gavin he was truly pure and a shining light in our lifes and i send my condolences to his family he will be missed by all.

Bryce Jackson - April 09, 2025 at 10:54 PM

DW

“ I had the absolute pleasure of treating Gavin as an orthodontic patient. One day when I shook his hand, I noticed that he was looking away from me and the grip wasn't super tight. I sat down and taught him the three principles of a good handshake: firm, look into the other's eyes, and smile. From that point on every time I saw him he would give me the best handshakes that I have ever gotten. He was so excited and proud to show off his handshake skills. I also learned super early on while treating him that I had to be careful putting my fingers in a position where he could chomp down on them... because he was a biter, haha! I absolutely loved spending every minute with him and his parents. My heart is so sad hearing of his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Gavin was such a special person!

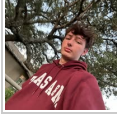
David White - April 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ I've never had to do this before so I apologize if I'm all over the place. Gavin and I have been friends since our freshman year in high school when I heard that he had passed my heart broke into pieces. Gavin has givin me so many great memories he was like a brother to me. The first time me and Gavin met we were in physical education together freshman year, I had gone to the bathroom where I was threatened to get beat up by a bunch of seniors vaping in there. I ran back to the gym and then I saw Gavin going and I said "don't go there's people in there I almost got beat up" Gavin then replied ill be ok. About three minutes past he ran back to me and said "yeah you were right" and from there we introduced ourselves and became best friends. Gavin was one of my first friends in high school and something we always did was play roblox together and draw. I then introduced my friend Jeremiah to Gavin and they clicked too we had our own little group we would sit outside during lunch on the storm drain and eat our food. Then one day we decided let's go eat in the tree so we did. We climbed up and started eating in the tree, then one day Gavin sat on the wrong branch and "SNAP" the branch broke but it didn't fall it just broke halfway. We stopped eating in the tree after that. Another great memory I had with Gavin was when he invited me to carve pumpkins at his house. That was the first time I had gone to Gavin's house and we had a blast. After we carved pumpkins we ended up playing roblox until I had to leave. I have so many more memories with Gavin but I would be here all day talking about how great he was I'm going to miss him a lot... My condolences go out to everyone who was close to or knew Gavin. Im goin to miss you brother. I attached a silly picture of Gavin that i took cause he made me laugh so Im hoping y'all can get a good laugh as well



Colton Jones - April 09, 2025 at 01:33 PM



I'm sorry I didn't have any other photos I would've posted them all if I could...

Colton Jones - April 09, 2025 at 01:42 PM



I never had the pleasure of meeting this beautiful soul, but have heard so much about Gavin over the years from his Grandmother that I feel I know him. I am so sorry to hear of his young life cut short. Beautiful tribute to him. My heart aches for his family. May God bless hold and keep you during this difficult time. Sharon Amero

Sharon amero - April 13, 2025 at 08:54 PM

AW

“ Man where do I begin!!! I have so many wonderful memories of my best friend Gavin. One of my favorite memories of Gavin is when I was over at his lake house with his mom, dad, and my mom. We would hangout for a little bit in the house and then later move into the garage. We would make sure no one was around. Then we kissed. Gavin was my first kiss! Then after that kiss we decided we wanted to be boyfriend and girlfriend. Another favorite memory I love with Gavin is fishing. I loved that Gavin would always take the hook out of the turtles because I didn't have the guts to do it. He would treat it like his own pet. And Gavin and I would always laugh while fishing because sometimes we would never catch anything and we would just find our own little things to do. I can name so many things that I loved doing with this sweet boy. The last memory I would like to include is when we were little I would have sleepovers at his house. We would watch movies and AFV (Americas Funniest Videos) and then go to bed. I remember one night that Gavin and I would be talking nonstop and his parents came in and I had to go to another room because we wouldn't be quiet. I would then cry because I was not with Gavin. I loved spending the night over there because we would have so much fun.

Gavin was such a bright person. He would bring a smile on my face when I wasn't having a good day. Gavin would bring so much joy into our lives including mine. He was my first my best best friend and he will never be forgotten. Gavin is someone who would never give up on things that were really rough for him. I am so grateful to be his best friend and grateful to share all of the memories with him. I love you so much Gavin and you will be missed.

Amanda Wildman - April 08, 2025 at 03:01 PM

KW

“ I have so many memories of Gavin. My daughter, Amanda, and I have known him for 17 of his 19 years. Gavin was my daughter's first best friend. We met Gavin and the Shauntys at Primrose where all of us became fast friends. Gavin was Amanda's protector at Primrose. There was an older boy that was picking on my daughter and while Gavin was not a violent person he actually punched this boy in the stomach to make him stop harassing Amanda. And while he did get into a little trouble, that boy never bothered her again! They went on to Hassler together walking or riding their bikes to school everyday (or getting a ride from Mr. Matt). They spent hours fishing at the local ponds where Gavin seemed more interested in the worms and the bugs than the fish! He did find an unusual turtle who he named Nessie. On my walk the other day I saw Nessie and it made me smile! We shared many life experiences with Gavin and the Shaunty family during several vacations together or just hanging out in our backyards swimming. Gavin could hold his breath longer than anyone I knew! Thank you Gavin for being such a great friend to my daughter. You were taken way too soon! I will miss your gentle soul!

Karen Wildman - April 07, 2025 at 08:35 PM

KG

“ I had the pleasure of having Gavin in my small animal and equine science classes at MHS. Gavin was always such a sweet soul ready to care for class pets and always a smiling face with a friendly hello anytime you passed him in the halls.

My heart goes out to his incredible parents who I know god prepared specifically to love him so much in his short time on this earth. They were always so supportive of everything Gavin had going on in his life and showed such a genuine interest in his success and well being.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have met Gavin and his family. He was such a joy to everyone who met him, and had a great impact on the world around him.

Katelyn Garza - April 07, 2025 at 01:12 PM

MK

“ My heart just shattered seeing this news. I had the pleasure of having Gavin in my sculpture class and my ceramics class. He was always such a joy to be around. His love for dinosaurs and nature was present in his projects. When he would complete an assignment he would always ask if he could work on a free project. I loved seeing his creative ideas come to life. He was the first one to help clean up or volunteer to help do something if I asked. He was an amazing kid. I am grateful to have gotten to be his teacher. He will be truly missed. Praying for his family ❤️

Mallorie Krizan - April 06, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SS

“ I had the privilege of having Gavin in my drawing class last year. He had a gift! His love for art and dinosaurs showed through his work. My heart is heavy to hear the news. May God give y'all the comfort and peace during this time.

Suzannah Stout - April 06, 2025 at 06:59 PM

AS

“ To Gavin's family,
I had the privilege of being Gavin's English professor the last two semesters at Lone Star College. He was shy and quiet at first, but he really came out of his shell when I recommended a dinosaur-centric thriller for an analysis assignment. I consider myself blessed to have had him for this semester as well. His writing assignments reflected not only his work and dedication, but also his love of nature and his future aspirations. I'm heartbroken that he's gone, but so blessed I knew him in the short time I did. My prayers are with you all.

Ann Sauder - April 06, 2025 at 02:00 PM

CB

“ Gavin was a cherished member of our MOD Pizza family, whose kindness, enthusiasm, and infectious smile brightened every day. His excitement to be at work and his thoughtful presence made him a joy to be around. Gavin's unique spirit and positive energy will always be remembered, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of working with him.

Cory Bryant - April 06, 2025 at 10:47 AM

HH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gavin at MOD Pizza in Montgomery. While I didn't get to work with him for a long time, I still remember him telling me stories and sharing his interests with me. Gavin was a ray light, he will be truly missed. Rest easy buddy.

Hannah Hogan - April 06, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gavin as his Disability Counselor at Lone Star College. He was such a gentleman, kind, thoughtful with a love for and talent in Art. He shared his interest in Art, nature and paleontology with all who worked with him at Lone Star . His gentle smile always delighted his professors and Student Services Staff. Gavin's mom Jen often attended Gavin's meetings with his Counselor and his adviser. We could tell how much he was loved, encouraged and supported by his parents and family. The Disability Services Team at the LSC Montgomery and Conroe campuses would like to express our condolences to Gavin's family on the devastating loss of your precious son.

Dorothy McNicol - April 05, 2025 at 10:25 AM

AS

“ I met Gavin as a seventh grader at Salem. I was the primary “afternoon carpool lady” for a group of six students who all lived in Gleannloch. Every afternoon, Gavin volunteered to sit in the back row, despite the initial agreement stating everyone would take turns. He never complained and greeted me warmly each afternoon. He was one of two boys in our carpool group that year and the only boy the following year. For the most part, Gavin remained quiet during the fifteen minute drive home, but occasionally, he’d quip some hilarious observation about stuff going on with various kids in my vehicle. I grew to love Gavin over the course of those two years and feel much sadness knowing he’s no longer on this planet. I understand he is in Paradise, basking in the glory of God’s love, but, those of us who remain on this earthly journey will miss his kindness. I am deeply sorry for your loss, Matt and Jen. I’ll be praying for you and your family as you walk through this most difficult period.

Ann Strawn - April 04, 2025 at 05:30 PM

EA

“ So sorry Jenny. Praying for you and your family. You always have had a special place in our hearts and always will. Earl Day

Earl - April 04, 2025 at 04:24 PM