



Tyler Andrew Franklin

October 19, 1978 - April 16, 2011

Tyler Andrew Franklin Tyler passed into God's loving arms on April 11, 2011, in Huntsville, TX. He was born October 19, 1978, in Topeka, KS. Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Marta Edwards and her husband, Bruce Edwards of Huntsville; his father, Douglas Franklin of Topeka, KS; his brother, J.D. Franklin of Houston, TX; his grandmother, Ann Smith; aunts, Harolyn Malott and husband John, Barbara Thompson and husband Bill, Mary Pat Smith; uncles, Jon Franklin and Mike Smith; step-brother, Eric Edwards and wife Michelle; step-sisters, Michael Edwards and husband Rick, Katie Edwards and husband Matt; step-uncle, Greg Edwards and wife, Araceli; cousins, and many friends. Tyler graduated from Huntsville High School in 1997 as a Texas Scholar and attended Sam Houston State University. While living in Huntsville he worked for TDCJ and most recently Target, where he received many performance commendations. Tyler was a kind and gentle spirit with a good heart. He loved his family. He had a profound respect for nature and the outdoors. He spent time fishing and hunting with family and friends. He loved snowboarding, skiing, and skateboarding. He immersed himself in all kinds of music and played in several music projects. Family will receive friends during visitation Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, TX. A memorial service honoring his life will follow visitation at 2:00 p.m. with The Rev. Jerald Hyche officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers are his cousins Jason and Ryan Thompson and Mark Malott, his brother J.D. Franklin and

close friend Clay Barrilleaux. Memorial donations may be made to Rita B. Huff Humane Society, 530 Bearkat Blvd., Huntsville, TX 77340, where Tyler volunteered. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Tyler Andrew Franklin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Missing you a lot, my friend.*

Chad - April 24, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Tyler, it has almost been two years. I still think of you everyday and miss your company. I love you and I pray that you can see the positive changes I have been through since our last moments together. Give Ginger a big hug from me. I will be with you both again someday. I love you, always and forever.*

Your BFF - January 21, 2013 at 10:38 AM



“ *Tyler was my classmate. He had such a sweet spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with Tyler's family and friends. May God bless you!*

Tiffany Oliphant Jackson - April 18, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ *Marta & J.D.,
I am stunned to read of the passing of Tyler. I am so very sorry for your loss. It has been many years since you lived next door, but I think of you often.*

Marla(Sanders)Biggs - April 17, 2011 at 12:35 AM

MW

“ Dearest Marta and Bruce,
We are so sorry for the loss of your precious one. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God comfort you with tender grace.

Mac and Leanne Woodward - April 16, 2011 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ Marta, I pray you feel the loving arms of our Lord cradling you, Bruce and family at this difficult time. Love you.

Kathy Smith - April 16, 2011 at 01:16 PM

DM

“ Tyler was a sensitive and kind young man. We were shocked and saddened by this loss. May God bless your family. May Tyler find peace and sanctuary.

Darrel Wells MD - April 16, 2011 at 12:56 PM

RE

“ Marta and Bruce - My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Rhonda Ellisor

Rhonda Ellisor - April 16, 2011 at 11:25 AM

RK

“ Bruce & Marta,
We were saddened to learn of the tragic loss of your son. May the love and support of family and friends bring you peace and comfort. Many thoughts and prayers are with you. Remember that life will never be the same, but that does not mean it cannot be good again. May God bless you.

Ron & Donna Koska - April 15, 2011 at 04:23 PM

MH

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. I remember Tyler as a young toddler. He was so energetic and just adorable. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Hawks - April 15, 2011 at 02:54 PM

MA

“ The last time I saw Tyler, he looked so healthy. He & JD had come to Austin to enjoy some live music & they stayed with me. We stayed up quite late, as usual, savoring late night libations, chatting, hugging, pondering, looking at the sky, breathing, drumming, singing, laughing, playing & finally sleeping a tidbit. The next day we visited the Cathedral of Junk & Ruta Maya's, where a sketch artist captured us 3 enjoying some beverages & one another's company. Tyler was filled with wonder as we wandered through the junk, much of it evoking memories of the past. He chuckled lots & gazed & enjoyed many textures. I believe this was his last Austin visit, although Tyler came very close to moving to Austin in November~ we were going to be roommates. Something, somehow, prevented the fruition of this intended journey. Moving past the what-ifs, I look back on all the precious, sacred moments I was so privileged to experience with Tyler. I love him. I miss him. I am so sorry he isn't living on this Earth, in that familiar way, anymore. His gentle delivery of strong truths resonate deep within my being, & his creative residue has left us many gifts that will be explored & held dear. One fine day, I will get to personally thank him. Enjoy your freedom, Tyler. You deserve it.

Melissa Dawn Ackley - April 15, 2011 at 02:38 PM

KJ

“ I would like to say I'm sorry for your loss. Tyler & I graduated together. My heart goes out to you all. May God Bless you & keep you in my prayer.

Kedrick Jenkins - April 15, 2011 at 01:39 PM

CD

“ My deepest condolences to you all. I remember Tyler as a small boy in Topeka when I was in x-ray school. It sounds like the darling boy he was, turned into a fine young man. My heart goes out to you all during this difficult time.

Cheri (Martin) Dew

Cheri Martin Dew - April 15, 2011 at 01:23 PM

KR

“ While I haven't seen Tyler since he lived in Topeka, KS I will never forgot the fun times we had hanging out, playing music, and just enjoying the moment. While I will not be able to attend the service, my thoughts and heart will be with Tyler's family and friends.

Kristian Rank - April 15, 2011 at 09:59 AM

TM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Although I did not know Tyler, I know how it feels to lose someone you love and for that reason I want to extend my sympathy and share a few words of encouragement. Psalm 34:18 says that God cares when we are broken at heart and He saves us when our spirit is crushed. Revelation 21:4 mentions a time when He will wipe away all the tears from our eyes and death will be no more. We can look forward to the time when no one will ever die again. May these thoughts bring you comfort and hope as it has for me.

Tammy McCreery - April 15, 2011 at 09:44 AM

WB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Walter Bennett - April 15, 2011 at 09:18 AM

LR

“ Dear Marta and Bruce,
We are so sorry for your loss and heartache. Your many friends in Huntsville will help you keep his memory cherished. Our prayers will be with you.

Linda and Charles Rushing - April 15, 2011 at 08:59 AM

CF

“ When JD and Tyler were young, I got to meet and spend time with them when we visited our grandmother in Oklahoma. In 2005, when they came to Maryland, I got to visit with both of them again. They'd grown into fine men, strong and intelligent. We miss Tyler. He was a kind man and I wish we could have spent more time together. He is in our hearts, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his loving family and friends.

Cathy Franklin-Abzug - April 14, 2011 at 09:21 PM

JR

“ Tyler was a good friend and is missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. I will cherish always his memories. May your soul find peace Tyler, with love and sympathy.

John F. Reynolds - April 14, 2011 at 09:03 PM

SK

“ Marta, I had been thinking of you this past week. I am truly sorry for the loss of your son Tyler. You and your family are in our prayers.

Stella Koryciak - April 14, 2011 at 07:04 PM

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. My wish for you is grace, love and many wonderful memories of Tyler.*

Dianne MacKenzie - April 14, 2011 at 06:17 PM

SK

“ *Dearest Marta and Bruce*

It is with the deepest love as you review the memories and share the sadness to realize that Tyler is part of Gods plan. Our prayers are with your family and especially with you all.

Sally and James Kelly - April 14, 2011 at 05:06 PM

AS

“ *Marta, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Andrea Scott - April 14, 2011 at 04:17 PM

BB

“ *Dear Marta and Bruce,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Losing a son is a very difficult thing to bear. Remember the good times and joy of the time you had. Know that our Lord has a plan that is always good even when we don't understand or like it. Our prayers and love are with you.

Ben Bius

Ben Bius - April 14, 2011 at 03:31 PM

CG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cutty Gilbert - April 14, 2011 at 03:30 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to Marta and Bruce and the entire family for your loss. It is tragic when any life ends prematurely, but it is especially difficult to lose one's offspring. It is a reminder to all of us to treasure each day and each moment that we have to share with our families. My heart goes out to you, my thoughts are with you, and prayers will be said for all.

John de Castro - April 14, 2011 at 03:21 PM

JC

“ I am sorry to hear that Tyler has passed...I enjoyed working with him, we had alot of laughs at work. I remember the rubberband ball he had on his desk that seem to never stop growing...Tyler you will truely be missed.

Jeanne Coleman - April 14, 2011 at 02:23 PM

WH

“ Tyler, you will be greatly missed! Rest in peace. - Your Target family

Wendy Hulsey - April 13, 2011 at 09:00 PM

KF

“ Our family is heart broken with the news of Tyler's passing. I know in my heart that he is with many of his friends who have gone to be with God before us. Tyler was such a good and dear friend to Ginger. It is hard to admit that he is in a better place now, but in our hearts we know that is true. May God bless your family during this dark time. We loved you Tyler.

Key & Beggs Family - April 13, 2011 at 08:28 PM

LW

“ Tyler was so absolutely beautiful. He and I made memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life. He always made my heart happy and I loved him for it. His mind was special...his thoughts and ideas on a different plane than most. He had a spectacular way with words and an adorable sense of humor. He made a mark on my heart that will remain forever. The world is suffering without him. Words are not capable of telling the depth of loss that is being experienced by all that loved and knew him. I love you, Tyler...always will.

Lacey Wesson - April 13, 2011 at 06:55 PM

GF

“ I met him only once. He, Doug and JD came east and stopped by the house for a visit and some pizza. My girls were both in high school and Tyler had them charmed from the beginning as he talked in mock awe about the maple tree in our front yard with the purple leaves. "I've never seen a tree with purple leaves before." he would tell them each time they stopped giggling. My girls are both in college now, and they both cried when I told them the news. His ripples spread wide.

Glenn. Teresa, Emily and Hannah Foden - April 13, 2011 at 04:54 PM

DP

“ I'm going to miss Tyler...he was such a great guy and always put a smile on our faces. Rest in peace.

David Pegoda - April 12, 2011 at 09:47 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry for Tyler leaving us....I enjoyed being around him at work.....I will really miss him....

Angie Strong - April 12, 2011 at 09:06 AM