



Luke Nugent

October 11, 1998 - March 16, 2013

Luke Nugent, 14, a beloved son, cousin, nephew and friend, chose to take his own life on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at his home in Carl Junction, Mo. He was born on Oct. 11, 1998 in Joplin. He was the only child of Jessica and Mika Nugent. Luke started school in the Webb City school district and attended school in Carthage before moving to the Carl Junction school district. He was an eighth grader at the Carl Junction Junior High. He was base drummer in the Carl Junction Junior High Marching Band. He was also an avid science student and a member of the Lab Rats, a science-oriented club at CJJHS, and the CJJHS Science Club. He was a member of the Student League and helped plan activities for students. He helped plan the recent Jazz 'N' Java at the Junction event at Carl Junction High School. Luke was also involved in Destination Imagination. He will be remembered for his love of mozzarella sticks, colored pancakes, anime and Chuck Norris jokes, and his complete disdain for eggs. He was an aspiring chef who loved trying new recipes. He could frequently be seen in the kitchen with the white chef's hat and coat. He was, by far, the best cook in his household. He loved learning with a passion. Every new piece of knowledge, he wore like a feather in his fedora. He could talk about the sky and lightning for hours and was in constant pursuit of the ultimate punch line. He loved to bring humor to every gathering with family and friends. Luke would champion the cause of those who could not defend themselves. Luke is survived by his parents, Jessica (Thomas) and Mika Nugent, Carl Junction; maternal grandparent Andy and Dina Thomas, and Gloria and Curtis Nidiffer and paternal grandparents Ritta Nugent and Ron Garrett, and Rick Nugent; great-grandparents, Bill Nugent, Olive (Glendenning) Thomas, Henrietta (Lasiter) and Elvie Stark; his maternal aunts and uncles, Jenny and Chris Brust, Carthage; Luke Thomas, Carthage; Tria Thomas, Carthage; Rob and Nancy Gaul, Meriden, Conn.; Eric and Ashley Gaul, New Haven, Conn.; paternal aunts and uncles, Paul and Jaana (Nugent) Peltekian, Burbank, Calif.; Krista Nugent, Jake Nugent and Markus Nugent, all of Hurricane, Utah. Luke adored his cousins like they were his siblings. Cousins include Connor, Ryan, Andi, Colson, Ashlyn, Kristiana, RG4, Autumn, Jorel and Stevie. He was also survived by Tiffany Shores, a lifelong "sister-mom" to Luke, and Chad Camp, who was an invaluable mentor to Luke throughout his life, and many more family and friends who loved and adored him. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, March 22, with a private

viewing prior to the service, at Memorial Hall in Carthage. The family asks that donations be made to the Luke Nugent Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 797, Carthage, Mo., in lieu of flowers. Online condolences may be made to www.ulmerfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Luke and I were close in school, he was my best friend and I loved talking to him everyday. We rode the shuttle bus from the Jr high/high school over to the elementary school together a lot. I think about him a lot even now. I wish I had known he was being bullied, I wish he would've told me. 14 years is a long time and a lot of life, a life he deserved to live. My heart goes out to his parents, I can't imagine its any easier now but I hope they've at least found some healing from the pain of losing him.

Embry - June 04 at 05:33 PM

NC

“ I was a friend of Luke's we were in the same English class in 7th grade Mrs.Beck he also was the one who introduced me to my best friend Brock I wanted to go to his funeral but my school would not let me go because he was not immediate family

Noah Coe - February 05, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JO

“ My prayers go out to your family! My heart breaks to know that a young precious innocent life has been taken so soon! I pray that God sends you peace and comfort during this time! Will CONTIUNE to pray for your family!

john - March 24, 2016 at 06:15 AM

TF

“ Just thinking again today about Luke and his impact on his friends and especially my Lea. I know she loved and cared for him. I know he is missed and yet there was so much he left behind for us to learn from. Please know we continue to pray for you all and are here if you need.

The Curry-MacLean Family - April 04, 2013 at 08:47 AM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss Andy & Dina , and the entire family. Prayers have been sent your way.
Mike

Mike Raunig - April 01, 2013 at 03:39 AM

MJ

“ *Classmate of Luke..He was a fun person. Sorry for your lose we will miss him.*

Michaela Jewsbury - March 24, 2013 at 02:24 PM

CB

“ *DI will not be the same!!! You will be missed. Really enjoyed our time together Miss you Luke Cody Beyer*

Cody Beyer - March 23, 2013 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ *Jessica and Mika, I just want you to know my heart aches for you both. My sincere condolences to you both. If there's anything I can do, please let me know.*

Janelle Miller - March 23, 2013 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ *My daughter Lindsey attended school with Luke and they road the bus together for 2 years before we moved to town, and they were involved in band and lab rats together as well as planning dances and science club, school functions, Luke was always a good friend to her, he will be truly missed. I am so sorry for your family.*

Jackie Ritchie - March 23, 2013 at 12:28 PM

KD

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one, Luke. Another precious angel received by God, he will be sadly missed. My prayers go out to his family and friends. Kathy Domingue*

Kathy Domingue - March 22, 2013 at 06:12 PM

CN

“ *Andy and Dina, I want you to know that all of us at Manitou Galleries and The Coeur d'Alene Art Auction are keeping you and all your family in our hearts and most sincere prayers. Please know that God is holding you all close in the very cup of His hand. Char, Bob, James, Sharlene, Pete, Turkey, Mike, Lisa, Stu and Melanie*

Char Nelson - March 22, 2013 at 03:44 PM

WC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is broken too. I read your description of Luke and just cry. Know that others are thinking and praying for Luke and you too. May peace come and settle over you all. Wendy Cope*

Wendy Cope - March 22, 2013 at 12:52 PM

SS

“ I will always remember Luke and his smile. He was a very sweet and cool boy. I was the school nurse in the 2-3 bldg at Carl. He always was polite and even had a hug or two to spare. I hope he is at peace...

Sheryl Sterns - March 22, 2013 at 12:46 PM

DE

“ What an amazing tribute to Luke. Although it has been a few years since I've spoken to him, I see he hasn't changed much from that sweet natured, funny, full of life, and brilliantly minded third grader I had in my class. He will be missed.

Denise Esser - March 22, 2013 at 08:30 AM

DC

“ Im so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Danielle Crouch - March 22, 2013 at 05:09 AM

HA

“ I did not know Luke nor family, I live in Ardmore OK but lived in Joplin for 60's..have friends that told me about Luke (being bullied coming out gay), this just breaks my heart..I too am gay..and I wish someone could have been aware of what was goin on and help him...maybe this would not have happened...again I'm so sorry and my prayers with family.....Harold

Harold - March 21, 2013 at 10:08 PM

FF

“ Dear family of Luke Nugent, I was a friend of Luke's. He always had a smile and he would brighten up any room he walked (more like waltzed) into a room. I was always happy to see him and his smile. I can not believe he has passed but I will always remember him and I hope you will accept my condolences. I will pray for your family in this time of grief. Sincerely, Faith Fraser Fellow 14 year old and friend

Faith Fraser - March 21, 2013 at 09:15 PM

RV

“ Send our sympathy to the family.

Randy and Barbara VanderWerf - March 21, 2013 at 09:06 PM

CC

“ Send my sympathies to family.

Carol Carnes - March 21, 2013 at 09:04 PM

DT

“ Jessica and Mika, I worked with Becky Chrisman for some time and my grandson goes to CJJH. My deepest sympathy to you for your tragic loss. Your son was a beautiful child. There are no words to say, but my heart hurts for you. You are in my prayers.

Denise Thornton - March 21, 2013 at 08:37 PM

VW

“ My heart goes out to you and your family. I pray for comfort and peace for you through this horrible situation.

Vicki Wagner - March 21, 2013 at 08:15 PM

BB

“ Jessica, Andy & Gloria I am so sorry for the pain that you must be going through right now. All of my sympathy go to you & your family.

Betty Brittain - March 21, 2013 at 08:02 PM

DJ

“ I am thinking of you. I am the chair of the Scientific Review Committee and knew Luke through this venue. I always enjoyed visiting with him concerning his project. I know the science fair will not be the same without his inquisitive, but really wanting to laugh, little dancing eyes.

Donna Johnson - March 21, 2013 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this tragic time.

The Qualls Family - March 21, 2013 at 07:05 PM

SH

“ Our hearts . prayers , go out to Luke now in Heaven with Angels , God holding his hand . Our hearts go out to all the familyLuke is a special boy who has a loving family and friends even if he is in another place , they shall meet again .God's promise to us all .

God Bless all. Peace Sandy and Gary

Sandy Higgins - March 21, 2013 at 05:44 PM

OE

“ *Condolences from Belgium. I'm sorry and saddened for what arrived.*

Oliverio Enza - March 21, 2013 at 05:36 PM

DB

“ *Jessica, I am so sorry for your loss. I don't have any words that is gonna make this better just know that you and your family have alot of support and alot of people are praying for you and your family. I remember babysitting you, Jen and luke and boy does Luke look just like you. Thinking of you and your family! Love DiAnna*

DiAnna Brittain - March 21, 2013 at 04:55 PM

NA

“ *My deepest condolences to the family,Luke was a bright charismatic boy that will be truly missed. My thoughts are with you all.*

Nate Artinger - March 21, 2013 at 04:19 PM

AL

“ *I am so sorry for your tragic loss. The obituary is beautiful. He sounds like someone I would have loved to know. I am praying for your family.*

Alana - March 21, 2013 at 03:26 PM

RC

“ *We will miss you Luke. Jessie and Mika all our love.*

Richard and Carla Colvert - March 21, 2013 at 03:21 PM

PH

“ *Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nugent,
I, like many others are sadden by the death of such a precious and talented young man. I wish I had the honor of meeting him.
There are no words to express the loss you are enduring. I'm so sorry.
You are not alone in your grief. Luke has touched many lives around our nation as we ask, "why" our talented young vibrant children take their lives.
I'm sending light and love as you make your way through the stages of your grief.
Warm regards, Patty Huffman*

Patty Huffman - March 21, 2013 at 03:21 PM

MD

“ Luke was a bright shining star that flitted too shortly through the night sky of our lives. He will be greatly missed by so many and has touched the lives of everyone who knew him. My deepest condolences on the loss of Lucas. Science Club will not be the same this year. He made me smile and the light he showed will be remembered.

Mrs. Lori Divine - March 21, 2013 at 02:36 PM

BC

“ Dear Jessica and family, We are so very sorry. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Becky and Jay Glendenning Crowder - March 21, 2013 at 11:47 AM

PR

“ Jessica, I am Chad's aunt. We met at Chad & Mary's wedding. I remember thinking how sweet & cute Luke was when I met him! I remember too Chad telling me how smart he was! Because I too lost my child, Jessica...I get what you are going through. Please give yourself all the time you need. Let your family & friends help you. They truly want to. Call me if you need to talk. Love & Prayers!
Pam

Pam Roberts - March 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM

LM

“ Here is poem given to my Mom by a friend when she was faced with the loss of my sister: I will lend you, for a little time, A child of mine, He said. For you to love the while he lives, And mourn for when he's dead. It may be six or seven years, Or twenty-two or three. But will you, till I call him back, Take care of him for Me? He'll bring his charms to gladden you, And should his stay be brief. You'll have his lovely memories, As solace for your grief. I cannot promise he will stay, Since all from earth return. But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn. I've looked the wide world over, In search for teachers true. And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now will you give him all your love, Nor think the labour vain. Nor hate me when I come To take him home again? I fancied that I heard them say, 'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!' For all the joys Thy child shall bring, The risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, We'll love him while we may, And for the happiness we've known, Forever grateful stay. But should the angels call for him, Much sooner than we've planned. We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, And try to understand. By Edgar Albert Guest, © 1929

LaVena Murphy - March 21, 2013 at 08:35 AM

KW

“ *My deepest, heartfelt sympathies. God bless your family in this darkest hour. Luke will live on in the hearts of all who loved him.*

Kirstie Wilson - March 21, 2013 at 06:58 AM

TJ

“ *Luke Nugent*

Tracy Johnson - March 21, 2013 at 12:30 AM

SO

“ *Luke.....always fun to meet and talk to.. The world has lost a great one...*

Sue and Dan Oliverio - March 21, 2013 at 12:15 AM

KA

“ *My heart was filled with sadness when I received the news about Luke. He was a wonderful boy! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Kim Avery-Smith - March 20, 2013 at 11:42 PM

KB

“ *I am Cody Beyer's grandma and he was a friend of Luke's. God bless your family. So many loved Luke posted on facebook comments ..how special he was..and such a beautiful smile..I am so sorry.*

Kathy Beyer - March 20, 2013 at 11:14 PM

DZ

“ *Luke left his footprint on this world - one smile at a time. Peace to all,*

Debbie Zoellner - March 20, 2013 at 07:10 PM