



## James R. Lindley

December 30, 1985 - December 12, 2020

James R. Lindley, 34, passed away unexpectedly on Sat. Dec. 12, 2020 at his home. He was born Dec. 30, 1985 in Evanston, IL and had been a Mundelein resident for most of his life. James was a 2004 graduate of Mundelein High School, a graduate of Western Illinois University and did graduate studies at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. He was very athletic, enjoyed working out, technology and especially loved his family.

He was the beloved son of Paul and Donna Lindley; Cherished brother of Patricia (Steve) Leach and Rebecca (John) Tate; Adored uncle of 6 nieces and nephews; Loving partner of Lisa Lorenzi and grandson of Jack Lindley.

A graveside service will be held for his family at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville.

Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss my best friend, every day.*”



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**Lisa Lorenzi** - March 25, 2021 at 07:21 AM



*Sending you lots of Love & Hugs, today and always.*

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**Laura Lorenzi** - May 11, 2021 at 11:08 AM



*Thank you, Aunt Laura. Love you*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - May 12, 2021 at 05:39 PM

IS

“ To Donna, Paul Lindley and Lisa Lorenzi - I am so so sorry for your loss! My heart aches to hear this news.

*James was a wonderful guy, my first boyfriend in MHS, and my first love. Although, we didn't keep in touch after HS, I knew he was in great hands with Lisa based on the pictures I saw of them on Facebook.*

*James and I shared many fun and funny memories... Him and I would walk to school and back together and I supported him while he played football. We used to keep a journal where we wrote cute notes to each other since texting was a big thing back then. We went to our first dance (see pic below 😊). I will miss him greatly!!!*

*Heaven has gained another angel ~ James you will be forever in my thoughts.*

*My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*With love,  
Ieva*



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**ieva sasnauskaite** - February 22, 2021 at 02:14 PM



*Thank you for sharing the photo 💕💕*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 23, 2021 at 06:49 PM



*Thank you again, leva, for taking time out of your day to write something meaningful and share this. I'm glad James was loved by so many people.*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - March 25, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James R. Lindley.*



February 20, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ *I have never met James.  
It is through Lisa that I got to have a glimpse of him.  
Looking back at Lisa's posts they seem to be fun loving people. The fact that they enjoyed being together most of the time tells me that they really loved each other's company.  
May it bring a comfort to Lisa and your family that James experienced being in love, happy and loved back in return while he was here with us.  
Goodnight James. May the angels keep watch over you.*

**Ines Odulio** - February 19, 2021 at 03:13 PM



*Thank you, Ines. Your post meant a lot to me 💕💕*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 19, 2021 at 03:39 PM

LS

“ To Donna and Paul Lindley and Lisa Lorenzi - I am extremely sorry for your loss. I spent time with Lisa and James on multiple occasions and he was always so easy to talk to and very kind. Lisa has always spoken so highly of him and it was evident they shared a deep love. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Lucia Sanchez - February 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM



Thanks Lucia ❤️

Lisa Lorenzi - February 24, 2021 at 06:12 PM

MO

“ I studied dietetics with James and Lisa. They were the power couple of our program. Always the smartest, kindest, most helpful and funny pair. I really enjoyed our classes together but my fondest memory is of our cooking lab and demonstration class. We had so much fun. Sending love and condolences.

Monica - February 17, 2021 at 11:47 AM



Aw thank you so much, Monica. This meant so much to me. I miss him all the time.

Lisa Lorenzi - February 17, 2021 at 06:44 PM

NS

“ Very deeply sorry to hear about the loss of James. I always remembered Lisa and James shared a deep love and connection. He will truly be missed. I will keep you all in my thoughts. May he rest in peace.

Nancy S - February 17, 2021 at 02:10 AM



*Thank you so much, cousin. Visit me any time. James and I were best friends first, and loving partners, second. I miss him all the time*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 17, 2021 at 06:47 PM

SW

*“ There aren't really words for a time like this. But I hope those close to James take comfort in knowing how loved he is by those close to him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Stephanie W** - February 15, 2021 at 08:33 PM



*Thank you so much, Stephanie. I loved driving home from Centegra to see James and pick him up for a fun dinner. Yesterday I tapped his name in my phone, to call him, because I was upset. Then I realized he couldn't answer. But it's one day at a time. I'll love him forever.*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 17, 2021 at 06:51 PM

NO

*“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Working with Lisa I learned what a special young man he was to so many individuals. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

**Noreen** - February 15, 2021 at 05:49 AM



*Thank you, Noreen. You brightened every day, during a time when his health was worsening and I needed to work every day. I miss the St. Joe's girls. I know James is in the presence of God now, so I'm doing ok.*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 17, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RK

“ I am very sorry to know of James passing. My condolences to Lisa and James’s families for their loss. I had both Lisa and James in my class as my students. Of course they were always together. James was very good with camera and enjoyed taking photographs. He was responsible for maintaining visual documentation of the activities of the Food &. Culture Club of the Western Illinois University. He was missed by the club upon his graduation. As a teacher and a parent I cannot think of a greater sorrow than loss of a young life.  
Lisa my thoughts are with you, your and James’s family. May you find strength in this trying time.

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**Rita Kaul** - February 15, 2021 at 03:07 AM



Thank you, Mrs. Kaul. James and I enjoyed your classes, and I loved seeing how excited he was, to be club photographer! He didn't have photography experience before that, but his photos turned out great. He was a guy with many hidden talents. Thank you for your heartfelt comment.

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM

M(

“ Sending our sincere condolences to James and Lisa's families for this terrible loss. May the future bring you happiness and the comfort of fond memories.  
The Quarnstroms

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**Megan Quarnstrom (Crownover)** - February 14, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LL

Thank you so much, Meg, and your beautiful family.

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 14, 2021 at 11:09 PM

VC

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of James. Lisa always talked about looking forward to going home to spend time with him after her day working at Centegra. My thoughts are with Lisa and James's family during this very difficult time.

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**Val C** - February 14, 2021 at 06:44 PM

LL

*Thank you, Val*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 19, 2021 at 11:55 AM

RT

“ My deepest condolences to the Lindley family and to Lisa. I cannot imagine the grief you are going through. My sympathy and thoughts are with you.

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**Ruth T.** - February 14, 2021 at 06:33 PM

MC

“ While I didn't get the opportunity to know James, I remember how highly Lisa always spoke of him in the time we worked together. He seemed to be a wonderful young man and he was truly loved. My thoughts are with your family.

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**Megan C.** - February 14, 2021 at 05:52 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry to hear that James passed away. I heard about this through Lisa and I wanted to let his family know that he is in my thoughts and prayers. I never knew him personally but Lisa often spoke at great length of her boyfriend and was always happy and cheerful when doing so. You could tell that she really cared about him and loved him because she always had nothing but nice words to say about him. It was clear that she was always by his side because he made her happy. My condolences go to her and his family.

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**Klaudia L.** - February 14, 2021 at 05:21 PM

JM

“ I met James several years ago while I was the food service manager at a local nursing home. He and Lisa volunteered with our department for work experience. I remember James as a lovely young man, upbeat and positive. Our retired ladies loved working on baking projects with him. They adored his smiles and laughter. ( as did we all!) He brought a much needed ray of sunshine to them. I send my heartfelt condolences to Lisa and Jame's family. Peace be with you James! Joyce Miller and the Food Service crew from Winchester House

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**joyce miller** - February 14, 2021 at 03:21 PM

BH

“ I'm sorry to hear the news of James passing. Growing up adjacent to Lisa, I always thought they had a unique and loving bond. He was loved by many. My thoughts and love go out to their families.

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**Brenda (Cabalquinto) Hoffman** - February 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM

MD

“ I had only met James a couple times through Lisa and her brother Andrew. I could tell right away that he was a warm person and great partner to Lisa. I know that James and Lisa shared a deep love and connection and that he became a part of her family. I'm sending comfort and condolences to the Lorenzis and the Lindleys. James will be missed by all who knew him.

Matthew Darby-Burns - February 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM

HU

“ I didn't know James personally but I know how much he meant to Lisa, they shared such a special and beautiful relationship. My heart goes out to Lisa and their collective families during this difficult time.



Husna - February 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Heartbroken to hear the news of James passing. He was clearly loved by so many. For years now when I've thought of James I have immediately thought of the truly rare and incredibly special relationship he and Lisa have shared for such a long time. My thoughts and love are with Lisa and their families.

Jeremy Cook - February 14, 2021 at 12:14 PM

MF

“ James, when I think of you, my first thoughts are of how incredibly gifted athletically you were. You had that “Farm Strength” so naturally strong, and everything seemed easy for you. Starting all the way back in elementary you were doing tumbling routines from one end of the playground to the next while all the boys were playing football on the blacktop you were getting surrounded by all the girls. Middle school we played in MJFL and had our small group of guys where we would spend lots of quality time after school making each other laugh and cry. One of my favorites was going to the church on 176 to play basketball inside on carpet for hours. Then of course high school football, we had a tight knit group within the group. It was a special time growing and maturing into men and sharing a great bond with each other I’ll never forget. James, my friend you will be missed.

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**Matt Frane** - February 14, 2021 at 11:26 AM



Thank you so much for writing this

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - March 30, 2021 at 01:02 AM

DA

“ James and I were never close friends but he was always a great addition to hangouts with the band. I was the outsider looking in to that circle of friends and was always jealous of how much he could make everyone laugh. He really seemed like a truly great friend to that group of people. He will be missed.

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**David** - February 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM



Aw thanks Dave. You were never an outsider in our eyes and we always loved hanging out with you. Thanks for the kind words

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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“ I never met James in person but during my time working with Lisa I learned about what a wonderful young man he was. You could feel the strong bond they had and how much they cared for each other. Every time Lisa talked about him, she always had a smile and her eyes reflected the love she felt for him. You felt and could tell they made each other very happy. Keeping Lisa, James and his family in my prayers.

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**Lorena** - February 14, 2021 at 10:05 AM

MJ

“ I knew James through Lisa, my cousin. He was a kind, gentle soul, so loving and caring. I have nothing but fond memories of him, and he truly had become part of our big family. My heart is broken for all of you, and he will be dearly missed.

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**Matt Janoski** - February 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM

ME

“ James was goofy, kind, and an amazing partner to Lisa. He will be missed forever.

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**Melissa** - February 14, 2021 at 09:39 AM

LK

“ I was fortunate to have James in several classes at WIU. Lisa was also in all of those classes as I believe they had the same schedule as they were always together smiling to others. James brought new perspectives into nutrition classes that made for interesting discussions. I remember the senior class preparing healthy selections for the Go Red Luncheon the first Friday in February in honor on Women's Heart Health. The class worked as a team to cater the meal to the Multicultural Center. James could be seen smiling from ear to ear as he appeared to appreciate the team effort of the senior dietetics students for such a successful endeavor. My condolences go out to his family and the love of his life, Lisa.



Lorri Kanauss - February 14, 2021 at 09:21 AM

RO

“ I knew James from WIU, he was always so kind to everyone. Him and Lisa we're inseparable and such a perfect couple. I'm so sorry for your loss, sending prayers to James's family and Lisa.



Robin - February 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BW

“ I had the pleasure of playing football with James in high school. I was always impressed with how great of a football player he was, but most importantly how great of a person James was. He was such an amazing teammate and I will always remember him as a friend and dear teammate. Thanks for always blessing us with a smile James.

**Brett Wilhelm** - February 14, 2021 at 08:53 AM

EG

“ In my time working with Lisa, I never had a chance to meet James but was impressed by the strong relationship they seemed to have and how happy he made Lisa. I pray for fortitude for both Lisa and James' family in this incredibly trying time.

**Elyse Glick** - February 14, 2021 at 08:48 AM

AH

“ I always enjoyed seeing James and Lisa around campus and in class. They were always together with smiles on their faces. I'm sending my deepest sympathy to James' family and Lisa. James is was a pleasure knowing you!

**Ashlyn (Myers) Housewright** - February 14, 2021 at 08:30 AM

MA

“ I had the pleasure of knowing James from college. He and Lisa were inseparable. They were always together. Always so happy and so sweet. James was always so nice to everyone he came in contact with. It's so sad that his time on earth was short lived. But he's in a better place. I pray God's blessing on James, his family and loved ones.

**mandy** - February 14, 2021 at 08:27 AM

AR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to you all. Light and love.*

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**Alli R** - February 14, 2021 at 08:26 AM

BR

“ *My deepest condolences. Such a tragedy to loss a life at such a young age. May he rest in peace.*

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**Brandon** - February 14, 2021 at 06:58 AM

MS

“ *My deepest, and most sincere, condolences to Jame's family and close friends. I will keep you all in my thoughts*

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**Mark Suguitan** - February 14, 2021 at 12:51 AM

ES

“ *James was an amazing man!! I had the pleasure of having both James and Lisa in class at Western Illinois University in the Dietetics program. James had a passion for learning, wanting to always know more, and pushing those around him to succeed. While at WIU, I not only taught James, but he taught me many lessons as well. I am so very sorry for your loss!! He will forever be missed and will always have a special place in the hearts of many!! I have always known what a special relationship he and Lisa had, you never saw one without the other .... some of my favorite memories were in Food Science lab, there were many cooking creations that left everyone wondering about the final products, and always provided for a great discussion... James will be missed by many ❤️❤️*

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**Emily Shupe** - February 14, 2021 at 12:35 AM

MC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. James and I met in college and stayed friends for many years after. He will truly be missed.

Mathius Carter - February 14, 2021 at 12:21 AM

DX

“ I met James at Casey's America party and we played corn hole. Good memories. Sorry for your loss Lisa and James' family.

Dang Xiong - February 14, 2021 at 12:17 AM

KX

“ I knew James through Lisa and enjoyed watching their Love and friendship blossom. So very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you all.

Kristen X - February 14, 2021 at 12:13 AM

AS

“ Dear Lisa and James' family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. Such a wonderful person, James will always be remembered and missed.  
So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Dr. Senthilkumar

Arouna Senthilkumar - February 13, 2021 at 11:37 PM

SM

“ My heartfelt condolences for the entire family for this profound loss. I have heard stories of James from Lisa. He has been an incredibly positive influence on Lisa and will Surely be missed .  
Dr. Mehta

Sandeep Mehta - February 13, 2021 at 11:33 PM

NN

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you. May God give you strength to bear this. I will remember all of you In my prayers.

Nancy A Nora

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**Nancy Nora** - February 13, 2021 at 11:32 PM

LS

“ Deepest sympathy and condolences for James and his family. He was a very special person and will be missed by many.

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**Leon S** - February 13, 2021 at 11:31 PM

 Nino Alapishvili

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on loss of your beloved James. My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family.

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**Nino Alapishvili** - February 13, 2021 at 11:24 PM

MK

“ Please accept our deepest condolences during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Maria Khan** - February 13, 2021 at 10:49 AM

EW

“ My deepest condolences to your family during this time. Through the stories Lisa would share, I could tell he left an undeniable impact and he meant the world to Lisa. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Emily Witt** - February 12, 2021 at 12:25 AM



*Thank you Emily. I loved working at your clinic with you. Thank you for recognizing the impact James had on my life. He truly changed my life for the better.*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 14, 2021 at 10:31 PM

SS

*“ Tim and I did not know James at all but it is easily seen here how fondly he is remembered by so many. We extend our sympathies to Lisa and the friends and family who are grieving this very tragic loss. We wish you healing and peace. Keep going forward but never forget.*

**Sandy and Tim Schmidt** - February 12, 2021 at 12:01 AM

PT

*“ Dear James family  
Have heard about James n Lisa. So full of love n life. So unexpected and heartbreaking. We sincerely uphold your family in prayer and God almighty will give each of you the peace and comfort you need during this time of loss.*

**Praveena Thomas** - February 11, 2021 at 04:28 PM



*Thank you for your wonderful letter to me, and for posting on here. Thank you for praying for James, and for our family. His family is certainly family to me. Additionally, my extended family was enchanted by James. They were so impressed by his intellect and pragmatism.*

**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 14, 2021 at 10:34 PM

MM

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. From how Lisa spoke of him, he seemed to be a wonderful person and they had such lovely adventures together. I know he will be remembered and missed. My sincere condolences.

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**Melissa McKenna** - February 11, 2021 at 03:53 PM



Thank you, Melissa. Any time I mentioned his name to a coworker, I could feel all the blood rush to my face, because I loved to talk about him.

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 14, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AL

“ Please accept my most sincere sympathies for the loss of you partner. You always spoke of James with such love and I know he will forever be remembered and forever missed. Today and always, may loving memories bring you and James family peace, comfort and strength.

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**Agnes Lendway** - February 11, 2021 at 09:09 AM

MD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know James was a wonderful person through the many stories Lisa told. She loved him dearly, and he was the light of her life. He will be missed. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Condolences,  
Mary

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**Mary D.** - February 10, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JT

“ I am sorry for your loss.

Josh T - February 10, 2021 at 08:45 PM

LL

Thank you, Dr. Trob

Lisa Lorenzi - February 11, 2021 at 07:22 AM



I miss working with you

Lisa Lorenzi - February 12, 2021 at 07:31 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Lisa and Jame's family. I have never personally met James but I know that he was a great guy from what Lisa has told me. He will be greatly missed. Wishing you all peace and comfort during this heard time

Jason W - February 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM

LL

Thank you, Jason. You've being such a kind friend to me the past year.

Lisa Lorenzi - February 11, 2021 at 07:26 AM

SN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Lisa and James's family! This is unimaginable to have to bear at this time, but I know the memories and adventures you shared with James will forever remain to help guide you through this difficult time. I had not met James, but I know Lisa loved him and always cherished their time together.  
Condolences,

Simona N. - February 10, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JW

*Many times I felt like I knew your precious son and partner of Lisa through happy stories Lisa told me. I'm so sorry that you all are going thru this unbearable pain and pray that you will find peace.*

joan watkins - February 10, 2021 at 01:44 PM



*Thank you, Simona. I loved James for 14 years and I couldn't wait to marry him. Thank you for the kind words 🙏*

Lisa Lorenzi - February 11, 2021 at 07:27 AM



*Thank you, Joan. You have been an unimaginably kind and reliable friend to me for a year. You've seen me at my worst and at my best. You always knew what to say when I cried about James. I miss you and please come visit me sometime 💕*

Lisa Lorenzi - February 11, 2021 at 07:30 AM

DI

*“ We did not know James well but it was clear to see how great a partner he was to Lisa. It was evident in the way her eyes would light up when talking about their life together. Our condolences to Lisa and Mr. and Mrs. Lindley. May warm and happy memories provide you strength and comfort during these difficult times.  
Rick and Diane Magrady*

Diane - February 07, 2021 at 05:27 PM



*Thank you, Diane*

Lisa Lorenzi - February 14, 2021 at 11:30 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James R. Lindley.



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February 06, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ For years our cousins Bob and Nancy hosted a family party on New Years Day. James accompanied Lisa to many of those parties, and that's how we got to know him. James was always warm and personable, at ease in our company, and as lovingly devoted to niece Lisa as she was to him. His gentle presence will be missed.

*Vicki Janoski*

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**Victoria Janoski** - February 01, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ I only met James a handful of times, but I felt like I knew him because of Lisa. Through The way Lisa talked about him, and shared snippets of their lives on social media, I knew that James was the joy and love in Lisa's life.

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**Mary Lynn Buckner** - February 01, 2021 at 06:59 AM

AL

“ James was a beloved part of the Lorenzi family for over 15 years. Lauren and I always looked forward to seeing him when we visited home.

*I first met James when we were in high school, and we thereafter shared so many common interests: anime (Cowboy Bebop), video games (he was always so generous, even lending me his Xbox 360 for a time), and music.*

*As time passed, we did not see each other as frequently as one would have wished, I treasured every chance we had to reconnect. It was a joy seeing James grow from a teenager into a caring young man.*

*I vividly remember visiting Six Flags Great America with James, Lisa, & my Dad a couple of summers ago. We talked nonstop as we waited in line for the rollercoasters, reminiscing and laughing.*

*Years before, I remember walking around a hotel near Western Illinois with James & Lisa, sharing stories about college, and exchanging tips on diet and fitness.*

*I can still picture James on one of our sofas, holding Ein in his arms.*

*We loved James as a brother, and we will always carry him with us.*

*Love,  
Andrew & Lauren*

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**Andrew Lorenzi** - January 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM

ES

“ Dear Lindley Family and Lisa,

*Our favorite memories were all the weekends at Western filled with non stop laughter and so many countless adventures including getting our dog Elle! She was so tiny and James called her a living, breathing Beanie Baby. We have so many fond memories of all of our eventful double dates and will miss him greatly. I hope all of the amazing memories you have with him are bringing you all peace during this difficult time.*

*Elaine and Ryan*

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**Elaine Sevilla** - January 11, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Lindley.*



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January 11, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James R. Lindley.*



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January 11, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James R. Lindley.*



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January 11, 2021 at 07:48 AM



“ *I will never forget meeting James. Being a bit of an awkward kid myself, I was intimidated by his confidence. This would soon dissipate though, as I would come to realize that James just pushed everyone to be the best versions of themselves (because he believed they could be!). He had a truly kind heart. Memories of James... driving around town with too many of us teenagers packed into the car, ridiculous food contests, exercise competitions (not that any of us could keep up), movie nights, video games, hanging at the Blockbuster while the guys were working... perhaps there wasn't much going on, but there were always shenanigans and lots of laughter. I will never forget his goofy nature, contagious belly laugh, blunt honesty, and sweet soul, and feel fortunate that our paths crossed, even for just a couple of years. I can only hope that he knows how many people his light reached, and that he will be remembered fondly.*

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**Natalia Trawkowski** - January 04, 2021 at 01:56 AM



*Thank you, Natalia. I love what you wrote. I was so intimidated when I met James. When I got to know him, I was surprised at how compassionate and genuinely kind he was. He cared deeply for his sisters, his parents, and his dog, Chloe. Thanks again for your kind words*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 27, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Lindley family and to Lisa Lorenzi. We were so fortunate to have met James. He was such a friendly and kind young man.

We enjoyed our conversations with him. He will be missed. God bless and give peace to his family and to Lisa.

*Jerry and Donna Greenwald*

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**Donna Greenwald** - January 03, 2021 at 12:54 PM

RR

“ James was a kind and caring young man and chrished our niece, Lisa.

He felt like a member of our own family as he was here for many family events. He loved playing with our dogs.

His loss is immeasurable, but so are the memories he has left us. Love, Uncle Bob, Aunt Nancy & Lizzie.

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**Robert & Nancy Reilly** - January 02, 2021 at 11:28 AM



Thank you, Uncle Bob and Aunt Nancy. And thanks for always including James in all of your family gatherings and for mentioning him in all your greeting cards! He really enjoyed the time he spent with you

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 27, 2021 at 12:18 PM

MJ

“ To my cousin James,  
You were such a big part of my life while we were kids. I am very lucky for so many memories with you. Every Christmas and summer was so exciting to get to stay at the Lindley house. We did so many crazy things, from shoveling every driveway in your neighborhood, then taking the snow to build giant snowforts in your front yard.... to flattening pennies on the railroad tracks. Every moment we spent together we were always up to something but always having fun. Spending all that time in Mundelein growing up felt like my second home. There is a million stories I could go on forever. I am so lucky to have you and your loving family in my life. You are in my heart forever. I love you, and I know we will see each other again.

Love,  
Matt

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**Matt Johnson** - December 31, 2020 at 12:31 AM

AT

“ Dear James,

*It's your birthday and we are without you. I miss you my friend. I hope that you know how much of a positive influence you had on our lives. You and Chris turned moving to Mundelein from a lonely miss fitting experience to a deep life enriching friendship that got us all through highschool with fun, laughter and enriching connection. I would not it change for the world. I'll never forget the time we spent together playing Phantasy Star Online. I'll never forget waking up at five in the morning before school so we could use the internet without taking up the phone line because everyone else was sleeping. How we found our own world to explore, an amazing world that most other people didn't even know about. I'll never forget walking together from Chris's house to Dominick's on a regular basis just to go look at the new magazines or all the way to family video to rent movies and games that blockbuster didn't have. I can still picture clearly our daily walk to Wendy's on lunch break for senior year and getting creative with the dollar menu. I'll never forget our little food challenges like going to Ruby Tuesday's to eat the 1lb Colossal Burger and then almost getting hit by a car crossing the street because we were so full. Or the time we almost stopped breathing because we each ate 10 White Castle sliders while watching Jason X and the most unexpected last minute rescue made us laugh so hard that we were on floor of my room crying and gasping for air. I have never laughed so hard in my life and the danger of not breathing made it even funnier. I still think fondly of our high school free period that we shared together hanging out in the senior lounge where we could watch mtv music videos on tv and take a much needed nap after all of our sports. Or the time when Chris went to California and we only had each other to hang out with. That year we really bonded and got to understand each other on a deeper level. We got a gym membership that year at Bally total fitness, our first of many. You taught me so much about working out and I looked up to you for how to do it better and as inspiration for how much one can do with your own body. Even today, every time I go to the gym I remember our weightlifting sessions and all the little tips and tricks you taught me. You inspired*

*us all to take better care of our bodies and get in shape. I loved the time we worked at blockbuster together and could rent games and movies for free. We saw every major movie and played every major game that year. We really expanded our appreciation for both of those media. That is what was always so amazing about you. You were so fit and so burley, the biggest guy any of us knew, yet you had a deep nerdy and emotional inner life that was just as amazing and fascinating. I am so grateful to have gotten to know you as a close friend and share the best parts of highschool and community college together. Chris and I miss you so much man. We feel silly that neither of the three of us tried harder to reach out in the last few years. We always figured you were just as busy as we were and that we would come back together soon like no time had passed, because that is how we are. Truly, we are like brothers, like family. Now you are gone and we have only our memories and the impact you left on us. I will always remember you as Falamas, our strong man hunter, a super athlete, a hilarious jokester, a nerd, a seeker of truth and improvement for yourself and those around you. You'll always be one of my best friends. One of those handful of people you meet in life that you connect so well with, that changes everything for the better. Until we meet again my friend.*

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**Arthur Talayko** - December 30, 2020 at 11:02 PM



*Thank you, Arthur. I often showed James your videos and photos on Facebook, and he would be grinning and laughing, every time. It was so sweet to see. Thank you for being such a good friend to James for so many years.*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 27, 2021 at 12:13 PM

AT

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**Arthur Talayko** - December 30, 2020 at 11:01 PM

LL

“ Words will never describe how much I cherished and loved James, every single day. He was my little koala bear. I loved everything about him: his sarcasm, his intelligence, his pragmatism. He had a poetic soul. James changed my life, and I will always be different, because of him. He never doubted that he had a special family, who loved and supported him. He had a tough journey and persevered through endless trials. I am thankful for the 14 years I had him. I will carry James with me every day, until we meet again.



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**Lisa Lorenzi** - December 30, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JJ

“ I will always remember James as that tough little kid. I will always have fond memories of going to camp hickory and of course watching him drop down and do the splits. while doing gymnastics in the back yard. I miss those days. Glad I could share them with him.

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**Jeff Johnson** - December 30, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CE

“ James and I became friends in 7th grade. Not long after becoming friends we would joke that I made him a nerd while he tried to get me into physical activity.

James's aptitude was not just limited to his physicality, he was also extremely precise with his humor and disarmingly charming. James could command the attention of a room and everyone who knew James can recall at least one occurrence of him getting everyone's attention to perform a physical feat to great comedic effect.

James fostered many traditions in our circle of friends, including the tradition of wrapping birthday presents in ways that were extremely difficult to open. This eventually morphed into the unwrapping of someone's gift becoming an event in itself.

James was very supportive and generous. If you were playing a show somewhere, he would show up. If you needed something he'd let you borrow it. If both of you spent 5 hours waiting for Strokes tickets in a lottery and your number wasn't drawn, he would let you have his ticket.

James enjoyed things sincerely without concern for his image, which explains how our friendship began in the first place. Our lives are richer for having known him. I will miss him greatly.

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Christopher Ekins - December 30, 2020 at 04:27 PM



*Thanks, Chris. You and Arthur were his best friends, and he always lit up when I showed him your photos on Facebook. He would suddenly have the biggest smile on his face. I'm so glad that you remained friends despite the distance*

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**Lisa Lorenzi** - February 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM

NJ

“ Dearest Lindley Family and Lisa,  
My heart truly aches for you all during this difficult season of deep grief and mourning. There truly are no words to express the sorrow in my heart, and all I can offer to you is prayer and love and hugs when you are ready. I have to say I have been blessed to know James, and to hear all the memories and laughter he shared with my husband as a child. James has always been kind and gentle and welcoming to me. Here on earth, more often than not, we will never truly comprehend Our Lords great plan, or why He chooses the timing of our loved ones departures. Someday we will. Until then our loved ones will live in our memories and in our hearts. One thing I know for certain, I do trust Our Father who art in Heaven, I trust HE IS LOVE. And LOVE never fails. Someone once told me long ago when I was grieving for my Father, " Dear one, Jesus went to the cross, to be crucified, for you, while you were still a sinner. Who are you to say where, when or how much further Jesus would go for another? Only Jesus knows our hearts, and Only Jesus knows what happens in hearts in those last moments of our earthly lives."  
I love you all so dearly, and its because of this family, that I am a daughter of the One True King. Forever grateful for the Lords presence in your lives, because its a torch for those in the dark.



Love Nicole

' For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love. For He does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.' Lamentations 3:31-33

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Nicole Johnson - December 30, 2020 at 02:16 PM

LM

“ Our hearts are full of sorrow over the sudden passing of James. He will truly be missed and we offer our deepest condolences to the Lindley Family.

*To Donna and Paul, You have our truest empathy in the loss of your precious son. May you find God's comfort.*

*To Lisa, our dear niece, During your unbearable heartache, we share your loss and offer constant love, support and prayers.*

*May our solace be found in faith, family and friends as James now rests in peace.*

*Linda and Rich Miller*

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**Linda Miller** - December 27, 2020 at 06:48 PM

LA

“ Dear Paul and Donna, My deepest condolences on the loss of your son, James. I so enjoyed all of those times he spent with our family either visiting for the holidays, or playing scrabble with us on many occasions. He was a kind and gentle soul. Had a great sense of humor and made us laugh. Many prayers and thoughts going out to you at this difficult time. May you treasure your memories of him. His spirit will always be with you. God Bless you and your family.

*Laura Lorenzi (Lisa's aunt)*

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**Laura Lorenzi (Lisa's aunt)** - December 27, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JR

“ I am thankful for James life. He had a special way about him of being intelligent and confident yet vulnerable at the same time. He shared with me not long ago how much he cared for people and wished he was in a position to be helpful. He listened with great care while I shared some concerns I had over some health issues. He was really open and transparent during our talk and I felt a kindred spirit in that moment. I could feel the goodness in his heart and his offer of help was so authentic. We had said we would get together for a coffee or ice cream on a future visit. I was happy thinking of getting caught up and getting to know James as an adult. I still think of him as a little boy. He always jumped in my arms at the swimming pool as a kid and would do impressive flips off the couch. We watched Oliver and The Frugal Gourmet. He talked so fast as a kid and I got used to it so I easily understood. James life meant so much and God chose the perfect family to love him through every season of his life. He played a very special role to each person who loved him and he will be missed dearly.

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**Jennifer Remezc** - December 27, 2020 at 01:26 AM

ML

“ Paul and Donna. Condolences to you on the death of your son, James. I always enjoyed his company, he was a real nice guy, and I always enjoyed talking to him, and especially about technology. He helped me out with many computer questions. I hope you find peace. God bless you and you family. Michael Lorenzi

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**Michael Lorenzi** - December 26, 2020 at 03:43 PM

NL

“ *Donna and Paul*

*Our condolences to you and your family for the loss of your beloved son, James. Thelma and I have so many great memories of times spent with James and Lisa, especially our road trips to Western Illinois University and Memphis. Also, those evenings playing scrabble at your house. We miss him so much but will always treasure those memories. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

*Neal and Thelma Lorenzi*

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Neal Lorenzi - December 26, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ *My precious cousin, Donna, Paul and family, I have no words! My heart breaks for the loss of your beloved son!! . Losing your mom and now, without warning, your precious son, James, is just too much grief to carry! I am so sorry for your loss and if there is anything I can do to help during this most devastating time, if only an ear to listen, please know I am always here for you and I hurt with you!! As a mother, I know there would be no words of comfort that could distract me or comfort me during the loss and grief of my child and I know of no words that could reach you through your shock and unending pain!! Please know you remain in my thoughts and I pray without ceasing for you, as a family, and for all those who know and love your dear James. May God's peace that surpasses all understanding, comfort and carry you, leaving only one set of footprints in the sand.*

*With unending love and compassion from my soul to yours, Sharon*



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Sharon Sorensen - December 18, 2020 at 01:43 PM