



## Luke R. Weiland

November 29, 1999 - July 24, 2020

Luke Richard Weiland, 20, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 24, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born November 29, 1999 in Evanston, IL and had been a lifetime resident of Libertyville. Luke was a graduate of Oak Grove School, played football in the Libertyville Boys Club and was a 2018 graduate of Libertyville High School where he played on the Wildcats football team. He was attending the University of Nebraska and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Luke will be remembered as an outgoing, positive person, earning the nickname, "The Mayor" as he knew everyone and was always the brightest light in the room.

Surviving are his parents, Jeffery and Heidi Weiland; 2 brothers, Kyle (Eve Kaiser) Weiland and JJ (Molly) Weiland; his nephew, Jack Weiland and paternal grandfather, Jack Weiland and maternal grandmother, Lynn Graber. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Phyllis Weiland, maternal grandfather, Richard Graber and his aunt, Kimberly.

A private celebration will be held at a later date at the Weiland residence.

Arrangements are being made by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to the Luke Weiland Memorial Fund ([fundly.com/luke-weiland-memorial-fund](https://fundly.com/luke-weiland-memorial-fund)), which benefits the Kessel Heat Basketball's Luke Weiland Scholarship and the Delta Tau Delta's Beta Tau Chapter at University of Nebraska. For further information, call: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

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# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Jeff, Heidi, JJ, Kyle and family:  
“A life so young released to heaven, left on Earth we wonder why.  
But, some are sent among us briefly, some have Spirits meant to fly.”  
Our hearts are with you.  
Love, Jeannie & Kevin Morkin

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**Jean Morkin** - August 12, 2020 at 02:41 PM

JJ

“ Dear Jeff and Family,  
Wendy, Max and I are so sorry for your loss. Luke was such a wonderful boy and young man. I have a plaque of the 2009 Steelers in my office. I look at it everyday. And Luke has always stood out to me in that photo. His smiling face is imprinted in my brain. Are thoughts and prayers are with you.  
  
Love,  
Joe Zumpano, Jr.

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**Joe Zumpano, Jr.** - August 12, 2020 at 08:43 AM

JO

“ Dear Jeff and Family, such tragic news as no parent wants to experience the sorrow you are going through. Dispute the fact that it has been many years since we have worked together at Don please know that Luke is in our thoughts and prayers.  
  
J. James O'Malley and Family  
Palos Heights, IL

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**J. James O'Malley** - August 11, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JB

“ Dear Heidi and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Luke. My thoughts and prayers  
are with you and your family.  
Julie

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**Julie Brua** - August 09, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LF

“ Dear Jeff, Heidi, JJ, Kyle and family,  
  
We are so sorry about Luke. We are just heartbroken. His smile and  
personality was like no other. We were blessed to know him. We are  
thinking and praying for you every day during this incredibly difficult  
time.  
Our deepest sympathies,  
Dan, Kim, Katie, Rosie, Daniel

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**Lynch family** - August 06, 2020 at 12:17 PM

KL

“ Extending my deepest sympathy to you and your family during this  
time. My prayers and blessings are with you.  
  
Deepest Sympathy,  
Karen Lindstrom

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**Karen Lindstrom** - August 05, 2020 at 12:41 PM

KM

“ Dear Al, Heidi, Kyle & JJ,  
My heart breaks for you all at the sudden loss of your precious Luke. He sure sounds like the epitome of his dad! I am fully confident that you all loved him well knowing who you are and from the evidence of his charming personality. Please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you all each day. May God grant you the strength to get through each day & comfort you with blessed memories until you meet again.

Love Always,  
Kerry & Sue McCarthy

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**Kerry & Sue McCarthy** - August 05, 2020 at 10:44 AM

 Wills  
Hetzel

“ I went to Montessori with Luke from when I was 2 years old until I was 5. I also played football with Luke on the steelers in 3rd and 4th grade. I came back from boarding school for a semester at Libertyville High School my Junior year and played football with Luke as well. As soon as I came back to libertyville, Luke was one of the first kids to welcome me. He made an effort to talk to me when others wouldn't. Luke was a great friend, had a great sense of humor, and always had a smile. He will be missed tremendously.

-Wills Hetzel



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**Wills Hetzel** - August 03, 2020 at 11:21 PM

LO

“ *To Family and Friends of Luke,*

*I am saddened to hear of his passing. I worked with Luke for a little while at JKC.*

*What a Great Kid, he was always of good cheer. He will always be in your hearts.*

*My kindest regards,*

*Lori*

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**Lori** - August 03, 2020 at 01:48 PM

BK

“ Dear Jeff, Heidi, JJ and Kyle,

*We are so saddened to learn of Luke's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I want to share a memory I have of Luke that came during his senior year at LHS. He was a big personality, he walked with confidence and had a fun loving way about him. It was a cold day somewhere in the beginning of baseball season that year, the LHS baseball team was playing against Warren. If you've ever been to the Warren ball fields, you would know that the opposing team bleachers are small. Filled with moms, Luke came to the game alone, in a short sleeved t-shirt and sat down right in front of us. I of course came prepared with bleacher seat, heavy boots, winter coat, hat, scarf, mittens and blanket. Luke would call out to his buddies the nicknames he had for them and cheer them on the entire game. I thought to myself, this guy is a softie after all, coming to support his buddies and loving every minute of it. The team loved it too as one of their peers had traveled to a game. I asked him a few times if he'd like my blanket and he kept saying, "no, thank you I'm fine". As any mom would do, I could see he was freezing as he tried to put his bare arms into his shirt, I wrapped my blanket around him and he was so grateful. The cold didn't keep him away from cheering on his pals, this small act of kindness left a great impression on me. The boys are missing him big time as I've seen a few of them over the last week. They are laughing with the memories as they wipe away their tears. He has left a lasting impression on them too, and will never be forgotten.*

*Betsy, Sam, Sam Jr. and Andrew Kim*

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**Betsy Kim** - August 02, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JK

“ On August 16, of last year, we moved Jason into Delta Tau Delta. Jason was so excited to move in with roomies, Matt, Luke . While Heidi, Jeff, Dean and I worked our butts off to make this place feel like home, (a clean home) the boys managed to start having fun already. This is where Dean made the great connection that Jeff used to work with his dad, Tom Kraus. Such a cool small world story. The few times I visited Lincoln, Luke was always one of the boys who went out of his way to greet me and make conversation. These Delt boys will miss Luke so much. He was a bright spot in all of their lives. Our deepest sympathies to the Weiland family. Janell, Dean and Jason Kraus.



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**Janell Kraus** - August 02, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DM

“ Dear Jeff and the entire Weiland Family, We are so sorry to hear about Luke. We can see by all of the tributes what an exceptional man he was. We know words fall short and we can't imagine the pain you and your family are going through. We are so sorry for your loss. Find comfort in the knowlege that you will see him again and that the love and support you gave him will always be part of his eternal flame. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you family. Sending out prayers to you and your family. Doug & Cindy MacIver

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**Douglas MacIver** - August 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM

TR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. While we didn't know Luke well we've had the privilege of getting to know your family through Kyle over the past few years. With a periodic visit from JJ and meeting Luke once or twice, we know how much your family cares about one another. Chicago is not our first home, but people like your family for their support, friendship and generosity help us know it's our future home. We can't imagine what you're going through, but know that we are thinking about you.

-Liz and Trevor

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**Trevor** - July 31, 2020 at 11:45 PM

PM

“ I'm picturing Aunt "Boo" Kim and Luke strategizing about the GB Packers' 2020 season. I know Grandma Phyllis & Grandpa Dick lovingly welcomed Luke to his heavenly home too. "Mayor Luke" touched so many people in his short 20 years!

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**Peggy Medvec** - July 31, 2020 at 04:30 PM

SS

“ We are saddened to hear of this great loss. A shocking tragedy for all of you. Our prayer and hope that your fond memories sustain all as you grieve. We send our loving friendship. Shelia and Tom Snook

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**Shelia Snook** - July 31, 2020 at 03:40 PM

RH

“ Jeff, I want to extend my deepest and most sincere condolences in regards to the tragedy in the loss of Luke. After reading about him, he certainly sounds like he was very much like his father. Please extend my deepest sympathies to Heidi and your whole family...



*Always bests regards & wishes Jeff, stay safe, be well & take care...*

*Roger 'Buster' Hyman*

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**Roger Hyman** - July 31, 2020 at 03:21 PM

HM

*I am so very sorry for your loss. Luke was always so kind and outgoing. I loved teaching him and will greatly miss him. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

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**Heather McCarty** - July 31, 2020 at 04:30 PM

CG

“ Weiland Fam

*It is with deep sorrow that I read this obituary of your sweet Luke. It was a bright star gone way too soon. . Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in the days to come..*

*Much Love,  
Cindy, Alex and Claudia Graf*

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**Cindy Graf** - July 31, 2020 at 02:32 PM

RA

“ I was Luke's Advisor in the College of Business. Just seeing Luke's name on my schedule, brightened by name. Our conversations were some of my favorites. I know the Nebraska community is forever changed by Luke's time with us.

*Sending thoughts, love and prayers,*

*Rachel Wesley*

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**Rachel** - July 31, 2020 at 12:42 PM

WM

“ Dear Weiland Family,  
I am so deeply saddened to hear about Luke's passing. Students leave the classroom, and some memories fade, but Luke's presence is unforgettable. His personality and smile was infectious; his laugh contagious. My thoughts and condolences are with you at this most difficult time. Whitney Mann (Oak Grove School)

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**Whitney Mann** - July 31, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BB

“ Dear Weiland Family,  
I am deeply saddened to hear of Luke's passing. I have many fond memories of Luke at OGS. He had a quick smile and was a bit mischievous, yet a great kid who made me laugh and smile along with him. Know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

*Barb Banduch*

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**Barb Banduch** - July 31, 2020 at 12:21 AM

MR

“ Luke was an amazing kid. Great friend and teammate to all he knew. I send my deepest condolences to the entire Weiland family during this difficult time. I will never forget about Luke and all of the great memories I had with him.

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**Matt Roleck** - July 31, 2020 at 12:14 AM

CM

“ Dear Weiland Family,  
We are very sorry to hear about Luke's passing. We always enjoyed watching Luke and Tommy play basketball together at Kessel. Luke always seemed to be enjoying himself and was such a fun person to be around. We can't imagine the pain you are all going through, but know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. 🙏  
Sincerely,  
Ken, Cathy, Matt, Kevin & Tommy Marcotte

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**Cathy Marcotte** - July 30, 2020 at 11:06 PM

GM

“ Jeff, Heidi, and family--

We were devastated to hear about Luke. Sending you so much love and light as you remember your baby; MB is watching over him. Xo

Genevieve and Alex

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**Genevieve Misfeldt** - July 30, 2020 at 11:04 PM

EH

“ *Jeff and Heidi and family*

*Jeff I know we have not seen each other since WFB, but my heart goes out to you and your family. Losing any family member is difficult but losing a child is even more...*

*Trust in God that Luke is well and cared for and watching down upon his family and going to be taking care of you.*

*Best of prayers going out to all of you.*

*Eric Hansen*

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**Eric Hansen** - July 30, 2020 at 07:24 PM

TC

“ *Jeff, Heidi and Family:*

*We are so very sorry for the loss of Luke. He always made us laugh, and we still think about Luke from those LBC FB days. We will continue to pray for Luke and your family.*

*The Cerwins*

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**The Cerwins** - July 30, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KK

“ *I taught Luke in Chemistry class. I always loved how his big personality both filled the room as he entered and included all those around him. I am so sorry for this deepest loss to your family.*

*Karen Kym  
LHS Teacher*

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**Karen Kym** - July 30, 2020 at 04:51 PM

LB

“ Weiland family,  
We are deeply sadden by your loss!!! Sending all of our love to your family. Praying for strength to get through these difficult days. I'm sure Rich found him on the other side and hugged him tight, he's in good hands!!!!!!!!!!❤️  
Love, Liberty Barbers

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**Liberty Barbershop** - July 30, 2020 at 03:20 PM

TD

“ Dear Jeff, Heidi, and entire family,  
  
We are still at a complete loss of words that conveys our sadness over this tragedy. As one of my oldest and closest friends, I just can't imagine what you are going through. Please know we are thinking of you and if there is anything you need, we are there for you. God Bless.

Tay, Lisa and family

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**Taylor Dave** - July 30, 2020 at 03:16 PM

TB

“ Dear Heidi,  
  
I was so saddened to hear about Luke, My memories of him are from when he was young. He was happy and energetic. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate this loss.

With deepest sympathy,  
Tory Burrows

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**Tory Burrows** - July 30, 2020 at 01:13 PM

MJ

“ *The Wildcat Football Family is saddened by the loss of one of it's family members. Luke was passionate about the game of football and very loyal to his teammates. His enthusiasm was contagious and was always willing to do what was needed for the team. The entire coaching staff would like to express our deepest condolences to the Weiland family.*

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**Mike Jones** - July 30, 2020 at 11:43 AM

ES

“ *As Luke's Spanish teacher, I was fortunate enough to experience his incredible sense of humor and fun-loving nature firsthand. He will be missed and his friends and family will be in my prayers.*

*Elaine Petricca Schreck  
LHS Teacher*

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**Elaine Petricca Schreck** - July 30, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RH

“ *Dear Jeff, Heidi, and family,  
We did not know Luke, but we can clearly see what a wonderful person he was by all of the tributes and prayers. There is very little to say which maybe of comfort to you at this time, but please know that The Heilbronnners and all of your dear friends are thinking of you and honoring his memory through our thoughts and prayers.  
Bobbo and family.*

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**Robert HEILBRONNER** - July 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM

KT

“ Dear Weiland Family:  
I am heart broken to hear of Luke's passing. Luke was truly one of my favorite students. The first day he walked into my classroom I immediately saw the mischievous twinkle in his eyes. He was funny, social, and so kind. He and I had a special teacher/student bond. Throughout the entire year, there was a constant dialogue between us: "Luke, stop talking." "I'm sorry." "Luke stop talking." "I'm sorry." Even the other students would join in. His smile was infectious and he was always able to lighten the mood in our class. I will forever remember him and keep him in my prayers.

Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Karyn Thompson  
Oak Grove School

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**Karyn Thompson** - July 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM

JM

“ Dear Jeff, Heidi and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are with you in thought and prayer  
Love, John and Jane

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**Jane Mihelich** - July 30, 2020 at 09:02 AM

TD

“ My deepest condolences to all the family. May God comfort you in this most difficult of times.

timothy dittrich

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**Timothy Dittirch** - July 30, 2020 at 07:01 AM

AS

“ Heidi, Jeff and Family - I am so sorry to hear of Luke's passing. He was a great kid and always so kind to the younger kids at Kessel. May the good times and memories comfort you during this incredibly difficult time. My heart breaks for you and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Ann Subry*

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**Ann Subry** - July 30, 2020 at 01:04 AM

SL

“ My deepest sympathy to all in the family. So heartbreaking! I know personally the pain and my heart goes out to you all.  
*Stella Lorens*

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**Stella Lorens** - July 29, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JR

“ Dear Weiland family,  
Luke brought such energy with him wherever he went. He was a bright light!  
I am very sorry for your loss.

*Jina Rappaport*  
*Librarian at Oak Grove School*

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**Jina Rappaport** - July 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM

KK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I hope your incredible memories of Luke will help you and your family through this difficult time.

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**Kelly Kukla** - July 29, 2020 at 08:37 PM

BE

“ Dearest Weiland Family,

*This is heartbreaking, and the pain you must feel is unimaginable. Hopefully it can be mitigated somewhat by knowing that Luke was loved by many. He was in my Bio class as a freshman, and he made me laugh often. He was always very respectful and had a great sense of humor. In the hallways after he left my class, he never failed to say hello. Luke was a truly affable individual, and he will be sorely missed.*

*Beau Schaefer  
Biology*

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**Beau** - July 29, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DL

“ Dear Weiland family,

*I was Luke's American Lit teacher and enjoyed his sense of humor and was blessed to share in his sense of friendship with his classmates. His battery was always charged, and his energy added to that of my classroom and I'm sure every group he was with. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and send my love to you all.*

*Dave Lapish*

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**Dave Lapish** - July 29, 2020 at 07:41 PM

SG

“ Dear Weiland Family,

*I am very sorry to hear about Luke's passing. He was always full of charisma and spirit during our freshman year Algebra I class. What a pleasure it was to have his energy in class! You are in my thoughts.*

*Sara Gourley (LHS Math Department)*

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**Sara Gourley** - July 29, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DN

“ Weiland family, no words can express the loss you are experiencing. I was privileged to be Luke’s English teacher his senior year at LHS. He was always smiling, and he brought so much personality to class. I am so very sorry for your loss.  
*Dyan Naslund*

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**Dyan Naslund** - July 29, 2020 at 06:52 PM

AT

“ Jeff and Heidi - my Kathy and I are so sorry for the loss of your son Luke. Prayers on the way for the both of you, for Luke, and for your entire family. Love - Al Thompson

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**Al Thompson** - July 29, 2020 at 06:27 PM

AG

“ Jeff & Heidi, We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. We will always cherish such happy memories of Luke. Our hearts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time.  
*Tim, Austin, Angela and Taylor Green*

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**Angela Green** - July 29, 2020 at 04:52 PM

LP

“ Jeff & Heidi, I am so sorry! We are just heartbroken. So many happy memories of Luke. He always made us laugh and smile. Such a big heart! I came across this picture back in May when I was looking for photos of Joey. I miss our soccer days! You all are in our thoughts and prayers. All our love - Lisa, Nick, Joey and Ellie Perrone



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**Lisa Perrone** - July 29, 2020 at 04:10 PM

AS

“ Jeff and Family

*Our thoughts are with you as you remember a fabulous son brought up in a great family. The tributes from his friends speak volumes of his positive impact on those in his life. Rest In Peace.*

*Andy Swan and Sandra Sanders*

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**Andrew Swan** - July 29, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RM

“ Jeff and Family:  
*I am so so sorry for your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Rick Mandel*

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**Rick Mandel** - July 29, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ To Jeff and Family: I am so sorry for your loss of Luke. Although mere words are insufficient to assuage your grief, rest assured that Luke is now in the embrace of a merciful, loving God. My prayers and those of my family are with you all. Deepest condolences. Jerry Bott

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**Jerry Bott** - July 29, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JJ

“ Jeff and Family, words cannot express how saddened our family is by Luke's passing. Though we never knew him you can be proud by the outpouring received which is a tribute to him and you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

*Jim, Nancy, Charlie and Mikaela Jaeckels*

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**James D Jaeckels** - July 29, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ Jeff, Heidi and Family:

*We are saddened by your sudden loss.  
There are no comforting words to counsel you during this difficult time but we offer our continual thoughts and prayers for Luke and your family. May he rest peacefully forever after.*

*Dan and Molly Schmidt*

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**Dan Schmidt** - July 29, 2020 at 02:22 PM

Marti Dejon

“ Heidi, Jeff, JJ and Kyle,  
Please know that I am praying for your whole family . I remember Luke as a small child and he always had such a happy smile that made others smile. I can only imagine what your family is going through with the loss of Luke to your family. Hugs and Love to you all .

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**Marti Dejon** - July 29, 2020 at 12:51 PM

CL

“ College of Business, University of Nebraska Lincoln purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Luke R. Weiland.



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**College of Business, University of Nebraska Lincoln** - July 29, 2020 at 11:59 AM

DH

“ Jeff and Heidi,

We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We know what absolute joy that Luke brought to you and your family. Our prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.

*Dan & Ingrid Henderlight*

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**DANIEL HENDERLIGHT** - July 29, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MR

“ Heidi I am so very sorry to hear of Luke's passing. I remember all the stories you used to tell us when he was young and just starting school. I cannot imagine the pain you and your family are going through. Please know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

*Maria Ruetz*

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**Maria Ruetz** - July 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM

MT

“ My deepest sympathies to you all; no parent should ever experience the loss of a child. My sincerest thoughts are for the whole family, but are especially for you, JJ and Kyle. It's been a long time, but know that my prayers are for your peace through these difficult times.

*Ms. Meredith Tarczynski*

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**Meredith Tarczynski** - July 28, 2020 at 09:34 PM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jeff, Heidi and entire Weiland family. Whether it was cheering at basketball and football games, carpooling to Condell and Montessori school, fishing in Canada, taking a trip to Lambeau field, or going on Adventure Guide campouts together, Luke will always be a part of our family and cherished memories. His energy and enthusiasm for life was truly special and he will be missed always.

*The Harveys*

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**The Harveys** - July 28, 2020 at 08:22 PM