



Reed Ballard

August 7, 1987 - February 15, 2008

Reed was born on Aug. 7, 1987, in Fort Worth. He was a joy to his family. Reed attended Shady Oaks Elementary, Bedford Junior High, L.D. Bell High and Gateway Academy. Reed loved his friends and family and they loved him. Reed was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Mae Ballard; his aunts, Frances Ballard George, Shirley Stelzer; cousin, Wade Wynn; uncles, Tommy and Dickey Smith; great-aunt, Virginia Ballard. Survivors: He was loved and will be missed by his parents, Dale and Susan Ballard; sisters, Christen Shamblin, Leigh Anne Stewart and husband, Chris; brother, Chris Ballard; nephew, Jordan Noble; grandparents, Chris and Nell Beeker; great-aunt, Rita Stephens; aunts and uncles, Chris Jr. and Teresa Beeker, Janell and Jim Wright, Steve and Patti Beeker, David and Missy Beeker, and Frances Byrd; cousins, Diana Browning, Inge Beeker, Chris Beeker III, Elizabeth Beeker, Reed Beeker, Rita Beeker, April Beeker, Michael Beeker, Shane Byrd, Brandon Byrd and Chandler Byrd.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had not seen Reed for 7 years that is when we moved away from Hurst but I remember him well as a young teenager when he and Eddie used to run around together. I heard of his death on the news Saturday night and was in shock and sure I had not heard it correct. My heart goes out to Susan , Dale and the rest of his family for there loss we will always remember him and he will always be in my heart.

Shelley Devins - February 26, 2008 at 02:37 PM

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“ Dearest Susan, Dale and family:

Michael and I are keeping you all in our hearts and prayers. We know how much family means to you both and how much you all loved Reed. We cannot comprehend the depth of loss and pain you are feeling. Reed's tragic death has stunned us all, and it causes us remember how important it is reach out to those we love every day. Please know that we love you all dearly and pray that your wonderful memories of Reed will ease your terrible grief.

*In sympathy,
Michael and Brenda*

Brenda Smith - February 25, 2008 at 01:26 PM

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“ Dale and Susan:

I am not sure if you remember us but we were at Shady Oaks when Reed was born. I had him in his first Vacation Bible School when he was very tiny. I was so impressed that you wanted him to experience everything we did even though he was so young. I read about the shooting in the paper when it happened and just couldn't get it off my mind that it might be your Reed. This morning I saw where yet another person had been arrested and decided I HAD to do some searching and, hopefully, relieve my mind. I am so very sorry for what you are having to endure. My heart is breaking for you. Please know that Ron and I are praying for you and will continue to do so as I know this is a pain that will not quickly pass. I am in shock over this and my heart goes out to you.

Glenda

Glenda Ratliff - February 23, 2008 at 07:10 AM

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“ Susan:

Words can not express my heart felt condolences to you and your family.

May God continue to keep you in his presence.

Emily D Dobson

Emily - February 19, 2008 at 02:06 PM

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“ Dale, Susan and Family,

Kent and I would like to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of heartache and sorrow. You are very special people that had such a great love for your son and we all knew how much you cared for him and will miss him.

Renee Reneau - February 18, 2008 at 10:26 AM