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Chatham-Jake Michael McNamara, 18, of Chatham, formerly of Sherman, passed away at 11:44 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2010 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services to celebrate Jake's life will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at Cherry Hills Baptist Church, 2125 Woodside Road, Springfield, Illinois, 62711. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2010 at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Williamsville Vocal Music Boosters. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur is assisting the family with these arrangements. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Jake was born October 30, 1991 in St. Louis the son of Mike and Barbara (Hailey) McNamara. He is a 2010 graduate with honors from Williamsville High School. He was enrolled at SIU Carbondale this fall on a full scholarship to study film. He was an IL State Scholar, member of NHS, and a recipient of the President's Award for Academics. Jake was an active member of the WHS vocal department, participating in the Vocal Jazz Choir that sang for President Obama and serving as the King of the Madrigals. He also performed in the school musicals excelling as the voice of Audrey II in the Lil' Shop of Horrors. Jake was a strong student leader, serving as class president for three years at WHS and a member of the Beta Club at WJHS. Jake's passion was for film. His dream was to direct and produce movies after graduating from SIUC. He had a plethora of knowledge concerning all aspects of film producing. He was also an accomplished bass player, vocalist, and song writer.

He leaves behind his mother: Barbara of Chatham, father: Mike of Decatur, sister Hailey: of Chatham, grandparents: Ruth Crandell of Springfield and Mike and



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Martha McNamara of Decatur, girlfriend: Kayla, several aunts, uncles, and cousins, and many friends who will miss him.

Jake was greeted in heaven by his grandpa: Robert Hailey and step-grandpa George Crandell.



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LL

Larry Lefferts posted:

To the McNamera Family:My thoughts and prayers are with you all upon the loss of your son. May you find comfort in the love and support of your faith, family and friends.Larry Lefferts, Sherman resident '87 – '01, Father of John and Eleanor

August 5 at 9:32 AM

DM

Dianne (Deck) & Rick Mcmillion posted:

Mickey, Barbara, Martha and Mike, My prayers go out to you and your family at this tragic time. I know first hand the pain you are feeling and I know that there is nothing that can be said or done to ease your heartbreak. Allow your friends and family to embrace you with their love and strength and more importantly lean on God to get you through this. Don't hesitate to call if you need to talk to someone who has been there. God Bless you all. Dianne

August 3 at 12:47 PM

GW

George Westjohn posted:

I am sorry to hear about your tragic loss and wish that I had magical words to comfort you. Our prayers are with you.George Westjohn

August 3 at 8:57 AM

MC

Mary Jo Comerford posted:

Mick and family, You are all in our hearts as you continue your journey without Jake's physical presence. He obviously touched many lives and we believe his spirit will always be with you. Our love and blessings, John and Mary Jo Comerford

August 3 at 8:52 AM

RK

Rich Kuschel posted:

My condolences and deepest sympathy to you all. You are in our prayers.Rich Kuschel

August 3 at 6:50 AM



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DF

Dan, Jodi, Morgan & Mason Fleck posted:

Mike, Barb and Hailey – we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers go out to your family at this time.

August 2 at 5:00 PM

SF

Steve Farris posted:

hey mac i am so sorry my heart goes out to u if u need anything dont hesitate to call me anytime

August 2 at 2:54 PM

YS

Yvonne Stroud posted:

Mike:Corinne and I and our families are thinking about you and yours. Please know that you are in our prayers and on our minds; God is with you; and we pray for his comforting hand to soothe you during this time.

August 2 at 12:50 PM

LL

Libby And Bob Letterly posted:

We are thinking of you and including your family in our prayers. Jake was such a talented, very sweet kid — like Becky Snow said, the kindest — I loved having him on Scholastic Bowl, appreciated his help and good mind and enjoyed his humor. I know that he would have continued lighting up the world with his talents. Such a loss.

August 2 at 12:22 PM

KC

Kristy Cole posted:

Praying for you and your entire family.

August 2 at 12:06 PM

SW

Sandra Walden posted:

Barb, I'm so very sorry to hear about Jake. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Sandra Walden

August 2 at 11:41 AM



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VT

Valerie Thompson posted:

Dear McNamara Family, May you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) Take care,

August 2 at 10:37 AM

GB

Gloria & Jerry Blackwell posted:

Dear Martha and Family, I have been keeping your family in my prayers during this difficult time. I know how hard it is when a family loses a young person. We don't every understand why, but we just have to trust God. I will continue to keep you in my prayers. Love Gloria & Jerry

August 2 at 9:02 AM

MC

Marty Cushman posted:

Perhaps they are not stars but openings in the heavens Where the light of your loved one pours down upon you To let you know they are happy Jake was a gentle soul. Let his spirit fill you and bring you peace...also remembering the love and laughter he had for each of you. Kind Regards, Marty Cushman (Rotary)

August 2 at 8:18 AM

TS

The Snows posted:

Dear McNamaras, We're so deeply sorry for your loss. We're saying prayers that God's love will comfort you now and in the days ahead. Jake was one of the kindest boys we knew. He will be missed. Becky, Rick, Jordan, Lucas, and Audrey Snow

August 1 at 2:19 PM

MW

Myron Werner posted:

Mickey and family, My deepest sympathy goes out to you all. May the Lord provide you comfort during this difficult time. Sincerely, Myron Werner and family

August 1 at 2:18 PM



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WM

William And Melanie Mast posted:

sorry about your loss. If we can help in anyway like us know by e-mail.May god be with you and yous. You will be in our prayers.

August 1 at 2:18 PM

DM

Dan Musselman posted:

My Sister in the LORD,I am so sorry for your lost of Jake. Words can not tell you how my Heart aches right now for you. Only Jesus can give you comfort. Barbara, I am here in spirit and prayers for you during this time. If you need anything do not be afraid to ask, we will help you. My son Cory, is so upset with all of this. My you fine Peace.LORD be with this family,Dan Musselman, Cory, Leah,Tessa, HanYuping.Chicago, IL.

August 1 at 12:44 PM

FM

Floyd& Kimberly Disney Jack Mccabe posted:

We are praying for you.

August 1 at 10:57 AM

JF

Jack, Debbie, And Cj Flood posted:

We are so very sorry for your tragic loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

July 31 at 6:45 PM

SS

Sherry Struck posted:

Dear Barb, Mike and Hailey,I am so sorry for the loss of your son, Jake. My prayers and sympathy to you all during this very difficult time. May it help you to know that Jake is remembered so fondly.

Sherry Struck

July 31 at 4:17 PM



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TF

The Kluemke Family posted:

Mike, Barb, and Hailey, There are no words to share our heartbreak and concern for you at this time. Jake will be missed deeply by the entire Sherman/Williamsville community. You are in our prayers. From Mark, Amy, Drew, Anna, Leah Kluemke

July 31 at 3:50 PM

TM

Tony & Renee' Mangiaracina posted:

McNamara Family-We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

July 31 at 2:33 PM

SM

Steve & Andrea Mumaw posted:

McNamara Family-Our hearts are heavy for the loss of Jake. Please know that we are praying for your family. God will give you strength in this time of need.

July 31 at 2:07 PM

CA

Charlotte Akers posted:

Barbara and Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your son Jake. I know words can help the pain of the grief you are feeling. When you are dealing with a difficult time in our lives like you are now, it's easy to feel like we have lost the light along the path. We wonder why these things happen and no one can give us the answer. Let us appreciate the tiny things we remember and teach us to treasure the happier times we have had. I pray you find some peace in God's love. With most sincere sympathy, Charlotte Akers (co-worker of Bob Hailey)

July 31 at 6:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jake by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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