



Connor Michael Sorensen

November 20, 2000 - June 30, 2011

Connor Michael Sorensen, 10 years old, of West Hartford, passed suddenly and tragically into eternal life on June 30, 2011. Connor was a wonderful, innocent boy who loved his family, friends, coaches and teachers. His infectious spirit and love of life touched everyone who knew him. Connor lived every moment to the fullest and left an indelible impression on all who knew him. His younger sisters describe him as "the best big brother ever." He was a wonderful son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin. As a student, a friend, a baseball player, a teammate, and a child of God, Connor gave his parents more joy, love and pride than they could ever have imagined. He made them the parents they always wanted to be. His compassionate and loving soul will be forever cherished by his family and friends. Born on November 20, 2000, Connor is survived by his loving parents Michael and Valerie Cioci Sorensen, sisters Katherine and Charlotte, his grandparents Daniel and Jeanne Paquette of Newport, RI and Wayne and Florence Mahon Sorensen of Lake Forest, IL. He is also survived by many aunts and uncles, Jessica Cioci, Manuel & Michaela Cioci Suarez, David Sorensen, Francis Sorensen, Christina and Kim Sorensen, James & Danielle Paquette Gibbons, Jared & Kristi LeBlanc Paquette, and Andre Paquette, and cousins Sebastian and Gabriel Suarez, Jameson & Colin Gibbons and Brady & Brooke Paquette. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Louis M. Cioci. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street,

West Hartford. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be Wednesday from 4-8pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Connor's name to: West Hartford Youth Baseball League, c/o League President, 44 Newport Ave., West Hartford, CT 06107. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Val and Family,
I am incredibly sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find strength during this very difficult time.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Stephanie###imported-begin##Stephanie Sortman###imported-end##

August 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Val, Mike, and Family,
I was so saddened to learn of Connor's passing. I will keep the Sorensen family, and Connor in my prayers. May Connor rest in peace, and may your family find peace during this difficult time.
James Murphy
###imported-begin##James Murphy###imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Valarie & Family It is with deep sadness that we heard of your precious sons death. Knowing you as a little girl we could never have imagined you and your family would have to face such sorrow as loosing a child Stay strong and know you are all in our hearts and prayers Elaine & John Bucci###imported-begin##Elaine & John Bucci###imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Family,

My heart breaks for you. I'm so SORRY to hear about the tragic news of the loss of your precious son. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Diane Weller##imported-end##

July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy. Connor was an exceptional child and will truly be missed within the Duffy community. Truly, Kristen O'Connor##imported-begin##Kristen O'Connor##imported-end##

July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen & Paquette Families:

Our deepest sympathies to all in the passing of Connor - our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless. Joseph & Charlene Rose Cirillo##imported-begin##Joseph & Charlene Cirillo##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Val, Mike, Kate & Charlotte,

Dan & I cannot stop thinking about you all. Every few minutes it takes our breath away to think of beautiful sweet Connor. We will forever remember his beautiful face and amazing spirit running up and down the street in front of our house. We send endless strength and love your way…and continue to pray that all the love around you will help you through this tragic time.

Love,

The Moran Family##imported-begin## Laura & Dan Moran##imported-end##

July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family

Myself and the members of the West Hartford Police School Crossing Guards, Inc. would like to take this time to let you know that we are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of your Son, Connor. Our Hearts and Prayers are with all of you at this time. Blessings to your entire family..

Susan E. Hodge##imported-begin##Susan Hodge##imported-end##

July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family, no words can express how sorry I am for the loss of your precious son. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathy Finelli##imported-end##

July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family,
Wishing you great strength with the tragedy you are facing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family and all those that knew and loved Connor.
Evan, Lisa, Max and Brett Berman###imported-begin###Evan Berman###imported-end##

July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Sorensen Family,
Sending you our deepest sympathies and prayers that you will feel our community holding you close in our thoughts and lifting you up in prayer. We are so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful son.
The Kutscher Family###imported-begin###The Kutscher Family###imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I got the terrable news about Connor's drowning. I cant express how sad I am for them. My grandson Jakob is the same age as Conner. I cant imagine how I would react if something of this nature had ever happened to him! I hope you can all be a comfort to one another in this hour of sorrow. Sincerely Michael###imported-begin###Michael Stamp###imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your tragic loss. I pray for strength for your family and friends - and pray that your memories of Connor will bring peace when you need it most.###imported-begin###Pat LaPierre###imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Family: I am so so sorry to hear about your loss of your beautiful son. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.

Rose Frink##imported-begin##Rose Frink##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Mike, Valerie, Katherine, Charlotte, and family,

We are all sad to hear of the loss of your beloved Connor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. We will miss his smiling face playing with his sisters. Please know Connor is an angel in heaven watching over you all. With much Love your neighbors across the street Frances, Carl, Tara, Susan, and Jimmy##imported-begin##Susan Cambio##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I,too, read Connor's obituary in the Chicago Tribune and wondered what could take the life of such a beautiful young child - so full of life -.I just wanted to pray for you with a message of comfort.Although there are no words to ease the sorrow that is yours, thoughts and loving memories last as long as time endures. So may your treasured memories grow more precious year by year and help to bring you comfort in the loss of one so dear.##imported-begin##Debbi Ellis##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with tears streaming down my face that I send this note to let you know that your sorrow and pain is felt by many. We are all devastated by the news. Winston has talked about what a good 'playground' friend Connor was at school. May god grant you all the strength and courage to survive this tragedy. Know that he is looking down at all of you with a smile on his face and love in his heart.

You are in our constant thoughts and prayers.

Lesley, Stephan, Winston, Chloe and Loic Toutain##imported-begin##The Toutain Family##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family,
We learned of you and your beautiful Connor from our daughter, Isa.
You and your beautiful Connor remain in our thoughts and prayers now and always.
With love, The Squicciarini Family##imported-begin##patricia squicciarini##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Manny, my deepest sympathy to you and your family at this very difficult time. You are all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Denise Adler##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Family,

Words cannot express how sorry Kathy and I are to hear of your loss. May your strength prevail to help you through this difficult time.

With deepest sympathies,

Jim and Kathy Diorio##imported-begin##Jim Diorio##imported-end##

July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Connor is such a wonderful boy with a beautiful smile and we will miss him in the neighborhood. Sending you all lots of love, peace and strength.

Holly & Justin Walsh##imported-begin##Holly Walsh##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Your deep faith will help you through this very difficult time. Connor is God's little angel now. Always remember death can never sever our connection to those we have lost. The soul is eternal and can never be extinguished. Believe that you will be surrounded by the loving presence of Connor and someday you will be reunited. A candle will be lit tomorrow at church to help you through this heartache.##imported-begin##Ron & Ann Soscia##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Valerie,

No words of mine can mean much now. Your loss is far too great and much too close. But for our Dominican Community at Providence College, our alumni and alumnae, and in my own name, we want to make known to you our deepest sympathy.

At a time such as this, nothing anyone says makes much sense. Perhaps better than most, I know that. But it is my hope that the consoling thought of a gifted Trappist monk might help.

Thomas Merton wrote, death is where the hills end, and the stars begin.

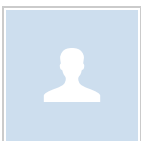
Connors "hills" are over now. It's his time to be with the "stars" and their Source.

It is my hope and I pray, that the deep, inner Peace that thought can induce, will be with you and your family...especially now.

May Mary, the temple in whom God's Son became a priest, keep you near, in her care.

With His Love and all mine,##imported-begin##Fr. John Peterson, O.P.##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by your loss. You have our sincere condolences,

Chris Clouser, Mark Stenning, and the Board & Staff of the International Tennis Hall of Fame.##imported-begin##International Tennis Hall of Fame##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sorensen Family,
Sending my love and support. I will think of Connor always and forever.
Love,
Jen Griffin##imported-begin##Jennifer Griffin##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Sorensen Family:
Your touching obit appeared in the Chicago Tribune and it gave a pretty good idea who Connor was. I never met him, but he sounded like a boy who made an impression on so many family members and friends alike. You must have instilled the wonders of life in him. I am sorry for your loss. While it has only been 10 years, close your eyes and re-live each and every memory you had of Connor whenever you need to visit with him. God Speed.##imported-begin##Bob Marovitz##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kimi and family our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Butler Family##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Words cannot express how saddened we are. Connor was a wonderful, fun-loving little boy who will always be remembered. Please know we are here for you. Our deepest sympathies, The McKeown Family.##imported-begin##The McKeown Family##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Val, Mike, Kate and Charlotte:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. In every memory I have of Connor, the thing that stands out is his infectious smile. It made you want to smile right back. He was such a very special boy.##imported-begin##Stacey Argent##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Val, Mike, Kate, and Charlotte,

We are heartbroken for you. Connor was such a sweet, friendly, loving little boy. We loved watching him play with his sisters and his friends on Eastview Street. He was always so happy. We hope the support and friendship of everyone who was touched by Connor's life will bring strength and comfort to your family. You will always be in our prayers.

*With much love,
Rob and Lauren O'Meara##imported-begin##Lauren
O'Meara##imported-end##*

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Sorensen Family,
We are friends of Buzz & Flo, loving Grandparents to Connor. Our hearts ache, along with theirs, for your most tragic loss. May you find solace in the fact that your grief is being divided among all of us, and through prayer on your behalf, may God fortify you in the days ahead.
Lovingly,
Christopher & Mary Anne Yep###imported-begin##Chris & Mary Anne Yep###imported-end##*

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike and Val-

Tracy and I were so saddened to hear of your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathies and know that you are in our thoughts.###imported-begin##Greg and Tracy DeMattos###imported-end##*

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Mike, Val, Kate and Charlotte,
Words escape us during this most difficult time but please know that you are in our constant thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, The Sokale Family###imported-begin##Kim Sokale###imported-end##*

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ John and I met Connor at his grandma Jeanne's 60th birthday party that her husband my cousin Dan planned for her. He was full of life and fun and it was obvious that he approached everything he did with boundless energy and enthusiasm. I am sure the memories you have are endless. Now he is with Jesus who is taking good care of him until you are reunited again. Our prayers are with you. Mo and John##imported-begin##Mo and John Mazzacane##imported-end##

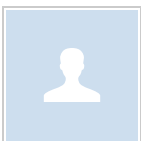
July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Valerie, Micheal, Kate, and Charlotte,

Our hearts ache for you, we are so very sorry for the loss of your precious son Connor. Our hearts, prayers, and thoughts are with you at this time. With Love , Krissy, Rudy, and Rocco##imported-begin##Kristen DelSanto##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Sorensen Family, I am so sorry to hear of this tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of great sadness.

"Butterfly
As you danced in the light with joy,
love lifted you. As you brushed against
this world so gently, you lifted us.
T.C. Ring"##imported-begin##Karen Stamp-Ross##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Val & Mike, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Nicole & Chris Coleman##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Words can never express how very sorry I am for the loss of your beautiful son.

Kelly Neyra##imported-begin##Kelly Neyra##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Sorensen family,
Our deepest sympathies to you for your loss. May God bless you and give you strength during this most difficult time.

Christian T. Potts & family
PC Class of 1994##imported-begin##Christian T. Potts##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael and Valerie I am saddened to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. The following words helped me through my times of loss and I hope they too bring you comfort.*

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.*

Amen.##imported-begin##Justin Sinclair##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike and Family,*

I was shocked to learn today of Connor's tragic accident. Please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers and wishing you all strength and comfort in the coming days.

*Laura Briand Clark##imported-begin##Laura Briand
Clark##imported-end##*

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen,

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Connor really well as a friend. He was so athletic and loved to run and play kickball especially when he would kick homeruns. I will miss him so much, but I will never forget him. Love, Jeffrey LaRosa##imported-begin##Jeff and Judy LaRosa and Jeffrey##imported-end##

July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Valerie, Mike, Kate and Charlotte I have been so sad since I found out on Friday. Connor was such a beautiful child, full of energy, a great wit and tons of love for his friends. He will be so missed by all at Duffy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Liz Schott##imported-end##

July 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Mike, Valerie, Katherine, Charlotte, and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Connor. Please know we are all holding you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Sending lots of love to you.

Isa Squicciarini##imported-begin##Isa Squicciarini##imported-end##

July 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Valerie & Michael, Manny & Michaela

I am a former neighbor from Eastview Street who knew Connor because I saw him so often at Manny and Michaela's house playing with their two boys. Connor was always a very polite boy - always speaking to me even though he really didn't know who I was! Your hearts must be broken and I can feel your pain. You will have many wonderful memories of Connor that will sustain you during this sad time. My mind and heart go out to you and your families and I wish Connor godspeed to his new destination in life. God Bless. Virginia Cushing##imported-begin##Virginia Cushing##imported-end##

July 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM