

Reid Samuel Hollister

July 22, 1989 - December 2, 2006

Reid Samuel Hollister, 17, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died in the early morning of Saturday, December 2, 2006, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Reid was born in Norwalk on July 22, 1989, and was adopted by Ellen Deutsch and Tim Hollister on October 19, 1989.

Reid will be missed by many, many throughout West Hartford and the region. He attended First Church Nursery School, the Morley and Duffy elementary schools, and for the past six years, Kingswood-Oxford School. Reid's true gift was caring for and nurturing children, which he demonstrated for several years both at Asylum Hill Congregational Church and at Camp Renaissance. Reid had a beautiful tenor voice, which he lent to West Hartford's Inter-El Choir and Kingswood's Concert Chorus and "Crimson 7" a cappella group. He played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse at Kingswood. Reid was widely known for his piercing aqua-blue eyes, handsome face, happy-go-lucky attitude, an amazing ability to whistle, lightening-fast text messaging skills, an off-beat sense of humor, fierce loyalty to his friends, and his abiding love of his family. Reid leaves his parents Ellen and Tim; his beloved sister Martha; his affectionate Golden Retriever, Gracie; grandparents Hans and Nadia Deutsch of Bloomfield, and Ken and Liisa Hollister of Voluntown; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins - Linda, Ferg, Emily and Caroline Jansen, of Simsbury; Karen, Steve, and Madeleine Boga, of Guerneville, CA; Sara, Mark, Zoe, and Lila Pierce of West Hartford; Mark Deutsch of Canton; Liz and Mark Swearingin and George, Alex, and Bob Jackson all of Pittsburgh, PA. The

Hollister Family owes a great debt of gratitude to countless others who loved him as if he were their own. Calling hours will be held at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 from 3-5 PM and 6-8 PM. A memorial service will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday December 6 at Asylum Hill Congregational Church at 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford CT, with reception to follow. Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Asylum Hill Congregational Church at 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105. Donations will be used to provide financial assistance to families at AHCC's New School for Young Children. Online messages of sympathy and remembrance may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Hollister family,

i met reid on a bahamas trip in march of 2005 and he made my trip the best trip i ever had. he was one of the most amazing person iv ever known. im sorry for your loss. even though i only knew reid for a week, we talked every day after that trip on the phone. i will love and miss him always##imported-begin##Gen Hurd##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was friends with Reid in first grade when we lived in West Hartford. I had no idea what happened until recently. My sincere condolences to the Hollister family, I really wish you the best of luck.##imported-begin##Steven Morris##imported-end##

November 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ reid i miss you buddy i still miss those days hangin out at the boreas house.##imported-begin##pat##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincerest sympathies to Ellen & Tim Hollister.##imported-begin##Jerry Effren##imported-end##

January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Kingswood- Oxford Skills & Camp
Development Basketball Clinic Renaissance

*c/o Kingswood-Oxford School, 170 Kingswood Road, West
Hartford, CT 06119*

December 22, 2006

Over the last decade, and with great distinction, Reid Hollister participated as a camper and as a highly respected member of our staff at Camp Renaissance.

In the days since Reid's passing, I have received innumerable calls from parents, staffers, and others who shared their poignant memories of this remarkable boy. Their messages of support and affection confirm what all of us who had the privilege of working with Reid knew ? he was a very special young man who had an extraordinary ability to connect with children.

These many messages, along with my personal knowledge and great fondness of Reid, makes it clear to me that his keen wit, his remarkable ability to make friends, and his many acts of good deeds were felt by enough people that Reid Hollister will never be forgotten by all of us who were privileged to have known him.

My profound condolences to Ellen, Tim, Martha and members of the extended Hollister family.

Sincerely,

Dan Doyle##imported-begin##Dan Doyle##imported-end##

December 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart goes out to Reid's family. Ellen & Tim as an old friend of Karen's and the Deutchs' I keep you in my prayers. Dennie Corthouts Toolan*##imported-begin##*Dennie Corthouts Toolan*##imported-end##

December 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hollister Family,*

There are no words that can express my deep sorrow for your loss, as I'm sure that there are no words that could possibly comfort you at this time.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##*Joanne Pransky*##imported-end##

December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Ellen & Tim,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son Reid. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.##imported-begin##*Jen Kaplan*##imported-end##

December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and family,

I am so so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathies and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Heather Page##imported-begin##Heather Page##imported-end##

December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless

Christine and Matt Collins##imported-begin##Christine Collins##imported-end##

December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ellen, Tim & Martha,

We send our very deepest sympathy for your tragic loss of Reid. It is our hope that your pride and love for this extraordinary young man will sustain you at this very sad time and help you to bear the pain of your loss.##imported-begin##Edward & Janet

Heberger##imported-end##

December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen and family,
So sorry for your tragic loss. That was quite an ouporing of love and admiration for Reid and your family. Hope the Holiday season and the new year help you to find peace and understanding. I know it can take quite a while.##imported-begin##Jay Berman##imported-end##*

December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hollister,
When I met Reid during a recent consultation at my office, I was very impressed by him. He was intelligent, articulate, a good looking young man and a very nice person. I only knew Reid for a few minutes but when I heard the unfortunate news, I was extremely saddened and felt a great loss. Think of the pleasant times that you had with Reid and the accomplishments he made in his short life. Hopefully over time your grief will turn to happy memories.
Judd B. Fink##imported-begin##Judd B. Fink##imported-end##*

December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen and Tim,
Please know that our prayers surround you.##imported-begin##Janis and Robert Henderson##imported-end##*

December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Ellen, I was deeply sadden when I heard about your loss. Reid was a wonderful and amazing young man, who in his short life had touched many souls. Its been awhile since I have seen Reid. My best memories of him was when he was baby and I cared for him in the nursery at church. Even back then I knew he was something special and his smile would always brighten up my day. The road ahead will not be an easy one, but the Lord will be there to help you. Reid left us entirely too soon, however he will always remain in our hearts.##imported-begin##Katie Aiello##imported-end##

December 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim, Ellen, Martha and family,

I was fortunate enough to know Reid during his early childhood years at Lynn Huguet's daycare. Even now as an adult I still vividly remember his sweet personality and wonderful disposition. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and please know that you and Reid are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Robin Dinowitz##imported-end##

December 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim, and Martha ~

The act of sending you my condolences through emailing an on line "guest book" seems truly bizarre. At the same time it gives me the chance to join the many, many, many countless others in your lives who share your shock, grief, and unimagineable sadness of Reid's passing. The line last night of grief-stricken friends, family, and others in Reid's and your lives can only be seen as an amazing testament to his ability to touch the lives of those who knew Reid--- and, those who know you and your family. My thoughts have been with you since I read the news, and they will be with you for months and years to come. Of the 17 years I spent at Morley Extended Day Care, I value most the children and families I've come to know, respect and admire---the Hollisters are one of those families.##imported-begin##Kathy Hucks##imported-end##

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim , Martha, family and friends,

Reid Samuel has never left our hearts since the day he left our home many years ago. He was a tremendous blessing and we will never forget him. His sweet essence will always remain and he will always have a special place in our hearts. To this moment his eyes and beautiful smile remain with us. Only the most generous of spirits and the most loving of beings adopt and raise children. Reid was so very lucky to have such a wonderful family. We watched the foundation that was built and we know how incredible you are. Our deepest sympathies to you at your time of loss. Please know our thoughts are with you. Love, the Huguet family##imported-begin##Lynn and Bob Huguet##imported-end##

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Hollister Family,
Words are inadequate to comfort you but please know that you are
in my thoughts and prayers.

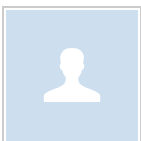
Wendy Wolf Kaufman###imported-begin##Wendy Wolf
Kaufman###imported-end##

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and family,
My heart was saddened when I read the news. Please know that
you are in my thoughts. From the guestbook entries of those who
knew him, Reid had the special quality of being able to connect, if
only for a moment, with those whose paths crossed his - much like
you, Tim. May your memories of him comfort you in the days to
come, and keep him in your hearts and minds forever.###imported-
begin##Lauren Zell###imported-end##

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim & Ellen;
I was deeply saddened to hear of Reid's accident. You have been
in my thoughts ever since. Unfortunately, I only had one occasion
to meet him because he had obviously become quite an
accomplished young man. I know you are as proud as any parents
could ever be. My thoughts will continue to be with you.
Mark Friend###imported-begin##Mark W. Friend###imported-end##

December 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim, and Martha,

We remember Morley days, Reid's sparkling blue eyes, birthday celebrations at the lake. Our thoughts and hearts are with you.

Connie, Jon and Dvora Walker##imported-begin##Connie Walker##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Family,

It was with a deep degree of sadness that I read of the loss of your son.

Although nothing can replace your loss I urge you to remember William Wordsworth's reflection that:

"..we will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind; In the primal sympathy which having been must ever be.."

My sincere condolences to you and your family in this very difficult time.

Mike Heneghan##imported-begin##Michael Heneghan##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim Hollister and family,

It is with great sadness that we read about the tremendous loss that you suffered. All of us at the law firm of Conway & Londregan are greatly impressed with Reid's accomplishments. You should be very proud of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you,

Sincerely,

Tom Londregan, Ralph Monaco and the law firm of Conway & Londregan###imported-begin###Ralph Monaco and Tom Londregan###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tim & Ellen: It was with great sadness that we learned of your great loss. May Reid's smiling face be a lasting memory for you and your entire family and may time be gentle and understanding with you in healing your thoughts and feelings of loss and pain. God Bless you. Jay & Mary Sandak###imported-begin###Jay & Mary Sandak###imported-end##*

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Tim and Ellen--*

Please accept my most heartfelt condolences on the passing of Reid. Both Leslie and I distinctly remember meeting Reid at last year's program at Wesleyan for the high school juniors of alumni as a very nice and polite kid. Our thoughts are with you. David and Leslie###imported-begin###David and Leslie Rosenthal###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and Ellen:

Kathy and I are deeply saddened by your loss.

We did not have a pleasure of knowing Reid, but by all accounts he was an extraordinary young man with great promise. May you find solace in the many tributes to your son attesting to the impact that he has had on their lives and the lives of others.##imported-begin##John & Kathy Pagini##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and Family--

I was so very sad to hear of your loss. I cannot even imagine how difficult this must be for you, so all I can say is that you will be in my thoughts and prayers during the coming weeks.

Elise Wagner

Wesleyan '78##imported-begin##Elise Wagner##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Family, Ellen, Tim and Martha:

How deeply saddened and shocked we were to learn of this tragedy. My sister Barbara and I were speaking about you last evening and came to the conclusion that the words we can offer at this time just cannot be enough. So we offer up to the Almighty a plea to take care of Reid on his journey and to you all and the Deutsch clan. Our love and wishes go out across the miles. May his memory be eternal.

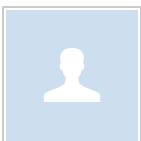
John, Karmalina and the Philadelphia Lisovitch's
John Lisovitch

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deep sympathy over the loss of your fine son.
Paul & Ilse Orth

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We were very sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathies and know that our thoughts as prayers are with your family.
Timothy J. Frenzer & Catherine A. Murray

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and family,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of need.

Larry Hoyt###imported-begin##Larry Hoyt###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I was shocked when I heard the news of your loss. I know that our words cannot make any sense of what has happened, but we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Arthur and Faith Gutekunst###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Hollister Family,

Tim I recall the wonderful adoption talk that we shared while I was at S&G, and I thank you for alway letting me know how special it is. I am truly sorry for your loss. May God guide you and your family through this extremely difficult time.###imported-begin##Rebecca Zumpe###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hollister Family,
We are so deeply grieved at your loss. We are thinking of you constantly and praying that you can get through this very difficult time of questions and sadness. We didn't know Reid personally, but as a member of our community, your family and a dear friend of Scott Schpero, we know he will be profoundly missed and will remain remembered and loved forever. We only wish we could have known Reid, because he sounds like a contagious and wonderful young man who loved life and his friends. We are thinking and praying for your family throughout this very difficult season of life. Martha, I know this is so difficult for you to have lost your big brother. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this terribly difficult time. Mrs. LaRosa###imported-begin##The LaRosa Family###imported-end##*

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tim & Ellen:*

I am so very sorry to learn of your terrible loss. My thoughts are with you and your family at this very difficult time.###imported-begin##Don Poland###imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ellen, Tim and Martha,

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Reid's death. May the love your family, your friends and your many fond memories embrace you and help to ease the heartache and sense of loss.

We wish we could be with you to give you big hugs. Know that you are in our prayers.

*The Seaberg Family
Jane, Doug and Jimmy##imported-begin##Jane
Seaberg##imported-end##*

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ As members of the Kingswood-Oxford community, our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Lisa, Doug, & Chris Martin##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim & family:

I wish that I were reaching out and rekindling old friendships under better circumstances. Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. May you always know that caring and compassionate thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Chris Bell##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I'd like to extend my deepest sympathies for your loss. I did not know Reid well but the few times that we did speak, he seemed to be a very special and caring person.##imported-begin##Jeff Doyle##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Ellen, I so clearly remember the lenten breakfast when Tim shared with us that Reid was the light of his life. Tim, I remember you said you had "gotten permission from Ellen" to say that! It was clear then, as it has been in the years since, that he is an extraordinary spirit and blessing. May he ever be. Love, Christine.##imported-begin##Christine Lissitzyn##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Ellen & Martha:

We are deeply saddened by the news of Reid's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Myles & Linda Alderman##imported-end##

December 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always remember Reid as a friendly, lively, and enthusiastic person. He had a range of talents and managed a great number of experiences in his short life. Deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.##imported-begin##Peter Eisenhardt##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tim, Ellen and Martha,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We wish you peace and comfort in knowing that Reid is in a better place. Kirsten, Dave, Sarah and Annie Bartholomew##imported-begin##David Bartholomew##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen, Tim and Martha,
We were all so sad to hear about Reid, and want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Anne Massucco, Tod Alberghini and Ross Alberghini##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tim and Ellen
Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences on the loss of your son, Reid. I pray that the good Lord will give you and your family the strength to find peace and comfort at this very sad time. Reid sounded like a wonderful young man, an example to all, whose loving memory will help sustain you in the days to come. Tom Gugliotti##imported-begin##Thomas Gugliotti##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



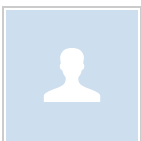
“ Dear Ellen and Tim,
Words cannot begin to express our sorrow. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you and your family constantly.
Sincerely, Linda and Ira###imported-begin##Linda & Ira
Goldman###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Ellen,
I don't know why, but God seems to test the faith of the most faithful; and although you won't know it because you can't know what you would be feeling now had you no faith, your faith is what will make this terrible loss bearable in the end. I hope you believe that God must want Reid with Him, and as enraging as that thought must be, after reading all of the wonderful qualities Reid held, I can understand the strengths God sees. Reid's goodness will be so much more vast in the hands of God. I am just so, so sorry for the agony and pain, anger and sadness which you must go through by having to give Reid up. I pray that Reid's love for you and yours for him will comfort your hearts.###imported-begin##Suzanne
Atkinson###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Martha, Ellen and Tim -

What ghastly news about Reid. The death of a beloved son and brother is among life's most tragic blows. I share your sorrow and send you my sincere condolences.###imported-begin##Alan
Spier###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynn and I are so sorry to hear this news. Just wanted to let you know you are all in our thoughts and prayers, and hope you find peace in remembering the joy and happiness you all shared together as a family.##imported-begin##Michael McKenna##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim and Martha,

I am stunned, bewildered and deeply saddened by Reid's premature passing. As co-director of the AHCC Cherub Choir, I witnessed Reid with those sparkling eyes and lashes for days in action every Sunday during our rehearsals. He was the kindest and most gentle of shepherds. When a child would become a bit disruptive or cry at the prospect of being left in a room full of strangers, Reid would stoop down and gently embrace the child - speaking in a very soothing tone until the child was calmer. The children loved him, flocked to him, and hung on him like he was the Pied Piper. I have no words and certainly no explanation for this tragedy. I am thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lisa Nappi##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim: Please accept my sincere sympathy. When I worked at S&G, I recall having the privilege of babysitting Reid and Martha for you and Ellen. Reid was a lovely boy and extremely fortunate to have you for a Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Kim Blaisdell##imported-begin##Kimberly Blaisdell##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim,
Veronica just shared with me the very sad news about your loss. I am so sorry to hear about Reid's passing. I know there are no words that can comfort you and your family right now, but I did want you to know that my family and I are thinking of all of you during this time.

I know how much your children mean to you - You've always shared so much about your family with me that without having ever met them, I feel as if I knew of their special light in the world.

I am keeping you all in my thoughts and wishing you peace and comfort.

My regards,

Sona##imported-begin##Sona Pancholy##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Ellen - We just cannot believe this. Although we know Tim much better than Ellen, we have come to know, through your wonderful Holiday messages each year, what a wonderful family you are. With two children of our own, we cannot even imagine the devastations you must be feeling. Please know that all of our wishing, hoping, praying support go out in abundance to all of you. Pull your family tight.##imported-begin##Steve and Marti Chinn##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Hollisters,
Reid was a charismatic and loving person, unlike any other. He was constantly making everyone laugh and always knew how to put a smile on your face when you were down. His endearing blue eyes and incredible personality will be missed by all. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Shannon
Coco##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you in this trying time.##imported-begin##Marvin P. Bellis##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen & Tim
We send our heartfelt sympathy on the huge loss in your life and your heart. May God give you the strength to get through this tragedy.
Love,
Nancy & Jim Javaras##imported-begin##Nancy & Jim
Javaras##imported-end##*

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



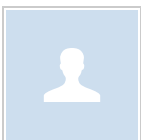
“ I send my heart felt condolences to you for this extraordinary loss. Though I never knew your son, it is a life circumstance I cannot fathom or comprehend. As a parent, my pain is real and I can only hope your faith bolsters you, knowing he is in the hands of God, and that God always has a plan, hard as it may be to discern at times like this. Believe and stand strong together. I am so sorry for your loss, seeming inconsequential words at a time like this, but live for hope and love, and they alone !
My sincere condolences,
Dunny Barney###imported-begin##Austin D. Barney ll###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ WE ARE VERY SORROW FOR YOUR LOSS. AS PARENTS WE CANNOT IMAGINE YOUR PAIN AT THIS TIME. OUR THUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.###imported-begin##IPETER AND JOYCE HOLMES###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Hollister/Deutsch Family,
I was shocked and saddened to learn of your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With sincere condolences, Jeremy Paul###imported-begin##Jeremy Paul###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Reid will be greatly missed. His bright spirit - his sense of fun - his joy were inspiring. He was a great friend and a great support. He was truly one in a million. The world is less bright with his departure. Our prayers and condolences are with the entire Hollister family. Signed, Owen, Judy, Caley, Maura and Owen Eagan##imported-begin##Eagan##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you in this terrible loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Susan and Arthur Merrow##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Reid. I truly believe that he changed everyone he ever met for the better. But I believe that God needed another angel up in heaven to look over us.##imported-begin##Valentina##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim and Ellen - Thank you so much for sharing a bit of Reid with me over the years. My heart breaks for all you. Please try to take very good care of each other as you find your way forward. Jodi##imported-begin##Jodi Wilinsky Hill##imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim and Ellen,
My sincerest sympathies to you and your entire family. While I didn't know Reid, after reading his obituary, it is crystal clear that he lived a full and loving life. He was obviously a blessing to those he touched, especially you. Hopefully, these words of Paul will be of comfort to you at this time"...neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

My thoughts and prayers are with you and I pray that God wraps His loving arms around each of you in the days and weeks ahead.

love,

Susie###imported-begin##Susie Muirhead Bates###imported-end##

December 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim and Martha,

Ken, Katy, Eric and I are all heart broken. Just the other day, we were looking at some old photographs of the kids playing together and commented on the wrinkle in Reid's eyes and his contagious smile. They Reid, Ben, Michael, Adam, Katy and Eric all looked like they were about to dart off to get into some type of mischief.

Please know you are held warmly in our hearts and prayers.

Susan, Ken, Katy, Eric Walkama###imported-begin##Susan, Ken, Katy, Eric Walkama###imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen, Tim and Martha. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Love,
Alice and Duane Luster##imported-begin##Duane and Alice
Luster##imported-end##*

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen, Tim & Martha:
We will always cherish our memories of Reid and the neighborhood children playing together; the simplicity of it all. Words cannot express our sorrow for you.##imported-begin##Marie & Scott Mansolillo##imported-end##*

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hollister Family,*

Our hearts go out to you on the loss of your beloved son, Reid. We lost our 24 year old son, Jamie, suddenly on September 2, 2006. Like Reid, Jamie grew up in West Hartford and went to KO where he graduated in 2004. His life was shaped by the wonderful experience he had at KO and the many friends he made. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Gerry Garfield and Whitney Whitaker##imported-begin##Gerry Garfield##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ellen, Tim & Martha,
We are all so sorry for your terrible loss. We will remember Reid as the happy little boy on your Voluntown dock and for the joy that we know he brought to your lives.##imported-begin##Marion Hobbs, Sam & April Poole##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Hollister Family,
I'm so sorry for everyone's loss. Reid is greatly missed by the Kingswood Community and myself. He will never be forgotten. Everybody of Kingswood-Oxford sends their deepest apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Hollister as well as Martha.

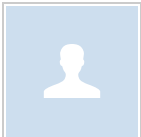
I'm so sorry,
Cameron##imported-begin##Cameron Stevens##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Hollister Family,
My deepest condolences go out to you. I cannot imagine the pain you are feeling in your hearts right now, but if there is anything that will make the ache dissipate, it will be memories of your wonderful son. As a senior at Kingswood-Oxford, I was having a rough time with classes and friends one day, and while I was walking around school with a frown on my face, I felt someone grab my shoulder. It was Reid. He told me that he had noticed how sad I looked, and that I shouldn't be frowning when it was "Wing Day" in the cafeteria. This little gesture, though seemingly unimportant, was enough to change my whole day around. Reid always made me laugh, and when he smiled, and his whole face light up, his sparkling blue eyes crinkling at the corners, his mouth in a wide grin. His infectious happy attitude left an impression on me, and I immediately felt better. He was always helping others, whether with a joke, or a smile. Reid was a truly wonderful person, a great friend and peer. He will be missed and remembered by all.
Lindsay Thomson###imported-begin##Lindsay Thomson###imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Ellen and Martha:

We are so sorry to learn of Reid's untimely passing. His life was celebrated at First Church this morning. You will be in our thoughts and prayers and know that you will feel God's healing power.###imported-begin##Vince and Jane McDermott###imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim and Martha,
I'm very sorry for your loss. It has been many years since Martha and our son Travis were at First Church Nursery School together. I was just mentioning those days with my husband and looking back at the Nursery cookbook. Know my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.##imported-begin##Jennifer Dougherty##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ If only we could go back to the idyllic days of Griswold Drive; children running amock through the backyards; kissing which ever kids happen to end up in the beds in our house each night. It is as though we have lost one of our own. We, along with Michael, Hillary and Amanda, will always be your neighbors.##imported-begin##Shari & Zachary Weinberger##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Ellen and Martha,
I am at a loss for words. It seems like such a short time ago that we sat on the softball field together sharing your stories of your children as babies. My heart goes out to you in a way that I can not describe. I know how precious Reid was to you all and he will be greatly missed. Please know that our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Joan and Fran Guerrera and family##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ellen Tim, and Martha,

We are so sorry to hear about Reid's premature death. You will be in our hearts and prayers from now on. I will treasure the memories I have of Reid, he was so filled with life and love.

Love, prayers, and blessings always.

*Bobbie & Butch##imported-begin##Butch & Bobbie
Martucci##imported-end##*

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim & Martha,

*Losing Reid as he was reaching his prime and had the best of life yet to live makes no sense. We will all remember his smile, musical talent and the life he was blessed with. Martha, you will be ok and remember that we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##Anne,
Mike & Jenny Gobin##imported-end##*

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tim, Ellen & Martha,

Words cannot convey the sorrow we are feeling over the loss of your beautiful son and brother, Reid. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt sympathy at this time of grief. Please call on us if there is anything we can do to ease your pain.

Sincerely, The Wards

Terry, Jimmie & Sam

978-356-7935

16 Sagamore Road

Ipswich, MA 01938###imported-begin##Terry Ward###imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Tim, Ellen, and Martha -

I was so very, very sorry to learn of your terrible loss. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

- Rafie###imported-begin##Rafie Podolsky###imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



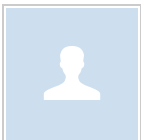
“ Dear the Hollister family,

I can't even begin to find the words to express how sorry I am for your loss. I've known Reid since sixth grade and he has always been someone I could count on to be there when times got rough or when I needed someone to laugh with. Reid had the amazing ability to make any situation 10 times better. I'll never forget his piercing aqua blue eyes or his amazing smile. Mr. Hollister, I've gotten to know you over the past six years or so at different events and sports games at K-O. You are an amazing person and I can only imagine how great of a father you must be. To the entire Hollister family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this painful time. Reid was an amazing individual and an even better friend. Reid, I'm gonna miss you buddy. I know that you are in a better place and that someday I will meet you again.

Sincerely,

Brett Champlin##imported-begin##Brett Champlin##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ellen, Tim, and Martha,

We are thinking of you during this time of sorrow. Reid will live on in our hearts and memories.

With much love,

Jill, Jose, Bryan, and Jessica##imported-begin##Jill and Jose Aviles##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Hollister and Martha,
I cannot begin to comprehend the pain of what you are going through right now. Reid meant more to me than I ever knew. His humor and his compassion for others will not be diminished, they will only get stronger in the hearts and minds of those left behind. Reid was a role model to most but more importantly he was a friend to all. He is in a better place and his smile and spirit will continue to be infectious and will keep us all going. I am at a loss of words to express how sorry I am for your loss.*

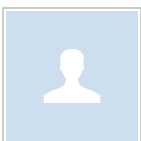
We miss you more than you know Reid.##imported-begin##Peter Lydon##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hollister Family,
I am so sorry for your awful loss. I did not know your son, but my daughter Sarah knew him very well. She will always have wonderful memories of sledding, snowball fights, playing basketball and just hanging out with Reid, Steve and Caley. My prayers are with you and I hope God comforts you in this terrible time of your lives. Love, Maryanne and Sarah Melley##imported-begin##Maryanne Melley##imported-end##*

December 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nothing we say, or any of us say, can dull the pain you must be feeling...but please accept our deepest sympathy and sorrow for your loss. We will all always treasure our memories of Reid, from when he was a baby until the last time we saw him.##imported-begin##Harry/Barb/Claire Castleman##imported-end##*

December 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM