



Connor Mantsch

April 27, 1998 - July 26, 2012

CONNOR MANTSCH Our beautiful gift, Connor Mantsch, left this world way too soon at only 14 years, on Thursday, July 26, 2012. Connor was a truly amazing human being. Anybody who knew Connor understood how unique and special he was. Connor was an incredible musician, a strong athlete, and a great student. He had the most infectious smile, heart-warming giggle, and was known for his funny sense of humor. He preferred the natural world to video games, kept his gardens neat and lush, and had a mind for creativity and inventions that is warmly remembered by his friends and family. Connor had uncommon integrity and character, and his dedication to excellence was evident in all that he attempted. Connor was thoughtful and a student of life. He was a dreamer and had a clear vision of his future. He found success in what he did and has been described as a "remarkable young mind." Connor was a wonderful son, brother, grandson, nephew, and friend. While Connor was quiet and introspective initially, one discovered the very loyal, loving and dedicated friend that quickly emerged. His gentle playfulness will be missed dearly. Connor was an immensely caring brother and he loved his sisters, MacKenzie and Erin dearly. They will miss him more than words can say. May Connor's kindness, depth and genuine nature serve as an inspiration to all whose lives he touched and remind us of the way to live best. The community and world is a better place because Connor was in it sharing so much of himself and his talents. Shari and Bryan are immensely proud and grateful to have had the privilege to be his parents and know that the world loses a

wonderful and beautiful soul. A service in reflection and celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Connor is survived by his parents, Bryan Mantsch and Shari O'Loughlin; sisters, MacKenzie and Erin Mantsch; grandparents, Barbara O'Loughlin, Robert and Barbara Mantsch, and Tom and Diana O'Loughlin; aunts, Cathy O'Loughlin, Laurie O'Loughlin and Brenda Mantsch; uncle, Jim Kittle; cousins, Jessica Mantsch, Elizabeth McClune, Tiffany Palo, Bailey Kittle, Logan Kittle, and Gregory Palo; extended family, and a world of friends.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I'm profoundly grateful for having been Connor's sister, and I will always be immensely proud to say that I am. My life is a thousand times richer because of my little buddy.

MacKenzie Mantsch - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Shari, Bryan, Mackenzie and Erin, Our hearts are broken over the loss of your beautiful son and brother, Connor. Finding the right words to comfort seems impossible, but please know you are in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers. Pamela, William, Alex, Austin and Carla Maas

Pamela Maas and Family - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bryan & Shari: So sorry for your loss. Words cannot describe what it must be like losing a child. Connor was an awesome young man. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know. You are in our prayers. Joe and Lisa

Joe & Lisa Standley - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Reading about your wonderful son and looking at the pictures I am heartbroken for your loss. I am at a loss to express how I feel and I cannot begin to imagine how you must be feeling. Fourteen years was much too short of a time for such a great kid. You are in my thoughts and prayers daily. -Chrissy

The Long Family - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ As one of Connors classmates, it was my privilege to see him on a day to day basis during the school year. He was always cheery, exited and an absolute pleasure to be around. He was someone of exceptional character and dignity, and for that a respected him greatly. Though during the 2011-2012 school year I shared no classes with him, I did have the joy of sharing Winter PE with him. Wether on the basketball court or soccer pitch he always was of great integrity and a wonderful sport. Connor was truly special, and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in Peace Connor. May we continue to live the way you would have wanted us to and honor your spirit. Jack

Jack Keller - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Connor was an amazing friend not only to me but to everyone. He would always make people happy and say funny things. I remember one time when Connor, Matt and I were naming the chickens at cottonwood and Connor made all of us laugh with very strange and funny names. Even though I didn't know him very long he will be a friend I will never forget.

Greggor Hines - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ you guys are in my prayers.love,Elijah Kelly

Elijah Kelly - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Mantsch Family, Jasper was looking forward to playing soccer with Connor on the Flame team. While Jasper did not get a chance to get to know Connor well, we send our sincere condolences for your loss. Flame soccer will not be the same. Your family is in our prayers. Jasper Cook Lisa Tsuchiya

Jasper Cook and Lisa Tsuchiya - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Connor was amazing. We chatted about topics of science and athletics. He was very intelligent and loved nature and his garden. We shared many memories from batting practice, shopping for plants to pool side games. I am profoundly grateful for knowing and sharing wonderful moments with Connor. Sincere and warm regards to O'Loughlin Mantsch family on their path to healing.

John Goddard - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God comfort you with the knowledge that Connor is in a wonderful place and that you will always have those precious memories in your heart.

The Schroeder Family - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We only spent some days together in the sunshine...or splashing around Uncle David and Aunt Jeanne's pool...but the the times we saw your smile were unforgettable. Elliott has spent the last 3 years going to high school with his other 2nd cousin Aiden Feller (Uncle Joe's grandson) and when he saw Connor's picture (who he had not seen in about 4 years), said, "wow, Connor sure looks like a Mantsch". I think he looks exactly half Mantsch and half O'Loughlin. What a beautiful and wonderful person. I wish I knew him better, but I will never forget those little boy smiles when he was swimming at the Mantsch family picnics. Love, Jill Ann

Jill Ann , Brian and Elliott Guenther - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Connor, you were such a rare, beautiful human being who is sorely missed... and no one could have ever been ready for God to bring you home. Love surrounds your family - God holds them never more closely than now. Please rain abundant grace upon everyone, especially your mom and dad, and your sisters. Provide them with the strength and ability to love each other through this most difficult time.

Kathy Mantsch Palmer - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Although I had not met Connor, I am honored to learn a little bit about him through his obituary - clearly he was a very wonderful young man. As a parent myself, I also feel a deep sense of sadness and my heart goes out to Bryan, Shari, MacKenzie, & Erin.

Gary Wehrley - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Connor we love you dearly. May you rest in peace. You were a cheerful, bright and loving cousin. We miss you dearly. We continue to send prayers.

Jessica Palo & Family - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Dear Ones, The light and love of your precious son will burn brightly in all of our hearts and minds forever more. This unique and special boy was a gift to the world and to those of us who were lucky enough to know him, even if only for a short while. We share your deep grief in the loss of this beautiful soul, your Connor, and we take comfort only in the hope that his life will live on in all of us. With our love and prayers, always, Trish Nickerson and the Cottonwood Staff

Trish Nickerson - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dearest Shari, Bryan, MacKenzie and Erin, I feel that there are no appropriate words, yet you found the most perfect words to describe your remarkable Connor-- he was indeed a beautiful gift to all of us. His light--that sparkling, profound, compassionate and insightful light--will shine forever in the hearts of all of us who were lucky enough to experience Connor's unique and precious being. I hope that somehow you can feel the beams of love, caring, and support that I shower upon you from Wisconsin! All of you, and Connor, are in my heart forever! With much love, Priscilla

Priscilla Bovee - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *My heart aches and I can't imagine your pain. I am gathering these beautiful parts of his spirit, his legacy, and your families legacy in hope of putting them in my heart where it is cracked right now, sewing it all up, and carrying it with me to share. His talent, his accomplishment, all of the fun and vibrant living you do as a family. My family will forever be impacted by yours and by Connor. Love, Rhonda Thomas and Family*

Rhonda Thomas & Family - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Dear Shari, Bryan, Mackenzie and Erin, When I read your beautiful tribute to Connor, I was struck by how closely it matches my memories of him. It doesn't surprise me that he remained true to himself throughout the years since I've seen him. I remember what a generous, loving and loyal friend he was to Will. I remember his passion for rock and gem collecting, and that he gave a gift of one of his rubies to Will, which Will was so thrilled to receive! His many talents were extraordinary, but what was especially extraordinary was his personality. He was a gentle person, but even as a young child you could sense the strength he had within him. Please know that Connor touched our lives in a very special way. We are praying for you, and thinking of all of you with deep sorrow for your loss.*

Lisa Ladd - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM