



Devin Matthew Benikosky Parker

January 4, 1997 - August 12, 2009

Devin Matthew Benikosky Parker died at home on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. He was 12. Devin was born on January 4, 1997, in Ft. Collins, Colorado to Shelby Benikosky. Devin was a beautiful child, loved and cherished by his family and friends. Devin enjoyed creating music with his keyboard and reading books, especially the "Five Ancestors" by Jeff Stone. Devin enjoyed riding his bicycle and playing with his friends from school and in his neighborhood. Devin cherished his baby sister and spent many happy hours with her and their family. Devin enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors, whether on his family's Colorado ranch, camping on Crystal Mountain or spending the day at Marble, Colorado with his mom. Devin enjoyed all of the many outings and activities with his family who in turn cherished their time with Devin. Devin warmed the hearts and enriched the lives of all who knew him. Devin's wit and love brought many smiles and he leaves behind many fond memories. Devin's contribution to his family was immeasurable and they will cherish him forever. Boo will miss her Bobo. Devin is survived by his mother Shelby Coy, stepfather Dustin Coy and father Jim Parker all of Ft. Collins; sister Brenna Coy; grandparents Les and Joan Smith, Gene Benikosky and Cris Wilkinson, Lynn and Dalene Parker, Doug and Alinea Coy; great grandparents Evelyn Parker, Kathryn Williams, Juleda Ann Hamburg, John and Sonna Swanson; aunts and uncles Christa Leverenz, Shannon Benikosky, Andrea Coy, Joe and Rhonda Parker, John Parker, Scott and Margrit Parker. Devin is preceded in death by grandparents Ewing W. Hamburg, Sara Benikosky, Al Parker and

Dale Williams. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 19, 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Inurnment at Roselawn Cemetery 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Devin Benikosky Parker memorial fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Devin,
I miss you. It is your Birthday today. Merry late Christmas too. We were in Mexico over Christmas. I miss you so much. Love boo. ❤️
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Brenna Coy - January 04, 2020 at 02:20 PM

DD

“ Devin. its been awhile. I see you regularly. I miss you greatly. I hope you and grandpa are enjoying each other's company. I love and miss you very much Daddy

David Depriest - August 04, 2019 at 07:38 PM

BC

You were never there for Devin ether.

Brenna Coy - October 02, 2019 at 11:12 AM

BC

You left him why do you care about him. You ditched my mom and Devin and you went off to the other lady that you liked while you were married with my mom. What kind of person is that. Also, capitalize your letters or go back to kinder. Use grammerly.

Brenna Coy - October 02, 2019 at 11:12 AM

SC

David, I am sorry for the unnecessary opinions of my daughter, she is way out of line. She has gotten reprimanded for this and it won't happen again. Again I am sorry.

Shelby Coy - October 03, 2019 at 10:44 PM

DD

Shelby, Thank you. Loss is a strong emotion, Everyone lost an amazing person when Devin passed. Pain has no filter. We were blessed to have Devin in our life He is still in our hearts.

Dave

David DePriest - November 01, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BC

“ *Devin,
I love you. I talk about you a lot and you are in a slide show that my friend made you. You are such a good brother and i should have spent more time with you but 2 1/2 years is as much as i got. There is a lot of stuff i remember doing with you. You are the best! Love you more than ever!*

Brenna Coy - March 20, 2019 at 12:13 PM

BR

“ *I wish you were here devin. i would have so much fun with you. love you! Brenna/boo.*

brenna - November 28, 2018 at 12:04 PM

BR

“ *Dear Bobo,
I love you so much and i miss you so much.
boo coy*

brenna - October 11, 2018 at 02:47 PM

JS

“ Dear Devin, It's been just over 1 month since we had to bury you. I think of you all day every day. We recently made an incredible pilgrimage on your behalf. Some of our experiences were too amazing to be mere coincidence. You were watching us. Only your true family could know what we knew as we made our journey. You simply could not have had a better father than Jim. He is a real man--good and kind and steady and reliable. Your mother--Shelby--so sweet, she worked so hard for you, wanted the best for you. Papa Les and me, Grandma Joan; we had the pleasure and privilege of having you live with us for quite a while. You changed so much after leaving such a tumultuous beginning to your little life. Grandma Dalene and Papa Lynne, aunts and uncles, cousins, you had a real family--upright, honest, loving, and well-centered. And we loved you beyond your wildest imagination. We will see you again.

Joan Smith - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ My Dearest Devin, Shelby, Jim, Dustin and Boo...and all others who will read this. I pray the Lord guides my fingers as there are many strong emotions still taunting many hearts. Devin was loved and cherished every day of his life, and was only rejected and abandoned by few, but those few created the deepest pain. I ask blessings for you Jim, because you took your son fishing, more than once, and with a happy heart...and you couldn't wait until you could do it again. You are not only a true dad, but a wonderful man, and I thank you for giving Devin what he deserved from day one. True sympathy comes from true pain, not from the desire to be in the spot light, when that light burnt out long ago. There is love, true and pure love that Devin will always know, and that is because there are those of us who showed up at the door for a day of fishing, rock throwing, and story telling. It is called family and truth...and above all...honor. As already said in some responses, Devin does now know the truth, and God always has, and for both of those, not only do I find peace, but so does Devin. He now knows that being rejected was never his fault, and now he feels peace. He will never again be abandoned, Jim never let go, and God has never let go. Jim....you are Devin's Daddy, and you always will be, and Dustin, you also gave all you had. I pray for peace and serenity for the whole family, and Shelby, you are loved so much more than you know, and admired for your courage and strength, because of you, Devin had a life full of security and happiness, not turmoil, hatred and pain. YOU took the hurt for Devin, and that is the greatest gift a mother can give her child. As any true Philosopher would say; it takes a true hero to say plenty with little, but a true coward must blow his trumpet and announce his arrival, because otherwise he would be shunned. In this case, pure truth has won, the trumpets have been blaring, but the shunning was, and will be forever earned....and the traumatic results are the evidence. I love you Buddy, yoo yoo, otnee and your Brother in Christ, Braedon loves you. The day we meet again, is the day we will play freely, laugh openly, and fish together as we have so many times already. Have the smores ready because you know they're my favorite. You and I will also go to our special place, just you and me, and watch the

rainbow glow over the waterfalls. You have to promise to leave me a couple really cool rocks though, or the chase is on. I miss you, and I long to see your smile again, and that giggle of yours was contagious, but I promise that you will live on...through all of us that truly knew you, and we are better people because of you. Thank you..and I love you. Aunt Christa

Aunt Christa - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your son. I did not know him or you, but we were in the tattoo shop the night your family came in, and your story touched not just us, but everyone there. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

carrie - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Dear Shelby, Your past third grade teacher just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. At such a difficult time it is nice to know people care even though we cannot make the pain go away. Blessings to you, Kathy Lewis*

Kathy Lewis - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *To everyone, This child is our grandson. He has been missed for a very long time. We are saddened that we could not be a bigger part of his life. There has never been a day that we have not thought of him or missed him. He was a beautiful baby, and we had a little bit of him for a little bit of time. We are grieving now for what could have been, and what should have been. But we feel that Devin knows us now and understands. We will take great comfort in that. Thank you to all who have shared his life, and will always remember him. He has always been a special part of us. Lane and Carletta*

Carletta & Lane De Priest - August 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ First of all I want to thank everyone, exspeciely Jim. Jim you are a real man. I thank you for being there for Devin when I was not able to be. Devin now knows the truth . That in itself makes me the happiest man on earth. He has his fishing pole for when I see him and we can finally catch the big ones like we were never able to do. Billy, keep your head high for your cousin as he is SHINNING DOWN on us all. Once again, Thank You all. God and Devin are with us ALWAYS. I Love You Devin, Daddy

David DePriest - August 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ David , Im so sorry for your loss, Love always Elaine

Elaine DePriest Warner - August 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ David and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave please keep your head up and remember the times you were able to spend with him and cherish them all. He was a part of you and nobody could ever change that. He is your angle now to watch over you and the rest of the family. God bless.

Mandy - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ John and I and our sons and their wives, Charles and Melissa Phipps and Joshua and Grace Phipps extend our deepest sympathies to your family. We are Margrit's aunt. uncle and cousins. The members of our church are praying for you in this tragic time. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Christine Franke Phipps

Christine Phipps - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I'm very saddened by your loss. Though I met your family just once at Margrit's wedding, her family is my family and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. With Love,

Charles Phipps - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Hi Dalene, Lynn and family members. My heart goes out to you all on this sad occasion. Dalene I know how much you cared and took care of those little boys. They are so precious to we grandparents. I worried about bringing food over, but instead you and I are going to have lunch one day soon. My prayers are with you and your wonderful family. Love Karen Stephens

Karen Stephens - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Was shocked to hear of Devin's death. Such a sad thing for a young man with so much more life to live. He is now free of doubt and pain and knows that he was loved more than he could have ever dreamed possible.

Becky Everett - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Devin's Family, We are praying for your family and we know God's grace will comfort all of you. Joan and Les if there is anything we can do--please let us know!!

Jerry and Fran Roth - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jim: Our sincere condolences. Know that our thoughts are with you during these sad times. Ron and Cynthia

Ron and Cynthia Slosson - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ To the Depriest Family, We are so shocked to hear of the tragic news of Devin. We cannot even begin to imagine what it feels like to lose a son, grandson, nephew etc. Just know that he loved all of you, that we know! He was so special and had so much to give and so much more to learn. You will have an angel to watch over you. David-don't let go of the memories you have of your son. Those are what will keep his spirit alive.

Anonymous - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

I think of him daily. I see him on a regular basis. I enjoy his company when I go see him. he is with me every moment and so is dad now. god bless you

David Depriest - August 04, 2019 at 07:41 PM

JO

“ Im sorry! I want you to know that you were a great person. You were funny, friendly, and always willing to help. You were loved by a lot of people. We will all miss you. I know i wasnt always that good of a friend, and im sorry for that. I hope you can forgive me? I hope your out of all your pain. I pray that your journy to heaven is smooth, and not trouble some. Life just wont be the same without you. I hope that you knew you had friends, because a lot of people enjoyed your presence even if they didnt show it all of the time. I know your whole family miss's you and will always love you no matter what. You will always be in our hearts. WE WILL TRULY MISS YOU!

Jobie - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We are so sad to hear about your loss and sorry that we never had the opportunity to meet Devin. Please accept our sincerest condolences.

Adriana Anderson & Arnaud Boudoiron - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Shelby, Jim and your extended families; All your neighbors in the park feel your sorrow of losing Devin. My people believe a spirit comes to earth and takes human form to learn something, or have a new adventure. When the spirit has finished, it leaves the human body and returns to the stars to choose the next adventure. The family & friends left behind must finish their own journeys, and celebrate what they received from the departed spirit. I like to think Devin is up soaring among the stars and looking for his next great adventure.

Jacqui Tuttle - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel about Devin's death. Devin was such a thoughtful boy who always remembered to wish me a Happy Birthday because mine was the day after his. He always had a smile and friendly hello when I arrived at his house. Devin will be deeply missed. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

Lindsay Wagner - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Angela and I send our sincere condolences for the passing of your son Devin. We will keep all of Devin's family in our thoughts and prayers. Love - BernieMargrit Parker and Angela Franke

Bernie and Angela Franke - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ David and Family, We are so saddened to hear of the tragic loss of your son. He just told us the other day that he always loved you even though you havent seen each other recently. No words can help with the pain but just no that we are here for you. You will forever have that bond of father and son that can never be broken or taken. God bless you. Just know that Devin has his angels wings now and is no longer hurting.

McCarthy Family - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ I want you guys to know, if you need anything please let me know. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Love you all the Eash's

Lucas - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I got to know Devon while volunteering at school. He really was amazing kid. Im'e very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many. I hope he is flying with the angels now and in peace. Pennie Kough & Family

Pennie Kough - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss.

Lisa Johnson - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I will Never forget this little man I remember taking care of him when Shelby was so tired laying on the couch trying to get some sleep Richaurd and I would take Devin up to our room and care for him. I have many memories of Devin's early years. Shelby you have always be there for me, the day Billy was born, the day of my wedding and I feel your pane. Loosing a child is one of the most difficult things a parent has to go through. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know, Billy is very sad he lost a consin and Devin was the only consin he know from his byological Dad, and is very upset he did not know him better. Love all of you, you are in my thoughts and prays.

April Allen - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I am so sorry about your loss Devin was a very specail Boy he will be greatly missed by all who loved him. My blessings go out to you and your family.

Laurie Everett - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ David, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Eventhough, it's been a few years since you have been together the pain of losing your son is no different. He is an angel in Heaven now and his pain is gone. Please have comfort knowing we send our sympathies to you and the rest of your family.

Mary - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Jim & Shelby, the girls and I want to send our sympathies. It's been a pleasure watching Devin grow since Kindergarten. We were blessed to have been a part of his world...however small.

Rachel, Madison & Hannah Hassell - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Please accept our sincere condolences for the tragic passing away of Devin. We are devastated by this news! We are with you in spirit and we send our thoughts and prayers to Devin's families. With love
- Claudine and Bob Lent

Claudine and Robert Lent - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM