



## Dusty Alan Greathouse

December 10, 1977 - December 13, 2011

Dusty Alan Greathouse, Jr., 34, of Fort Collins, Colorado formerly of Streetsboro & Mantua, OH died tragically Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Dusty was born on December 10, 1977 in Ravenna, OH to Karin Lancaster Greathouse Piteo and Dusty Alan Greathouse, Sr. Dusty graduated High School in 1996 from Streetsboro High School in Streetsboro, Ohio. During this time he participated in the Ohio State Fair Choir and was a member of the Young Marines. Currently, Dusty was enrolled at Front Range Community College where he was going to study Horticulture & Natural Resources starting January 2012. Dusty is preceded in death by his father, Dusty A. Greathouse, Sr. of Alliance, OH and his beloved grandmother, Louise M. Lancaster of Streetsboro, OH. Survivors include his loving fiancée, Hillary Koontz; mother, Karin Lancaster Greathouse Piteo; step father, Carmen Piteo; sister, Nichole Baatsen and brother-in-law, Alexander Baatsen; brothers, Jerimiah Greathouse, Carmine and Joesph Piteo; sister, Lori Greathouse, and grandmother, Rose Greathouse. In August of 2003, Dusty packed up his life in Ohio and moved across the country to Colorado where he met his love fiancée, Hillary Koontz. Dusty and Hillary were to be married on October 11, 2012 at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch. He had a love for nature from the rolling hills of Kentucky, deciduous forests of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia to the mountains and sunshine of Colorado. This love was evident in his plans to further his arborist skills by studying at Front Range Community College and ultimately opening his own business. Dusty was a kind and giving man

who supported the US Military Services and several foundations including Locks of Love. Dusty always went out of his way to lend a hand without any expectation of anything in return. He loved everything about Colorado's outdoors; skiing, kayaking, and camping. Dusty was an expert camper mainly due to his adventuresome nature, ingenuity and outdoorsmanship. From climbing up ridges to driving the camper there was never a camping trip that was not fun or successful. His ingenuity carried over to his hobby of carpentry which he shared with friends and at home. Other interests and hobbies of Dusty's were fishing, golf, shooting, sports, coin collecting, and BBQ Smoking. Ultimately, Dusty was a man of his word, a man of great honor and respect, a man of irrefutable character, hardworking, conscientious, reliable, dependable, accountable, willing, helpful, polite, kind, committed, and dedicated. And on the day he passed he was doing what he loved, Arboriculture. Memorial contributions may be made to the DAG Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will honor Dusty by supporting a scholarship in the Horticulture/Arboriculture field. Please make donations payable to "Hillary Koontz" in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel at 121 West Olive Ft. Collins, CO 80524. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. There will be a reception following the Celebration of Life 5:00pm - 9:00 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Drive. Viewings will be held on Monday from 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ It was my "pleasure" to work with Dusty at ABD, 2004-2007. He was the light of my day there!! Hard working, willing to help out where he could. Such a great personality, left us way too soon. Has been missed for almost 11 yrs. RIP

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**Janice Lucas** - December 11, 2022 at 09:44 AM

LO

“ To the mother Karien Greathouse of Dusty Greathouse my deepest and heartfelt condolences. Words can not express how sorry I am for your lost. No one will ever know what you are feeling. The lost of a son to a mother is detrimental. My condolence also goes to his brother Jerimiah greathouse and his sister Nichole Baatsen. Please help your mother threw this extradonary hard time in her life. I also want to give my condolence to the Lancaster family aunts, uncles, cousins.

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**Louise** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Hillary, The Koontz and the Greathouse families, I just learned of your loss from Leah. Why is it that beautiful people die young? I have tried to find the answer for many years. And I have yet to find it. It is sad that we hear from people many years later that were parts of our lives at times like this. But I guess that says something about you. I did not know Dusty, but knowing you, I know he was a great person. I don't know what else to say at a time like this, other than your sorrow and pain is shared, these many miles away. Bob Parker

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**Robert Parker** - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ZW

“ Hillary, I am sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Zach

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**Zach Wood** - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our deepest condolences to Hilary and the rest of our family on this tragic loss. We wish we could have been there to properly say our goodbyes to him. He was an amazing person, very kind and thoughtful. He was easily one of my favorite cousins growing up and I will always remember all of the great times we had. Dusty may be gone but everyone's memories of him will live on forever. Amber, Nick, Nikolina & Adriano Scarsella

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**Amber Lancaster-Scarsella & Family** - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Hillary, Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel for you and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Britney

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**Britney** - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Dusty, Although we grew up a thousand miles apart, Words can not express how much I will miss you. My only hope is that we shall meet again one day.

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**Alan Lancaster** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am sorry for your loss. I grew up with Dusty. We went to school together. I remember becoming friends with him when we were about 5 years old. I kept in touch with him for several years after high school, but eventually lost touch. I know he will be missed.

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**Stephanie Griffith** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Hillary and Dusty's Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the emotions of mourning the tragic loss of a loved one. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you remember the wonderful person that blessed this earth. “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” -Romans 8:26

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**Kelby Benedict** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Hillary and family, Dusty's family, We are deeply saddened to hear of Dusty's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. ~From a headstone in Ireland Shawn Merrill and Debra Sell

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**Shawn Merrill** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Hillary & family, "For some moments in life there are no words..." My most deepest sympathy, Judy

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**Judy Benson** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *My most heartfelt condolences to Hillary and Dusty's family. He was a great person, and the world is a poorer place without him.  
Sincerely yours, Patrick.*

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**Patrick Keehn** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I remember a kind and gentle man. With a quick smile and good sense of humor. As boy he would always find new friends. Dusty, you left us too soon but we are the better for knowing you. Uncle Mike*

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**Mike Paulick** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *We are so saddened by this tragic loss of such a dear friend. Words cannot describe how sorry we are. We loved Dusty and he will be missed. We have many memories of Dusty and these we will cherish. He was an amazing fun person, loving friend and would have been a wonderful husband to Hillary. We are deeply sorry and so so sad about his tragic passing. Love, Ryan, Cathy, Samantha and Jessica Beck*

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**Cathy Beck** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I was filled with sadness upon hearing about Dusty. I am so sorry for your loss. What I remember about Dusty was his kind, gentle manner. May your memories of him bring you peace and solace over time. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

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**Susan Reed** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“Dusty: I will never forget the friendship you gave me from 2004 - 2007 when we worked together at ABD. You were always kind, respectful, & courteous to me. When you took me out in 2005 for my B'Day & danced with me, all my friends knew how "special" you were!! My heart is saddened & I will miss you forever!! Hillary: I have asked God to lift you up, so you see only set of footprints on the sand & to help you heal. Love always, Jan Lucas

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**Jan Lucas** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“Dear Hillary, I remember when you were just a little girl playing with Kelly and my daughter Mary-Joy. We are both thinking of you and Dusty's family at this sad time. Even though I did not have the good fortune to meet your Dusty, I am sure he was the love of your life and a wonderful man. We know that your memories of Dusty will in time be a great comfort to you. Please also know that our hearts are with you always.

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**Dawn Button** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“Hillary, I am so sorry for your loss. Scott

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**Scott Wilson** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“Our deepest sympathy go out to Dusty's family and friends. Dusty, no one could ever take your place but please know we will do our best to look after your sister Nichole and her beloved Alex.

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**Myk & Jill Grauss** - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*Hillary and Family: I am at a loss for words during this difficult time. Dusty taught my husband Travis everything he knew about trees and climbing, with a passion that was beyond measure. His unselfish spirit has changed our lives and the lives of many. May your heart forever hold the love he had for you. Praying peace over you and yours.*

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**Julie Prall** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“*I met Dusty for the first time just recently, when Hillary and he came to my office, and ordered some custom leather work. I was so impressed by him in numerous way's. At a rodeo I was announcing a few years back, I was asked to mc a memorial for a fallen cowboy. The poem I chose ended,".....and heaven needed one more cowboy, and he fit right in". To Dusty's family-Hillary, the only way I can rationalize this is by "Heaven needed a dang good tree trimmer, and Dusty fit right in". God bless you all. Roger*

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**Roger** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“*Our condolences to Dusty's entire family and Hillary. Our recent memory of Dusty was back in July of 2008 at Jon and Kim HeiderKelsey's beach wedding. We knew Dusty was a true friend and a man with a plan and a purpose in life. We are sure in Gods arms he will still guide the lives of others to fulfillment. Paul and Sharon Kelsey Dover, OH*

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**Pau and Sharon Kelsey** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My thoughts of the smiling little boy playing with his sisters and brother at Granny Laura Greathouse's. You are gonna be missed. You were loved and respected by everyone you came in contact with. I am sure there will be plenty of nature for you in heaven. much love goes to our family for the loss of a wonderful person.

Geneveive Lynn Jenny Greathouse Strouse - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Hillary, You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy, Mary Moore

Mary Moore - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I am sorry to hear about you'r loss .. I went to Crestwood with Dusty .Dusty was always a kind heart person . He always went out of his way to help anyone he could .As you see from those who left a memory already .He will be missed by many .. My thoughts and prayers to the Family ..

Alta Roosa Slaughter - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, George and Beegee

George & Beegee Heider - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Hillary, There are no words to tell you how deeply sorry I am. I am so happy that I got to know Dusty in Myrtle Beach and when we went to dinner in Canton. You made him so happy, and you both seemed like friends I had known forever within minutes. My heart goes out to you, and you'll be in my prayers.

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**Amy Smith** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Don't be dismayed at goodbyes, a farewell is necessary before you can meet again and meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends. - Richard Bach Dusty, you changed a lot of lives with your big smile and charming heart. Such easy friendship, asking for nothing in return. Thanks for all the fond memories, you will never be forgotten. Rest in peace my friend~

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**AJ Trefonas** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So sorry to hear about Dusty. I went to school with Dusty. I never had a bad thing to say about him. Always fun to be around. We are way too young for classmates to be passing away. God Bless Dusty and his family. May his soul rest in peace in Heaven. Dan Ranker

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**Dan Ranker** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To Hillary and all of Dusty's family and friends, you have our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences for your tragic loss. We didn't know Dusty well, but will always remember his beautiful smile and warm, friendly manner. “..sleep in the stars, don't you cry, dry your eyes on the wind..”

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**Joy Giegel & Family** - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of Dusty. Dusty and I were friend through out his school years at Crestwood. The short time of that friendship had such a lasting impact that will never be forgotten. He DID have the greatest smile. The nicest guy, the time that I knew him never an ill thing was spoken from him. I haven't seen or spoken with him in years but he has and always will be in my heart. Rest in pease Dusty. My heart and prayer

Shaun Sledz - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Taken much too young...May you Rest In Peace Dusty!

Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Hillary and family, We were sorry to hear of your loss. We met Dusty only once, and he had a friendliness was to be remembered. Such a tragedy at a young age he will truly be missed, and always be remembered for all the right reasons. Kevin and Connie Cook

Kevin & Connie Cook - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I din't know your son,brother,fiance. My son was working with him on the day he was so tragically taken from you. We all felt and still feel your pain. I hear he was a wonderful person. May God be with you all. Our sincere sympathy. Chad and Michele Hanna

michele hanna - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ This world lost an amazing man, FAR too soon. Your heart, courage, fun-loving spirit, and friendship will be missed by many. I am holding tight to all of the memories to keep my heart warm and you close.

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**Jessica** - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ I'm at a loss of words, he was taken from us too soon and will be miss!

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**Ilene Daniels** - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Hill and family, I only wish I could be there to completely show my love and support. Dusty was such a wonderful man. He will always be in our fondest memories. Sending all my love from Oregon Liz

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**Liz Hughes** - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dusty, Even though I was younger when we met, and have very dim memories of you, I always remember that smile you had. Such a beautiful smile. I hope you're up there with the family now, having a grand time. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

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**Kaycie Greathouse** - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We Love You and will be praying for Strength and the Healing Power of Love from your friends at this time.

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**The Easley Family** - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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SH

“ Hillary, I am so very sorry for your loss. May you find courage and strength through this most difficult time. Much love, Shazlynn

shazlynnshazzy@gmail.com - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Hillary, I remember passing you and Dusty in a hallway at the City party on Monday night. I really didn't know him, but it was obvious he made you very happy. I am so sorry for your loss, as well as the loss for other friends and family. My sincere condolences and prayers are sent your way. Debbie

Debbie Dixon - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am at a lost of words and knumb with emotion to hear of our loss you was just starting your life you always wonted you was taken from use too soon you will be greatly missed

sylvia lancaster Conner - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ To my dearest and loving friend Dusty, to Hillary and to Dusty's loving family, It was with a great sense of loss when I heard of Dusty's passing. My heart is truly, truly saddened. I personally remember Dusty's welcoming, loving, charming personality, and I will never forget his contagious beautiful SMILE for as long as I live. I know that his passing will not only leave a void in many friendships, relationships, and immediate family , but also in the hearts of all those who love and knew him. May God give you all strength and guidance in this difficult time. Love always, Cindy Gayle

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**Cindy Gayle** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Hillary and Family of Dusty, Our hearts are broken for your loss. Dusty was such an incredible man who made a great impact on our familys lives. Jaden always looked forward to seeing Dusty. He was so kind to him. Hillary, I wish I could hug you and make your pain go away. Please know we are thinking of you.

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**Andrew and Stacey Joseph** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Sending much sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Dusty's. We will see you again.

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**David Lerchbacher** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ When the sunny skies turn from blue to gray,we can't help but wonder just what you would say? We wonder if you know how many lives you have touched,Do you know that people here love you so much? Can you even know how many dreams you made come true,or if you can hear the voices saying I love you? Do you know how many lives you have changed,and how many lives you completely rearranged? We wish we could have just one more year,because we can't picture the rest of our lives without you here. Do you know you'll be greatly missed by us all? Just one more time we want to hear you're voice when we call. Just one more laugh, one more time to see you walk through the door, another smile, another story, another hug, another day... Just one more. We love you Dusty!

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**The Kelley's** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Hillary and Family, I am so very sorry for your unimaginable loss. I hope that you may find strength and love in this difficult time.

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**Amanda Keiswetter** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I only met Dusty last year when he did some work at my cabin at Lake Edith. I was not only impressed with his work but also the way he related to me. I can tell he will be sadly missed. Please know you are in my prayers. May peace wash over you and lighten your load.

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**Kathryn Brooks** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I was one of Dusty's high school teachers. I always enjoyed his smile and happy attitude. He was fun to have around. I was deeply saddened to hear about the accident. My condolences to all.

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**Bob Long** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ To Karin and Family: We remember Dusty as a little boy when we were neighbors long ago. May God grant you the strength and comfort you need; and my Dusty rest in the light of the Lord forever.

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**Willa Stamper** - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dusty was a wonderful person and a great neighbor. I will always remember him as a soft-spoken, kind and generous human being. I was honored to have known him. Rest in Peace Dusty.

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**Rose Seward** - December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ "I wouldn't have wanted my sister to marry any other man but you, Dusty" I looked up to you a lot and will be with me forever. Love your brother Aaron

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**Aaron Koontz** - December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dearest Hillary Beans and Family~ We are so very sorry for your tragic loss. There aren't enough words to adequately describe Dusty. 'Dusty was one in a million, and a GREAT man among men.' Loving, kind, sweet, gentle, honest, genuine, and loyal, through and through. It was so wonderful to see the happiness and joy that you brought into each other's lives, the way your eyes would sparkle, your happy smiles, the way your faces would light up, and being so in love with each other. We will both miss Dusty very much and we will be here for you whenever you need us. Please know that we love you both very much. May God bless you and give you peace.

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**Jackie and Scott** - December 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM