



## William D. Klewitz, Jr. Obituary

May 26, 1986 - June 27, 2007

William D. "Billy" Klewitz, Jr., 21, of 130 Cannon Drive, Leesburg, GA, died Wednesday June 27, 2007 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral service will be held Monday 2:00 PM at First Christian Church with interment to follow in Leesburg Cemetery. Rev. Tommy Lowery officiating. A native of Ocala, FL, Billy had lived his whole life in Albany and Lee County. He was a 2004 graduate of Lee County High School and graduated from Albany Technical College with a degree in marketing management in May of this year. Billy has been employed with Winn-Dixie for the past 7 years. He attended First Christian Church and loved music and was an avid guitarist. Survivors include his parents Bill and Shannon Klewitz of Leesburg, sister, Breanna Klewitz of Leesburg, maternal grandparents, Bob and Vera Tinsley of Leesburg, numerous aunts and uncles, Jim Watts and Pat Simms, Bill and Theresa Holder, Bob and Diane Klewitz, Jim and Dana Tinsley and Lynn and Lois Stroyeck and numerous cousins. Billy is also survived by his best friends The SmerrDX Crew. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Sunday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and will be at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klewitz, 130 Cannon Drive, Leesburg GA 31763. You may go online and share your own special thoughts and memories of with the family of Billy visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com). Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I went to school with Billy and knew him well. He was a great guy. He is missed by all, including me. RIP, buddy.*

**Tony Rizzo - Leesburg, GA - Friend** - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Billy Bill my brother,*

*I can't freaking believe it man. It will be five years since you were senselessly taken away from all of us in June. It still feels like yesterday sine we all got the heartbreaking news that you were gone. I want you to know that I love you and I will always miss you. You will be with me every time I step on to that stage to play the one thing that we both loved...music. I use your microphone to this day that you left me when we were in Angelz. Every show I do will be a tribute to you my brother. Although the rest of them may have I forgotten I still remember that you were the glue that held us together. I would give anything to see your face one more time. And remember Once an Angel, always an Angel.*

*I love you brother.*

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**Taylor Hartley - Albany, GA - Best Friend** - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Bro, you realize that it's been damn near two years since you were taken from us. We all still miss you every single day of our existence. Every time we speak of you our hearts just bust with excitement. You are the glue that holds us together. We will all meet again in Heaven on on that bus singin 'Highway To Hell' just like we planned. Save me a seat bro. Just remember one thing. Once An Angel, Always An Angel. AND IF YOU'RE NOT DOWN WITH THAT THAN WE'VE GOT TWO WORDS FOR YA...SUCK IT!!!*

*I love ya bro. I'll see you soon.*

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**Taylor Hartley** - September 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Bill,I am very sorry to here of your loss.*

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**PATRICK PRICE** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Well Big Guy, it's been one year since you left us, I miss you so, much my tears are still run everyday without you. Billy, I feel like I am just going through the motions till I can be with you again. Smokey still waits on her step for you to come home. Every evening at 8:45 is a tough time for me Big Guy. Everyday I meet someone new who says they knew "Billy" and that makes me so proud. I just hope and pray that you're resting peacefully while lookiing down upon us. Billy I sense your being in my presence at some point everyday, I do not what what you do or when you are to do it, but please don't stop...it's one of the few things that keeps me going. Mom and Bean are taking good care of the ol' man and miss you ever so much, oh so much.....Billy you are truly my angel up above. Please hear me when I call for you. I love you so much, and look forward to drinking a Smirnoff Ice with you soon. Take care dude, I'll write again soon. Love Dad

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**Dad** - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Times like these NO words can express the heartfelt sympathy my family has for you. Time eases the pain but it never goes away.

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**Linda Woodard** - January 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Billy, was one my best friends. In the short time that I've known him, he and I forged a bond that no one could break. Hell, we all did, Josh, Davey, Joe, Chuck, and myself have all formed that bond with him. And I was honored to have him in the band with me, Joe, Zack, and Jamie. He was my brother, and no one can take that away from me. I love you guys, Mr. Bill, Ms. Shannon, and Breanna. Through you guys, I get closer and closer to Billy. To Billy, Goodbye, my brother, I will see you again one day in the hallowed halls of Smerr Wonderland. Rest in Peace.

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**Taylor Hartley** - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Big guy, I just wanted you to know that you are, and always will be an inspiration to me. In your short life, I learned so much from you because your love of life and everyone in it was geniune "True Love". Billy I will always love you and can't wait until we can jam together. "What's up!! nothin' much...See you soon Big Guy, love Dad.

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**Dad** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Bill and family - I just found out about your loss yesterday. My heart was broken for you. I do pray God's mercy and grace upon you in the coming days and weeks. I consider you a friend and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I must say - it sounds like you brought up a wonderful son. You should be very proud.

*Lenee Ragsdale  
Service Coordinator  
Technical Innovation  
Norcross, GA*

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**Lenee Ragsdale** - July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Klewitz family. I know it has been many years since we have spoken to one another. Billy and our son Chad started on the same baseball team (Dodgers). Chad also worked with Brianna for a short while at Chick-Fil-A Drive-thru. It was a shock to us all when we heard the news about Billy. He will be greatly missed. I am sure there will always be an emptiness in your home, but never in your heart. Don't just mourn his death but celebrate his life. May God be with you and your family during this tragic time.

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**The Wentworth Family (David, Teresa, Chad, Justin)** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To the Family and Friends, I knew Billy from Winn-Dixie in Leesburg, he always had a smile on his face when he would wait on me when he was a cashier, then when they moved him to the Deli I asked him if was happier when in the deli and he said he was happier but it didn't matter where he went in the store. I know he was taken from you all so sudden but the Lord knew it was Billy's time. We will all miss Billy very much but, we will never forget him. It's always hard when you lose your parents but, it's even harder when you lose a child. God and your friends and family will see you through your sorrows. Just know there are alot of people who are praying for you all.

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**Angie Doyle(Winn-Dixie Customer)** - July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our family just wanted to say what a fine young man we thought Billy was. Our only contact with him was at Winn Dixie, but he was such a fine example of hard work and honesty to our young boys. We were able to use his kindness and caring to teach some very important life lessons to our sons. Thank you for raising such a fine man. He had eternal impact on many. May God bless you and keep you close.

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**Dr. and Mrs. Mike May** - July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Shannon, Bill, Breanna, Bob and Vera: It has taken me this long to write a note for I still don't know what to say. I never met Billy and yet I feel like I know him. The tributes here are wonderful and it is so apparent what a wonderful son, brother, grandson, co-worker, friend, etc, he was. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you always from the Ward family. I know there were some angels that greeted Billy in heaven.

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**Bob Ward** - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Klewitz Family, You have known idea who lam, but through Albany news. I fill like lam connect with you all through this terrible tragedy. I lost my sister in 1995 due to murder from her so called boyfriend. I know how devastated and hurt me and my siblings were. I can only imagine what you all are going through at this time. Please let me say that lam so sorry and my heart goes out to each of this family. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. With My Deepest Sympathy-Cathi Flythe Griffin

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**Cathi Flythe Griffin** - July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ To Billy's family: your loss is deeply felt by us all. Even those of us who knew him only through W/D will miss him greatly. Billy's kind spirit was such a blessing to the community. Our sympathy and prayers are yours...

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**WD Shopper** - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Klewitz family: So very sorry for you loss. I didn't really know Billy, but I remember his special smile every time I shopped. He will be missed by so many. God Bless you all.

Winn Dixie shopper - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Bill and family, what precious and special people you and your family are...please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My sincere hope and prayer is that you all feel God's love and comfort in a way that you have never felt before. I pray for you to receive peace beyond all understanding during this time of loss. Billy will always remain in the hearts of many people. God bless you all.

Lauren Ray - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Shannon, Bill, Breanna, Vera and Bob

Your hearts are heavy now from the untimely and tragic loss of your son, brother, and grandson. Even though I never met Billy, I felt as if I knew something of his special nature as grandma (Vera) would often share a special "tidbit" with my mother (Helen) who would then share it with me. From reading all the tributes, it is clear your Billy was a very special young man. May your sadness soon be replaced with loving and special memories.

Trena Ezzati-Rice - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ My deepest sympathy goes to the Klewitz Family. May God be with you all through this difficult time. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gwendolyn Henry-Wright - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Bill & Shannon, Don & I have been out of town, and returned to your sad news about Billy. I wish I could think of anything we could do for you. However, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bland Cleesattle** - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of this tragic accident. I had the pleasure of working with Billy at Winndixie for a little over a year. Billy always had a smile on his face and was willing to talk to anyone he saw. He always came into work with a ray of light shining from him and was always happy to be there. I will always remember on his breaks he would go out to his car and jam to his favorite rock songs, and always tried to convince me that rock was the only type of music. He will be missed. Your family is in my prayers

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**Jeffery Mitchell** - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I was Billy's Co-Manager for a year before I was transferred. He was a good man and employee. I was blessed to have known him. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Tracy Breedlove** - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Bill & Family - I just wanted to let you know how truly sorry I am for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

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**Layla Jarrell** - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Thinking of you. We will include you and your family in our prayers. My God continue to richly bless all of you.

Dennis & Christine Whitaker - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I did not no Billy, but seen him before at WD. We sorry for your lost, In are prays.  
Cansler Family

Rachel And Jess Cansler - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Shannon, Bill and Breanna: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. In his young life Billy touched so many lives. I'll always have fond memories of your family's visit to our home when Breanna and Billy were youngsters. Love, Ann and family

The Bartons, Kevin, Ann, J.T. and Tricia - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Bill, words cannot even begin to express how deeply hurt and saddened I was to hear of Billy's passing. PLEASE know that you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God supply you with His strength and in your grief, may you find peace in knowing that Billy is in the presence of the Lord today.

Shirley Green - July 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ i wanted to send my deepest sympathy and let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Marylee McGlothlin - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Dear Klewitz family,

*Your sons love of life, quick wit and kind personality will be sorely missed by those of us who shopped at Winn Dixie. May you be comforted by all the prayers that are being said on your behalf.*

*Rose Newman*

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**Rose Newman** - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *In a moment of happiness we may not require a hand to hold us but in times of grief we all look for a shoulder to lean on. We will miss Billy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of grief. Be assured we will all meet again in Heaven.*

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**Friends of Billy** - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Peggy and family,*

*We were so sorry to hear the sad news. We loved Paul and shared some good visits with you all. Your grief is ours. May the Lord bless and keep you.*

*In Christian love,  
Richard and Joy*

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**Richard and Joy Nichols** - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Bill, Shannon and Breanna, our hearts break for you. Billy was the sweetest boy we've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was a good friend to TC. We will miss him dearly, but we will always remember his smiling face and fun loving nature.

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**Sue & Tommy Clifton** - July 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I only Billy for a short while when he visited Kasey and Jamie Watson at our home with Taylor. He will be missed deeply. Our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends. You are in our prayers. God bless you.

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**Anne Watts** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bill, Shannon and Breanna, it has been many years since I first met your family. Billy was just about 18 months at the time. It is so hard to believe that his life was taken at such a young age. Your memories of Billy's life will be with you always. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at such a difficult time in your lives! If ever I can do anything for you, please feel free to let me know. Always, Cathy

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**Cathy Stott** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My daughter, Tiffani, went to school with Billy since about the 2nd grade. I would always try to go thru his line at Winn Dixie & he remained just as nice of a young man as he was as a small boy. Sorry seems to be such a small word to use for your loss but please know your entire family will remain in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Lady Harcrow** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ We are so sad at your loss & our heart goes out to all of you & our prayers are with you at this time!

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**Ginny & Jerry** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Somebody wrote, "Our loss is heaven's gain." I cannot think of a more fitting saying because not only is Billy going to heaven, he gets to cut in front of everyone else in line. In my life, I have never met ANYONE less deserving of this tragedy. I know God must have great plans for Billy, and he's partaking in the festivities now. What an honor it is to have known such a great person.

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**Gina Eskey** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

UC

“ *Bill, Shannon, Breanna*

*We are proun to call Billy our nephew. In his high school graduation thank-you, Billy said he'd make us proud of him and he did.*

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**Uncle Rick and Aunt Joni Casteel** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“HEAVENS GROCERY STORE”

*I was walking down life's highway along time ago,*

*One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store".*

*As I got a little closer the door came open wide,*

*and when I came to myself I was standing inside.*

*I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere.*

*One handed me a blanket and said, "My Child shop with care".*

*Everything a Christian needs is in that grocery store,*

*and all you can't carry, come back the next day for more.*

*First, I got some Patience, Love was in that same row.*

*Further down was Understanding, needed everywhere you go.*

*I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith,*

*I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, it was all over the place.*

*I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this  
race,*

*but then my blanket was getting full, and I remembered I needed  
Grace.*

*I didn't forget Salvation, which like the others was free,*

*so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.*

*Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,*

*for I thought I had everything to do my master's will.*

*As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer and had to put it in,*

*for I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into sin.*

*Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.*

*Song and Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.*

*Then I said to the Angel, "How much do I owe"?*

*The Angel smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."*

*Again, I politely asked "How much do I really owe?"*

*The Angel smiled again and said,*

*"My Child, Jesus Paid Your Bill A Long Time Ago."*

*This is where Billy will be found helping just like he did on earth.*

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**Sherrica & Ralph Littlefield** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I was in Billy's physical science class his sophomore year ( my senior yr ) and he was always such a nice guy. He was always in my group when we did labs and I always seen his smiling face when we would go to winn-dixie. He was such a sweet guy who's life was taken way to early. He will be missed by many.* ”

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**Angela Littlefield and Christina prowant** - June 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Bill and Family,  
Know the tragic loss of young Billy touches so many whose prayers  
and hearts go to you. May God keep you in the comfort of his arms  
at this time.*

*Jackie Ryan*

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**Jackie Ryan** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *To Billy's family and friends: I worked with Billy and even though I  
didn't know him well, he was always friendly when we spoke. My  
husband loved to talk to him about the 80's bands. He said Billy  
knew things he didn't even know! My in-laws always made it a point  
to go and speak to him. He was so sweet. We will miss him so  
much!!! May God comfort you.*

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**kathy hanson** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Mr and Mrs Klewitz and Breanna, I remember Billy from the  
elementary school. He was always pleasant, respectful and always  
wanting to learn. He cared alot about his education even at an early  
age. I admired that in him and you. You are in my thoughts and  
prayers. May God give you strength in this time of sorrow. 'Miss  
Debbie'*

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**Debbie Parker** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“ I received this poem when I lost my baby son. They have remained special to me for more than 30 years. I hope they will bring you some peace. God Bless You.

#### GOD'S LENT CHILD

*I'll lend you for a little while  
A child of mine, God said  
For you to love the while he lives  
And mourn for when he's dead.*

*It may be six or seven years  
or forty-two or three  
But, will you, till I call him back,  
take care of him for me?*

*He'll bring his charms to gladden you  
and, should his stay be brief...  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As a solace for your grief.*

*I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth returns,  
But there are lessons taught below,  
I want this child to learn.*

*I've looked the whole world over  
in my search for teachers true.  
And from the things that crowd life's lane  
I have chosen you.*

*Now will you give him all our love?  
Nor think the labor vain?  
Nor hate me when I come to take  
This lent child back again?*

*I fancied that I heard them say  
Dear Lord, thy will be done  
For all the joys thy child shall bring  
The risk of grief we'll run.*

*We will shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may  
And for the happiness we have known  
Forever grateful stay.*

*But should thy angel call for him  
Much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
and try to understand...  
Edgar L. Guest*

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**Peggy Lents** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Bill and Shannon,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Billy. I remember Billy when he was very small and come into Camera America with Bill sometimes. However, it was his friendly small and nice conversations he has with me either carrying out my groceries or waiting on me at Winn Dixie. You should be very proud of the excellent young man that he was. Although his life was cut tragically short he his wonderful spirit will live on in the lives that he touched. Again I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Dave Branch** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I was in your son's Business Communication class at Albany Technical School. I just want to say what a fine and outstanding young man he was. He played and sang a song that he wrote during a presentation and I was very touched. I pray God will comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Elizabeth Mock** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ BREANNA I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING DONT HESITATE TO CALL OR GET IN TOUCH WITH ME. THIS IS A VERY SAD TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS. HANG IN THERE GIRL.

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**kayla faircloth** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Words cannot express the depth of the sympathy we feel for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold you in His hands and comfort you. Marilyn And Jeff

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**Jeff and Marilyn Romine** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Billy was more than a cousin he was more like a brother. I believe that most that met Billy befriended him. I don't know how to explain it but he just had a power about him and the fact that he was a really nice person he did not make many enemies. The last time I saw him was spring break and he was pretty happy, his family was pretty happy, and the fact that he's dead almost seems impossible to me. The night my grandma called my mom went to answer the phone. My mom came downstairs and my mom said, "Geoff I need to tell you something, your cousin Billy is dead." I just could not believe it. It just didn't seem possible. I will miss him. Geoff

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**geoff tinsley** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We are so saddened to learn of your Billy's death. Ann called me this morning to tell me. The closer the family bonds of love and devotion, the more hurtful is the leave-taking. Looking back on all our yesterdays shared with loved ones brings prayers of thankfulness along with the tears. May the infinite compassion of God guide and keep you all.  
Affectionately,  
Tom and Amy Kutch

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**Tom and Amy Kutch** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Please know that your family is my thoughts and prayers. I am so, so sorry - this tragic loss of your son just breaks my heart.

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**Callye Pearson** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Words cannot express the deep sorrow that we feel for you guys. Our thoughts & prayers are with you today & always.

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**Mike, Lynne & Gray Jones** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family in your time of need. Billy will be missed and remembered for his kindness and sweet smile.*

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**Leslie Brown** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Bill, you and your family are in my thoughts during this sad time. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to hear many stories of Billy and Breanna and your love for your children. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to your family.*

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**Wendy Wood** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Billy's death was so senseless. I pray you find the strength to survive this terrible loss.*

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**Mariann Casteel Gibson** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *I taught Billy English in high school. He was a fine student as well as a friendly person. He was very much a pleaser. I will miss his smiling face at Winn Dixie. Our loss is heaven's gain.*

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**Kim Goodson, Teacher LCHS** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ I am an old friend of Vera & Bob.  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
You and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love Varanda Langley  
Fruitland, Maryland

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**Varanda Langley** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I worked with Billy at Winn Dixie about a year and a half ago. He was such a kind and gentle guy. I talked to him often at work. I was so shocked to hear about his passing. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Kayla** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Bill, You and your family are in are thoughts. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you.

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**Charlene Duelge and Family** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Bill, Shannon, Breanna, Mr and Ms Tinsly : Over the past few years Sherry and I have gotten to know and love your family. It was really neat to realize that before we knew your entire family, we knew Billy.. from Winn Dixie. Through him we had already learned what a great family you had just by his manner at his job. I truly enjoyed discussing WWE with Billy, and we both thought so highly of him. He was a stand-up guy in this world where many his age are not. You have a wonderful son. He was everything that most parents dream of in a child. Kind, courteous, respectful and genuine. Our hearts are truly broken for you, as many are. God Bless your precious family during this terrible tragedy. Patrick and Sherry Barton and family

Patrick and Sherry Barton - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ WE are your neighbors and we want you to know that our prayers are with you. Love in Christ.

Kirt and Irene Shiver - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Although I do not know the Klewitz Family, I am a mother of a 21 year old and it could very well have been anyone's child. My heart aches for you; however, your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You and Yours.

Tina Dodgen - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Bill, I am so very sorry about your Billy. You probably don't know but our 18 year old son was killed 20 years ago on a trail bike in a field behind our house, so I feel your pain as I do each time a child is killed.

Angie Laramore - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Words, text or otherwise, cannot truly encompass this event or even touch on who Billy is. I repeat, "is." Though the physical form may be gone, the memory and spirit will forever remain.

*That being said, there is naught else to do but speak directly: The impact upon lives you have touched will never fade. In each of your passions, those who know you will find you again, always and forever. There is nothing in this world, or any other, that can take that away. And the next time we meet - when, not if - the partying will be hard, and the rocking will be righteous. That's the only proper way to be. That's the promise to be kept... and if anyone wants to challenge that, well... I'm certain you know the two words we got for 'em.*

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**Matt Coleman** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Shannon, Bill and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss!! I knew Billy from Winn Dixie and I cleaned house for you guys when I was in school before I started at PPMH. I was in Winn Dixie yesterday and it was just not the same. Billy was such a kind and sweet person...you can tell his co-workers thought so much of him. I am just sickened and heartbroken over this senseless tragedy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Kay Bryan Hatcher

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**Kay Bryan Hatcher** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Klewitz,  
I would like to express my condolences to your family on your tragic loss. I am a PPMH employee and because I often went to Winn-Dixie after work, Billy had noticed my name tag and asked if I knew his Dad. After that he always struck up a conversation with me. He was always soooo..sweet and helpful. I will miss his smiling face.I had to go to WD yesterday and felt this overwhelming emptiness and sadness for what you all must be going through. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jennifer Martin** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *Dyan and I are deeply saddened by your loss. We have never formally met Billy, but with the stories we have heard, we have known him since the day he was born. Our hearts are with you and your family. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you at this time.*

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**Patt Farrell & Dyan Elliott** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *I was shocked to hear about your loss on the local news. Please accept my deepest sympathy and my prayers that you will find comfort in this time of sorrow. I will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Marilu Wentworth** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Billy was a very nice boy. I only knew him because he worked with my papa at Winn Dixie (Walter Mathews). It is a shame to loose someone so sweet as him. I express my feelings deeply. I really hope things get better. And again, I am very sorry for your loss of Billy. Hes the shining light of your life but he'll watch from above guarding you. Have peaceful dreams. I will pray for you. I open my arms full of love for you. :)  
Casey Mathews a granddaughter of a friend!

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**Casey Mathews** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We just want to open our arms and prayers to you. We only knew Billy from shopping at Winn-Dixie. Of all the cashiers that would be at the checkout counters, we would go to his checkout. He always had a pleasant smile on his face and was very nice. We are blessed to have known him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May the Lord give you strength now and in times to come. God Bless You and your family! Sonny and Melissa Bullington of Leesburg, Ga.

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**Sonny and Melissa Bullington** - June 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how sweet & funny Billy was in daycare. He always made me smile!

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**Donna Gazaway** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We did not really know Billy personally. We shopped at Winn-Dixie. Billy often helped us in there and we knew one another's faces. We were so upset to hear about the accident. Billy was such a pleasant, helpful young man.

We cannot begin to imagine the pain you are experiencing right now. May time ease your pain. May your memories bring you comfort. May you also draw comfort from the promise held out in the Bible at John 5:28, 29: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." What a wonderful prospect to know that we will once again see our loved ones in paradise earth.

Our hearts go out to you.

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**The Swain Family** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ You and in our thoughts and prayers. We love Billy, and loved to watch him play his guitar, as well as guitar hero. We'll miss you so much, Billy.

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**Ashley and Shaun McGuire** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Bill - so sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your son. I'm sure I'm not the only member of your Phoebe family who is praying for you and your family during this most difficult of times. God Bless

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**Sonja Strickland** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Bill, I am so sorry to hear of Billy's death. I can not imagine what you must be going through. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dawn Farr** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am SO sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

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**Jeanne Brooks** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Billy was my cashier at Winn Dixie on more than one occasion and was such a pleasant young man. May God bless you during this difficult time. Kathy

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**Kathy Ellerbee** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Shannon and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Billy. So many of us are thinking of your family at this sad, sad time and hope that brings you some comfort. Bless and keep you all - Betty Ann

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**Betty Ann Azbill** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Klewitz family,

*The news of Billy's death shocked and sadden the entire Albany Tech family. I'm the college Public Relations director, and I encouraged Billy to get the internship with WALB. I would see him often around campus and at Winn Dixie, and I always looked forward to hearing an update on his internship and his band. He will be dearly missed. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With Sympathy,  
Kathryn McPhail*

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**Kathryn McPhail** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Shannon and family, Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God comfort you all and help you through each day. Love Joy

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**Joy NeSmith** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I'm so sorry for your lost. Billy and my daughter went to school together. I enjoied Billy waiting on me at W/D. He was also so nice and helpful. My prayers are with you.

*Donna Hendley*

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**Donna Hendley** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Bill, I've known you over the years at Phoebe. Our children are about the same ages. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will be praying for you all.

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**Sandra Breedlove** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Klewitz Family: My 14 year old son Zac had guitar lessons at Parker Music where we met Billy. They were also in the music recital together. My son remembers him being a great guitar player. I remember him being very kind and helpful at W/D, too. My heart goes out to to you.*

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**Lisa and Zac Farris** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *I could not believe my ears when I overheard what happened last night while I was at work today. I cannot believe such a sweet soul was taken from this world so early. I know that he will be missed greatly. My prayers go out to all the family and friends.*

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**Ashley Brinkley** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *To the Klewitz family, we are very sorry for your loss. I don't know what to say to you, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Billy's legacy of kindness will live on in all the lives that he touched. Also to "Billy's Mom" I'll never forget how nice to me you were on the day Ortiz hired me at Winn Dixie. Thanks for all your kindness.*

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**Tori & Jason Hill** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Klewitz,  
I had the pleasure of hiring Billy as an intern at WALB-TV. He was such a fine young man, always so pleasant and friendly. Billy had such wonderful dreams and plans. My heart breaks that his life was cut so short. After Billy completed his internship at the station, I continued seeing him a couple of times a week at Winn Dixie. Frequently, and without thought, I found myself looking around for him when I walked in. I always enjoyed chatting with him. I, like so many others, am deeply saddened by his death. Your pain surely defies words. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dawn Hobby** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Breanna, I am so sorry to hear about your brother. My heart goes out to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Love, Wanda Curtis

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**Wanda Curtis** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Bill and Shannon - you are such wonderful parents and good people--it's apparent by how kind, respectful and sweet Billy and Breanna have always been. It was heartwrenching to hear of the tragic loss of Billy. Bill, through you, I followed Billy's amazing survival of melanoma--I prayed for him then and pray now for God's comfort for you and your family and friends. We've been friends since you first came to Phoebe and my sister, Betty Ann, has worked with and thinks highly of Shannon. Many of us in the Phoebe family are grieving with you. I wish I had enjoyed the pleasure of hearing Billy "pick the guitar." God bless you all.  
Love,  
Helen

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**Helen Shope** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ WE ARE YOU NEIGHBORS EVEN THOUGH WE BARELY KNOW EACH OTHER. WE LIVE AT 190 CANNON AND WE ARE JUST SO DEVASTATED AT YOUR LOSS. WE HAVE TWO BOYS THAT KNEW BILLY WELL. AS EVERYONE HAS SAID HE WAS SO SWEET AND KIND. HE JUST WAITED ON ME AT THE DELI LAST WEEK. I AM SOOOO.... SORRY. JUST KNOW THAT YOUR FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL HELP YOU THROUGH THIS TERRIBLE TIME. YOUR FRUSTRATION WITH THE UNNECESSARY REASON FOR THIS HAPPENING IS VERY WELL UNDERSTOOD. WE HAVE BEEN THERE. PLEASE KNOW YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. BURT AND TAMMY LEBLANC

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**BURT AND TAMMY LEBLANC** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Breanna, Mr. and Mrs. Klewitz, I am so sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Roger and Dee Bridges*

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**Dee Bridges** - June 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM