



Alexander J. "Alex" Schuiteman

June 30, 1994 - August 5, 2010

Alexander J. Schuiteman, 16, of Felch, went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Thursday Aug. 5, 2010.

He was born on June 30, 1994, in La Porte, Ind., the son of Paul and Mary Beth (Steinbrecher) Schuiteman.

Alex was a student at North Dickinson High School, where he earned straight A's and played the saxophone in the band. He also played football and basketball. Alex enjoyed watching sports with his dad, especially the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He also enjoyed playing cribbage.

As a cancer survivor, Alex aspired to be a pharmacist, so he could help kids with cancer. He also became a Packers fan due to the team's dedication to the cancer care program at St. Vincent Hospital and was the captain of his Relay for Life team "the North Dickinson Nordics"

Alex had a strong faith and love for God. He was in the process of reading the entire Bible, which was the guide by how he lived his life. He was active in Encouragement Link and its Bible study. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Mission Covenant Church youth group. He was a camp counselor at Camp Elijah and was helping to restore the Metropolitan Hall, with a vision to have it be used as a Christian community center.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Mary Beth of Felch; brother, Josh (Sarah Forstrom) Schuiteman of Felch; grandparents Susan (Bob) Schuiteman of Muskegon, and Gunhild Steinbrecher of Felch; aunts and uncles, Phil (Suzanne) Schuiteman , Bonnie (Don) Froberg, Leon Steinbrecher, Kathy (Robert) Mattson, Linda Newkirk, Teresa (Bob Fuse) Bryant, Adrian (Jackie) Steinbrecher, Michael (Pam) Steinbrecher, and Dan (Mary) Steinbrecher, many cousins, and two special "sisters" Olivia and Sophia Winkowitsch and their parents, David and Janna. He also leaves many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Alex was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Paul Schuiteman and Wilbur Steinbrecher and an uncle, Mark Steinbrecher.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Burial will at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Felch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Metropolitan Hall.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Alexander J. Schuiteman online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Fifteen years ago today after your death, we still and always will remember you Alex. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We love you Alex.

Brittany and Bryce Jauquet - August 05, 2025 at 07:16 PM

NW

“ I can't believe it's almost been 2 years since Alex passed on. There are very few days that go by that I don't think of him, even of Kevin and Josh that day, and I say my prayers for Josh and you all. Despite the tragic accident, what a celebration of life was had up in Felch with all the young folks - Alex is never forgotten. Nancy Lindgren

Nancy Lindgren - Cato, WI - July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Alex, It is a year and two months after your meeting with Christ and almighty Father. I was thinking about you today and the great Christ like example you displayed as you walked through life struggles. You kept your head up and you were strong through every thing that God had thrown your way. Today, you encouraged me to be strong and keep my head up. Even a year later you are making a difference in the hearts and souls that you left behind. God is good and He is good all the time. I miss you like crazy Alex Schuiteman. I thank God every day for letting me have a relationship with such a great person and I thank Him for being the Great Father that He is. Thank you Alex.

Love your sister-in-Christ
Marayha

Marayha Sauve - Escanaba, MI - Friend and sister-in-christ - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ alex and i were close i've known him sense i started to go to camp elijah. that was around 7 years ago. just last year he tought me how to play cribbage with him and autin. i loved him. he was great and ALWAYS positive. next year wont be the same without him. i will never forget him.

Jenny Adams - peshtigo, WI - bible camp - November 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Dear Mary Beth, Paul and Josh,

We just want to let you know how terrible sorry we are for you in the loss of Alex. Our heart goes out to you. We pray that you may find strenght in your faith for the days and years to come.

*Bert & Adi Veenendaal
La Porte, IN*

Bert & Adi Veenendaal - September 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Dear Paul and MaryBeth,

I am so sorry to hear the news of Alex's passing. I was a student teacher in Alex's 6th grade classroom (2007) and will always remember him with fondness. He was kind and gentle, a dedicated student, and friend to all.

May the Lord comfort you as you grieve the present loss of your precious child... what a glorious reunion will take place in Heaven one day.

Elizabeth Pomeroy - Wilmore, KY - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We remember a couple of fishing trips with the group and all the fish that Alex caught. What great memories - may they comfort you at this time. Perhaps Alex is taking all our special angels on a fishing trip right now! He is in good company -

*Love to you all-
Carolyn and Lonnie Johnson*

Carolyn & Lonnie Johnson - Green Bay, WI - Families of Children with Cancer - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ i remeber when me and dom and alex and eli and austin would always hang out together. alex always road his moped all over the place that in it's self is a great reminder of cool he really was. i happy he is with God and even though he got a head start we will see him some and he will be our DOORMAN in to heaven he touched so many lives and he help me get back on my spiritual journey and for that i thank and i also thank mary beth and paul for raising such a blessed, and wounderfull child, every one who new him was deeply blessed.I love you al and i will never forget you. see ya later bud.

jack joseph peterson - foster city,felch, MI - good freinds - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Be very proud of the young man your son became, we met him once at camp and what a nice young man he was. Vicki has told us many nice things about him with nothing but pride and respect . God be with your family and give you the strenght and faith to get though this time. God Bless you.

Pat and Deby Sullivan - Vicki Lindholm's parents - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My heart aches for you and your family, I am so sorry!

jayne jones - friend - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *May the Great Spirit be with you all now at this time of Heartache. God Bless your Family, friends and Relatives. Remember "Alex" is in the Arms of the the Lord now. He will be with you all in your your Hearts and Memories forever. Remember that Alex is watching over you all, and he will be waiting to see you again when you go to the Lord.*

Numbers 6:24 -26, Psalm 23:1-4, Revelation 21:4, Luke 10:20, John 14:2, Matthew 5:8, ICorinthians 13:4-8, and Proverbs 20:27.

Len & Faye Mroczkowski and Son SPEC Derek Gagne - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Alex was such an amazing person, he cared so much about god & everyone around him, he always had a smile on his face, he would walk in a room & everyyone would smile, i had so many fun times with alex, we have become super close after camp this year, he has encouraged me to become more closer to the lord & everyone around me, he wanted everyone to get along :D, i wish there was more people like alex about here! he never fought with anyone, was nice to everyone, i'm surely going to miss him, he was a good person*

Hanna Oman - A Close Friend. - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Schuiteman family,

You don't know me. I didn't know Alex. But I was at Presque Isle the day the accident happened. I prayed for everyone involved, families, and friends. I wanted so bad to comfort all the friends at the scene, but felt out of place as I didn't know anyone. So I offered up my prayers for God's loving arms to cover everyone. It was only a day later that I found out Alex was from Felch and I then emailed Sheila Mott. I am the director of Fire UP Conferences and am very familiar with Encouragement Link. After I emailed Sheila I learned that Alex was, in fact, a part of her group. I have since then asked my church and community to be praying for you all during this ever so difficult time. Tragedy is fresh in my heart, as I just lost my 41 year old best friend (she was also a wife and mother of three young kids) to a sudden heart attack on March 26. We may never know the reasons why things happen the way they do, but what we do know is that God's love is never ending and He will work things out for His glory! I have learned that Alex was a believer and working for God's kingdom! How proud of him you all must be! One of my prayers that day was that the victims were believers! In the sadness of my heart, a smile came to my face when I learned they were! I will continue to pray for you all! The next few months and years will be filled with so many different emotions. There are no words to help ease those emotions. Just prayers and the knowledge that God is with us and will get us through one hour at a time, one day at a time.

May you feel and know that always!

Jill Seppala - Negaunee, MI - sister in Christ - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our family has you in our thoughts and prayers.

Brock Martin - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I had just met Alex the week before the Lord took him home. What a neat, Godly young man. My praise goes to the Schuiteman family for raising him in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord". Thank you for sharing Alex with me. I will be praying that God's grace will sustain you.

Charlie Lyden - Normal, IL - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

QF

“ *Schuiteman Family*

There will be a day with no more tears, no more pain, and no more fears

*There will be a day when the burdens of this place, will be no more, we'll see Jesus face to face,
"Jeremy Camp"*

Our families thoughts and prayers are with you.

Quinsey Family - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Wow, this hurts. The shocking fragility of human life. The innocence of the victims, the injustice and pain inherent in worldly life, eased only by the prospect of eternal life and peace with our Lord and Savior. This isn't right, this isn't fair, he and you did nothing to deserve this and everything to have received blessings, but this is our life, human life and now we are left to serve the Lord by serving you with compassion and understanding, hope, support and love. I pray for you all.*

Jon Brandt - Green Bay, WI - Family Friend - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dearest Marybeth, Paul, and Josh,

When I saw Alex for the first time in 10 years at the "RELAY", I was amazed! He had grown into such a tall, energetic, handsome young man. What a blessing, especially with all he had been through in those 10 years.

I have never had this kind of heartache or tragedy in my life to this time. I wish there was something more I could do than send my sympathy and prayers. God has a special purpose for him in heaven! God give you peace and understanding, I am praying for your entire families.

Sincerely, Debbie Polzin

Debbie Polzin - Pembine, WI - family friend - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mari Beth and entire Family.....

May God wrap his loving arms around you all right now and let you know in his special way that your son is safe, loved, and doing a fine job at his side and watching upon you all.

During this difficult time please know that many are praying for you all. This community is your family and loves you all.

God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Mary

MARY R. OMAN - Iron Mountain , MI - Family Friend - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *" The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you can not do." that is exactly what alex did with his life*

Anders barton - Camp Elijah - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mary Beth, Paul, and Josh,
At this very difficult time, please know that you are in our thoughts
and prayers.
The Balmes Family*

The Balmes Family / David, Laurie, Zach & Kalli - Friends - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *im sorry for ur loss
alex was a nice kid and very fun to hang out with it was fun to be in
his grade in 1st grade he will forever be in all our hearts*

victoria watson - sagola , MN - friend - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *there is nothing to say to ease your pain at all. but as we all know
we can do all things though Christ who strengthens us. we will pray
for you 3 and we will pray for all of Alex's friends wich it sounds like
he had alot, he was a strong leader it looks like and i hope someone
at ND takes his lead...*

May God be with your family aand friends

Ryan and Beth sanders - FELCH, MI - friend - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Schuiteman family,*

Alex will be remembered as a caring young man, who was always looking for those he could help out and encourage in times of need. Knowing the Lord had this all planned, will bring a amazing comfort to your lives. My family and I will never forget him and the impact he had on our lives. Keep depending on the Lord for strength and He will, for sure, comfort you during this sad time in your lives, Our family has you in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Heidi Thomann and family - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Paul Mary Beth and Josh*

I just got to know Alex this school year, ive always known him but really learned a lot from him this year. there was something about Alex that i cant explain he just made you feel comfortable and safe. his outstanding laugh that could only make you laugh back, and those eyes that danced when you talked to him. his smile could melt your heart and I knew that I had a friend in him. I will hold his friend ship close to my heart and the memories for a life time. you will be in my prayers and thoughts may god give you strength as he walks with you.

Mariah Lynn Johnson - friend - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mary Beth Paul Josh*

I have no words that can ease your pain , I have this helpless feeling of not being able to help. I can only offer you friendship and a strong shoulder to lean on. Alex was a kind soul who lived his life by example he has many friends and will be missed by all who knew him but he has left his foot prints for all of us to see. praying for strength.

Traci Kevin Nathan Johnson - friend - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Paul,*

I know that your load will be lifted by the angels through all the prayers and love of those whose life you and your family have touched. Your loss is great but the power of love is greater. Our hearts feel your pain. Sending comfort from our family to yours... Barb and Hal Hermanson & family

Barb Hermanson (Buchan) - Muskegon, MI - family friend - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D~

“ Dear Paul and Marybeth,

We wish to give our deepest condolences. We can't imagine the pain you are going through.

I hope that through this loss, you will be strengthened and be proud of his life with you.

*Love,
David and Solene.*

David & Solene Schuiteman - ~Cousin - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Alex was a very important perosn in my life. He taught me so much about the lord and we just had fun whenever we were together. I will remember so many things about Alex that noone could ever forget. He has a special place in my heart, and noone else can ever fill it. He knows i love him and i miss him dearly. Prayers go out to you.

Chyanne Schaut - florence, WI - best friend - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this terrible time, God be with you all...A friend once told me God never dishes out more than we can handle and I know with the love of all ur friends and all the prayers you will make it through this ...

Bob and Mary Miller and Family - friends - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Alex's life has touched many lives including mine and my grandson Anders. Last week was a special week at Camp Elijah for us. From playing Nerts with Alex, to seeing him be the "good beatitude dude" everyday in chapel, and spending time with the campers-he was a special camp counselor along with his friends Eli and Austin. I thank God for giving us the opportunity to get to know Alex and see his love of God. We will always remember last week when God reminded us in the display of the cross after the storm that He is God and is here with us. We trust Him even though we cannot understand the why of this. Alex is in the presence of Jesus and someday we will join him. I will continue to pray for you Paul and MaryBeth and your family.

Renae Reu - Luverne, MN - friend from camp elijah - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ mary beth and family
so sorry to hear about the loss of alex it was a shoke when i read it
christine bourassa

christine bourassa - kingsford, MI - friend - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Remembering Alexander when he was first diagnosed and visiting with him and Mary Beth after his treatments when he was home...I was so SAD , he was so weak and frail...
And the JOY that filled us all with his recovery...The FEAR with recurrence...and JOY again...

It's just too much.

I am only sorry that I can't take the ache away that you feel.

I am praying for STRENGTH for you all.

Love You

Kelly

Kelly Challancin - Friend - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Paul, Mary Beth and Josh...No one can really know the feelings you have right now...But, Please know that I, along with all of your friends and neighbors, Would take away your pain if we could. We are all here for you, and My Prayers, along with many, are with you, so you will find the strength to let God help you through this difficult time. Knowing Alex is with God in Heaven is the only positive thing to remember now...A much better place than he has known...and that we will join him someday for a great reunion in the arms of God, I hope will be reassuring for you. My LOVE and Prayers are with your family...FOREVER... Much Love...Sandy and Family.

Sandy Hamby - Felch, MI - FRIEND of the family - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our family is saddened by your loss, our prayers are with you.

With love and light, Elizabeth (Monterosso) & Daryn Verkennis

Elizabeth (Monterosso) Verkennis and family - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Mary Beth, Paul and Josh,
So very sorry for your loss, it's impossible
to imagine what you are going through.
Alex was such a great kid and what a role
model for others! May his strong faith and
yours help you through this difficult time.
My love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Cindy Miller - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *God bless each of you at this time. My son also just turned 16, and
my heart goes out to you.*

Melissa, Marquette - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Dear Schuiteman Family, The death of a child is one of the greatest
losses that a human being can experience. You are truly blessed
with Alex's faith and your own deep committment to the Lord. Our
hearts grieve with you. Our prayers are for peace and comfort and
the assurance that Alex is now in the arms of Jesus.
With deepest sympathy,
Christine & Donald Burns (Burnsie's mom & dad)*

Christine & Donald Burns - Channing, MI - Sister & Brother in Christ - August
07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am truly sorry to here of the loss of Alex! I am out of town doing my Logrolling Shows when I recieved the news from Kevin! How devistated I was. I can't even imagine what you 3 must be going through at this time! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families! I will be thinking of you all while a am traveling! I am sorry I can not attened the Services. However I will come and visit you and also Kathy! Again I am truly sorry for your loss! I guess they say that God has a plan for all of us! It's just very confussing to understand the plan for such a young child! Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers!

Missy Sundholm - Felch, MI - Friend - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C:

“ Ahh, soo many memories. All that happened in a summers time. Playing chum(pool), losing his paper clip, becoming the pterodactyl, giving him the puppy dog face when he never could do it back, seeing him smile, arguing over stupid things for fun, crazy eights, going to the music concert and walking around together, his directional skills, his positive outlook, watching mary poppins but talking most of it, sitting at met hall for 2 hours after everyone had left just because, just the way his eyes would light up when he'd look at you and smile, but most of all just texting him or talking was the best. He could always make me feel important, and know that i meant something to him. He was a good sport about everything and could make a smile spread across my face by just looking at me. He was sweet, positive, honest, caring, funny, happy, Godly, anything you'd want in a person he was. The last thing he said to me was its been a pleasure as always texting you. goodnight. He was a gentleman. Mr. and Mrs. Schuiteman you had a heck of a son, why he got taken away is a mistery to me, but its not up to me to decide the timing. God was just a little selfish and couldn't wait any longer to take melman home. It was a pleasure getting to know him and I don't imagine i can ever forget him. I miss him and i'm sure you guys do a thousand percent more, Thanks for raising him. Don't think that this goodbye is forever, for to meet again you must part. God bless.

Camille Schaut - Niagara, WI - Camp Elijah Bud :) - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, God has a plan for Alex for sure and he will always be remembered. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Schultz - Sagola, MI - August 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM