



Dean C. Ledford

June 12, 1987 - July 11, 2012

Ledford, Dean C
Saline, MI

Age 25, passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. He was born on June 12, 1987 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Dean Allan and Mary Ellen (McCann) Ledford. Dean loved the Lord and devoted his life to him. He enjoyed playing golf, softball, basketball, working out and cooking. He had a passion for sports and loved coaching and working with the Saline School's Football team. Dean graduated from Northwood University in 2010 and was planning on going back to school to become a teacher. He is survived by his parents, siblings Adam (Tracy) Ledford and Chelsea Ledford, grandparents Hugh McCann and Tom and Arlyn Ledford and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Mary Joslyn McCann and his uncle Gregory T. McCann. Viewing will be at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, 301 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI on Monday, July 16, 2012, from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at Saline First Assembly of God, 300 Old Creek Dr., Saline, MI, Rev. Michael Johnson officiating, with a viewing at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dean Ledford Memorial Fund, 1382 Industrial Dr., Ste. 2, Saline, MI 48176. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home and the church. To leave a memory, for directions, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saline First Assembly of God
300 Old Creek Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salineag.org/>

Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Saline, MI 48176
<http://salineag.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean C. Ledford*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Mary and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Donny has spoken highly of Dean. I wish we could take away the sadness in your heart. May God be with you and guide you thru this difficult time and in the days to come. God bless you and your family. Angie Opland and Family*

Angie Opland - July 17, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ *Angie Opland lit a candle in memory of Dean C. Ledford*



Angie Opland - July 17, 2012 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ A number of years ago Dean asked me to write him a letter of recommendation. I was able to find that letter; to describe his personality and work ethic, I used phrases such as shows respect, maturity, enthusiasm, and dedication to excellence. Although all of these things ring true, it would have been more concise to say that Dean is one of the really good guys, the kind of person who is genuinely interested in how your day is going and willing to help in any way he can.

He was taken from us much too early, but we know his smiling face will always be looking down at us. And somehow, when that long jumper bounces three times before it drops or when a putt that shouldn't go in miraculously makes that sound of falling in the cup, you can thank Dean for sending a sign.

Dean you will be missed, our prayers go out for you and your family.

Steve Sartori

Steve Sartori - July 17, 2012 at 06:09 AM

YG

“ Dear Mary and family, Although the rest of us never met Dean, Nathan would talk about him after each of his visits to the classroom. I remember him saying quite often how "cool" he was and how he always smiled....just like his mom. His absence affects many, many people....even those who never had the pleasure of knowing him personally. You are in our thoughts. - The Graham Family

Yolonda Graham - July 16, 2012 at 07:44 PM

FK

“ Dear Mary and Family,
Just finding out about your loss. Although I did not know your son, Gavin still remembers him. He smiled when I showed him Dean's picture:) We will remember you all in our prayers tonite, and we will continue to keep you in our prayers. Romans 14:8, For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Freda Klaassen - July 16, 2012 at 04:54 PM

KW

“ Mrs Ledford and family,
Our heart goes out to you in this difficult time, we are so very sorry for your loss. Matthew remembers Dean with fond memories, he left a permanent impression on him that will last him for his lifetime. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

The Wigginton Family

Kari Wigginton - July 16, 2012 at 04:35 PM

DG

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ledford and Family,
It breaks my heart to hear of the loss of your son, Dean. I remember him as a sweet, kind and sensitive young boy in my Kindergarten class. He had a joyful spirit and a smile on his face that was contagious! Mary, I treasure the Kindergarten Memory Quilt you put together for me - It will always remind me of Dean. Your son has touched many lives and I count it a priviledge to have had him as a student! May the Lord bring comfort and strength to your family during this difficult time May God's peace that passes all understanding guard your hearts & minds through the days ahead.
You are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless You, Mrs. Day Geppert

Damianne (Day) Geppert - July 16, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ Mary,
My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. What a gift Dean was, Lucas and Olivia loved it when he came in to your classroom. He had such a warm and genuine smile and the kids really loved him. The few times that I met him I was taken in by his ability to make all of the kids feel like super stars, he was so much like you! Feeling blessed that my children got a chance to know him. Hugs and prayers your way.
Sherrie Diuble and Family

Sherrie Diuble - July 16, 2012 at 08:18 AM

CA

“ *Dear Mary and Family,
We were so terribly sorry to learn of your loss.
May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared,
comfort you now and in the days ahead.
You are all close in our thoughts and prayers.
-The Arreguin Family*

Carrie Arreguin - July 16, 2012 at 07:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Dean C. Ledford.*



July 15, 2012 at 09:06 PM

JP

“ *2 files added to the album Ledford Family*



Jessica Priem - July 15, 2012 at 05:55 PM

BA

“ 7 files added to the album Saline Football



Brad Aeschliman - July 15, 2012 at 05:46 AM

BA

“ 7 files added to the album Saline Football



Brad Aeschliman - July 15, 2012 at 05:45 AM

TW

“ Dear Mary and Family,
No words we have are enough. We are so desperately sorry. I was talking to Arabella today and her face lit up with the biggest smile when she talked about Dean helping in class. He obviously connected deeply with the children. Thank you for sharing this wonderful young man with us!
Tammie, Clive and Arabella Wotton

Tammie Wotton - July 14, 2012 at 08:03 PM

KJ

“ Dearest Dean, Mary, Adam, and Chelsea,
Words cannot express how our hearts are breaking for you at this very difficult time. We have had the privilege of seeing Dean grow into such an amazing and giving young man and a devoted man of God. He had such an unassuming grace and a smile that lit up our whole neighborhood. His contagious love for life and others was inspiring. He has had such an impact on so many lives and that legacy will carry on. I think of the song, "I Can Only Imagine," knowing that he is now with our Lord and Savior. You are continually in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that you will feel God's very real presence, His comfort, and His peace surrounding you, and hearing God say to Dean, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We love you so very much.

*With deepest sympathy,
Bill, Kimberley, Ethan, Ben, and Alison Johnson*

Kimberley Johnson - July 14, 2012 at 05:29 PM

BH

“ Coach,
I will always remember your love of the game, your love of sportsmanship, your tenacity, the way you cared about everyone and wanted to see them succeed, and all of your other great qualities. You were a great role model for me. When I am older, I hope to see some of you in my own actions. I'll see you sometime later in a better place.

*Miss you,
Brendan Heim*

Brendan Heim - July 14, 2012 at 10:34 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Dean Christopher*



Victoria Perry - July 13, 2012 at 09:54 PM



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Victoria Perry - July 13, 2012 at 09:45 PM

CM

“ I will remember Dean as a great teammate, a great coach, and a great friend. He was always full of positive energy and always smiling. It was a privilege to have played football with him in high school, and when I joined the Saline coaching staff he was always there with advice. He worked selflessly for the athletes that played for him and for the people he worked with. My thoughts and prayers are with Adam and the rest of the Ledford family.

Dean- I know you are in a better place. I hope that I can be the kind of role model that you were for your players. I will miss you very much.

Charlie Moeller

Charlie Moeller - July 13, 2012 at 06:27 PM

SR

“ Dear Mary, Adam, and family,
I send my deepest, heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your precious son and brother, Dean. I knew Dean as a little boy in first grade who worked so hard on all his work, had a sweet, kind spirit and was a friend to everyone. Many kids have been in my classes through the years, but Dean and Adam were always special to me. I remember them both fondly.

Through the years I have kept track of Dean through Faye. Whenever I would see her, i would ask how Dean and Adam were doing. It was my upmost privilege to have been his first grade teacher and I am so proud of the wonderful young man he became. It is obvious he was loved by all and I never had a doubt what a great man he would become with the wonderful things others have said about Dean's life and accomplishments. Wow! He was going to be a teacher. How proud you must all be of him. (I loved seeing the pictures of him working with kids).

You have all been in my constant thoughts and prayers and will continue to be in the days ahead. My love and prayers are with you.
Sue Ring

Sue Ring - July 13, 2012 at 05:43 PM

VP

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Victoria (Ledford) Perry - July 13, 2012 at 04:04 PM

MH

“ *Mary,
My prayers are with you and your family.
Love You,
Madonna*

madonna hardy - July 13, 2012 at 01:15 PM

DN

“ *Mary,
I am so sorry to hear about your son. I only met your children for a few minutes, at the airport waiting to fly with you to NE India, years ago. During that two weeks you talked often about your family and how proud you were of them. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Debbie Newman

Debra L Newman - July 13, 2012 at 11:57 AM

VH

“ *I will always remember Dean as the guy who was genuinely a happy person. Being around him brought smiles, laughs, and joy every time I saw him. I had the privilege of playing football with Dean for three years, and getting to know him as a teammate and a friend.*

One comfort I find in this tragedy is knowing that he is on his way to Heaven. He is truly headed for the greatest of all places.

Knowing Dean, he will be in Heaven prepping for the arrival of the rest of his loved ones when it is their turn by outfitting Heaven with all kinds of sports memorabilia, and flat-screen TV's (you better believe they all have the NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, and College Football Ticket's).

We are all going to miss you Dean. Know you are loved. I'll be praying for your safe travels. I will also be praying for your family.

Vince Helmuth - July 13, 2012 at 11:31 AM

HM

“ Dean was such a wonderful person. I didn't know him very well, but did have the privelege to work with him a few times in the classroom while substitute teaching. He was so great with the kids, so kind, and a joy to be around. I am so so sorry! May God wrap his arms around you and fill you with the comfort that only He can give! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family!



Heidi McClelland - July 13, 2012 at 09:39 AM

HM

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Heidi McClelland - July 13, 2012 at 09:33 AM

ND

“ John 14:1-4 ”Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

*Mary and Family, know of our prayers during this tragic time....
The Dillens*

Naomi Dillen - July 13, 2012 at 08:31 AM

WK

“ *Mary and Family,
What a nice, young gentleman Dean was! I feel so fortunate that I got to know him a bit at Woodland Meadows. He always had a smile on his face which, in turn, made me smile no matter how the day was going. I believe there are all the people, the angels and the Lord smiling with Dean in heaven right now. We don't understand God's plan but I do know that Dean was here to touch many hearts and be a wonderful example of kindness. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of sadness.*

Wanda Killips

Wanda Killips - July 13, 2012 at 06:43 AM

JC

“ *We are so very sorry. God bless your family.
Chris, Jen, and Vincent*



Jen Cieciek - July 13, 2012 at 06:15 AM

MN

“ *Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Dean was a wonderful young man and he made the world a better place. He was so patient with Meagan when he tutored her for math during the summer. He never blinked an eye when she dumped her purse on the table in the library to show him everything in it! He was already an excellent teacher. Thank you for sharing your son with us. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers...we love you. The Nielson family... Veigh, Marilyn, and Meagan*

Marilyn Nielson - July 12, 2012 at 11:57 PM

SS

“ May Dean's warm smile and loving heart warm you during this difficult time and times to come. He was such a gentle and kind soul. He was called home way too soon, but may his incredible legacy live on in all of us! Sending hugs and love to you all!

Sherry Soenen - July 12, 2012 at 11:17 PM

BC

“ Dean was just a pleasure to be around. He made going to Northwood a joy. He was smart, kind and always did the right thing. We'd go out and he'd be on the dance floor dancing having a good ole time. I will truly miss a great person and an even better friend. The Lord sometimes calls his angels home early and there is no doubt in my mind that Dean is sitting by his side not suffering from worldly troubles anymore. To Deans Family: Keep your spirits high and celebrate Dean's life. I will keep you in my prayers.

Love,
Brian Cooper
Northwood University Class 2010

Brian Cooper - July 12, 2012 at 09:58 PM

LF

“ Mary and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. You and your son have touched so many kids lives here in Saline. Tonight my kids told me stories that you told of your kids in the classroom.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

The Fox Family - Samantha, Amanda, and Lisa Fox

Lisa Fox - July 12, 2012 at 09:02 PM

LM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dean, he was one of the good ones, when I saw him he always had a smile and kind words, a great sense of humor. God called him home too soon. My prayers go out to the Ledford family, God Bless and be with you in your time of need. Love you guys,

Russ, LeAnn and Brandon Martin

LeAnn Martin - July 12, 2012 at 08:31 PM

MN

“ Dean was such a good tutor and teacher. This makes me sad. I am so sorry, Mrs. Ledford. Meagan Nielson

Meagan Nielson - July 12, 2012 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear of Deans passing. My prayers for you all! Dean was a wonderful young man. I have never met a young man who loved kids the way he did. I will treasure the memories of him helping out watching Brooklyn when she was a baby.

Romans 15:13 May the God of Hope fill you will all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

May God's Peace be with you! Sharon Matthews

Sharon Matthews - July 12, 2012 at 04:39 PM

GL

Ledford family, we are thinking of you and praying that God will look over you and guide you through this very difficult time. We are always here if you need anything. God bless all of you.

The Law family

Glenn Law - July 13, 2012 at 04:05 PM