



Kurt Willson Eglseder

February 1, 1965 - October 13, 2016

Kurt Willson Eglseder, 51, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton. He died as a result of complications from a sudden and acute blood infection. His family was with him when he passed away.

Kurt was born on February 1, 1965, at Memorial Hospital in Easton. He is the son of Ludwig J. Eglseder, Jr., M.D. of Trappe, MD, and Ruth M. Alger of Easton, MD.

Kurt attended Talbot County Public Schools, graduating from St. Michaels Senior High School in 1983. Kurt was a good athlete. At St. Michaels High School, he played varsity soccer and baseball and was on the wrestling and chess teams. He was the valedictorian of his class.

Kurt was awarded a full academic scholarship to Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, where he attended his freshman year. He was back at home for a short time frame and subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy. He did his basic training at the Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, IL. While there, he was recommended by several officers in his direct chain of command to receive a nomination for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy from the Secretary of the Navy. Kurt was offered an appointment by then Secretary of the Navy, John F. Lehman, Jr.

and began his studies at the Naval Academy in the summer of 1986. He was consistently at or near the top of his class during his time in Annapolis. While there, he participated in an exchange program with the Australian Defence Force Academy. He had a good time while he was “down under.” Kurt was always known for being so very kind and thoughtful. In the summer between his junior and senior year, the Navy sent him on a military cruise in the Mediterranean. While in port in Israel, he went to the River Jordan and brought back water to be used in the baptism of his first nephew, Matthew. He graduated in the spring of 1990 and received his commission in the United States Navy. From there, he attended nuclear power school in Orlando, FL, and Groton, CT. Kurt completed his career with the Navy as an officer aboard two ballistic missile submarines, first the USS Henry L. Stimson and then the USS Mariano G. Vallejo.

After he separated from the service, Kurt lived in Yakima, WA. In September of 1997, Kurt was in a car accident near his home. His car struck several horses, destroying his car. His accident occurred very close to the home of a minister who had been a corpsman during the Vietnam War. Within minutes, this wonderful man was tending to Kurt’s needs and was with him until the ambulance arrived.

As a result of his accident, Kurt suffered a traumatic brain injury. He was in a coma for several months and spent most of the next year between various veteran’s hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Shortly thereafter, he returned to Maryland and lived with family during his long and difficult recovery. It took two years, but he progressed to the point where he could live on his own. After his return to Maryland, Kurt was first given the dignity of work by Innovative Health Services here in Easton. In recent years, he worked part time for both the Talbot County YMCA and Safeway. His work was very important to him, and he dearly loved the people with whom he worked. Kurt volunteered at the church office at St. Mark’s, where he was also an usher

and taught Sunday school. He also volunteered for the after school program at the YMCA.

Kurt was filled with grace. He remembered his old life and never once complained about what happened to him. He was so very kind and thoughtful. He was very funny and a very good conversationalist. He wrote great cards and letters. It will be difficult to never again see him walking down Washington Street on his way to and from work.

His family is so grateful for all of the kindness that everyone has extended to Kurt over the past 18 years. He was an inspiration to many and a great example of a life well-lived. He will be greatly missed, and we are so grateful that he was loved by so many. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Kurt was preceded in death by his stepfather, Shirley K. Alger.

Kurt is survived by his beloved son and light of his life, Timothy. In addition to his son, Kurt is survived by his parents and his stepmother, Bonnie. Kurt is also survived by three brothers: Ludy and his wife, Kim; Matt and his wife, Kathy; and Scott and his wife, Julie. He loved his nieces and nephews: Aaron and Sarah; Brandon; Kristin and Cory; Matthew and Caroline; David; Jenika; and Josh. He was a great uncle to Aiden, Gavin, Lilly, Jackson and Corbin.

Visitation with the family will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton on Friday, October 21, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Kurt's memorial service will be held at St. Mark's on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at the columbarium at the United States Naval Academy on the Severn River at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made either to the Brain Injury Association of Maryland, 2200 Kernan Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207 or the charity closest to your heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Kurt Willson Eglseder*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kurt Willson Eglseder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kurt Willson Eglseder*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CM

“ I am sorry to be late but just learned of Kurt's passing. I did not know Kurt well but we exchanged greetings at times when he was working at Scott's office. Scott updated me from time to time when we met. But previous to that I was one of many who was praying for his recovery from the auto accident at Talbot Evangelistic Church alongside Bonnie and Lud.

The losses he experienced were not measurable. However, his courage, determination to achieve the maximum and to be contributing to others remained intact after his recovery.

He was personally brave, cheerful and forward looking . He did not dwell on his past but chose optimism and service in the here and now and as usual he was a success. His example will be missed by all of us.

The Lord likely judged the qualities and determination of his latter life greater than even his former and I agree..

Please accept my sympathies and prayers of comfort for the Eglseder family.

Sincerely,
Carol Mahr

Carol A. Mahr - November 03, 2016 at 02:54 PM

CG

“ Cat Guay lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Cat Guay - October 25, 2016 at 09:29 AM

AT

“ I met Kurt while my son, Elijah was attending the YMCA; he asked me to give his friend a ride home. I was pleased to give him a ride whenever I saw him; he was so appreciative. Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." NIV This scripture came to my mind when I read Kurt's Legacy of Life. It was then I realized I had attended school with him (although he was younger than I). I feel so humbled to have met him later in our lives, he was such an inspiration.

Angela Thomas
SMHS Class of '81

Angela Thomas - October 25, 2016 at 07:39 AM

TA

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Kurt's passing. The tributes posted here testify to the quality of his character and the person he was all though life. Although Kurt can never be replaced, I hope the stories and tributes posted by so many people will bring some comfort to his family. There are so many kind and loving words from people in all the stages of Kurt's life. He was a blessing to all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Kurt was a true angel on earth now he is home.



Fondly,

Terry Corrigan Altschuler

Terry Altschuler - October 24, 2016 at 08:58 PM

SR

“ *Scott Roe lit a candle in memory of Kurt
Willson Eglseder*



Scott Roe - October 22, 2016 at 09:59 PM

PC

“ *Well done Kurt! Having you as my friend was a true gift.*
Pat Connolly

Pat Connolly - October 22, 2016 at 08:31 AM

TC

“ It is not possible to convey the personal sense of loss, and the sincere condolences that I have for the entire Eglseider family. Kurt was everything I strived to be. There is no stick to measure who he was a man...morally, mentally and physically, he IS the standard to which we should all aspire.

I last talked with him a year ago. His accident was tragic, and denied the world access to a mind of a indisputable genius, and the talents of a gifted leader and a compassionate, great "good person". But to sit with him, you found that those qualities never vanished, and his light never dimmed. It was evident in that last conversation, where we talked on current events in our lives. Kurt asked how every member of my family was doing. He was also very cognizant of his condition, and meticulous in the lists and tools he relied upon. Yet, when we reminisced, he clearly told of playing little league in great detail...the short fence at Cordova where he got the only hit, a ground rule double, off of David Bentley, the tall, skinny kid with long hair and a hard to hit fastball. His recall was vivid, descriptive and accurate. We talked Navy, and I would use as many acronyms and as much slang as I could fit in, and true to form, he not only understood all that I pressed him with, he gave back and challenged me in our game of recall and remember. We even did a little calculus. Kurt, to the end, was an intellectual giant.

Yet, of all his great blessings and talents, Kurt's greatest gifts were those of humility and courtesy. He was deferential to everyone. He was always reserved, and I never saw him treat anyone unkindly. His was the epitome of politeness and respect, and never hesitated to lend an ear or a hand to someone in need. He was my role model, my earliest best friend, and my influence to constantly try to improve upon myself.

His loss diminishes us all, but provides us the legacy and example for each of us to be better at who we are, what we do, and how we do it. For there is not one of us that can fill the void left by Kurt's loss, but it is something all of us are honor bound to try to do

together.

*May God welcome you home, and bless and comfort your family,
Kurt.*

With much love and appreciation,

Tim Corrigan

Tim Corrigan - October 21, 2016 at 12:32 AM

AL

“ To the Family of my dear friend Kurt

I would like to express my heartfelt sympathy to your entire family with regards to Kurt's passing. I am finding it very difficult myself to adjust to the loss, I don't think I ever will.

I wanted to fill in some gaps left in the newspaper tribute to Kurt. I know it seems hard to believe that there is anything else left to say, given his accomplishments read longer than the state of California, but believe me, I have more to add about Kurt.

I met Kurt when I was transferred to the Easton Safeway in May of 2013. We became fast friends and instantly bonded, even though he called me "Kate" for the first couple of months. I think it is because he called me "Kate" that I grew so fond of him...while it was quirky, it made me feel special and very welcome in a new work environment that can sometimes feel awkward.

Kurt and I enjoyed so much during the days that he worked... and the stories he told, I will remember for a long long time. He was more than just my co-worker, I really knew him and everyone in his family for that matter. I know all of your names, professions, likes and dislikes...for awhile there I thought I could just join the family!! You can all rest assured that Kurt, left this world as proud as any son, brother and father could ever be.. I will never forget how proud he was when speaking of his son, the valedictorian of his class.

Some of our talks were during our break time, where it was next to impossible to satiate Kurt's junk food appetite.. Many a day over chips, tastycakes and soda, I learned all about the human side of Kurt... music he liked, his ideas on fashion.. imagine the look on his face when I asked him if he ever bought a new shirt for himself, just for the fun of it... arms spread wide, he inquired.."Alice... WHY???"

But most important to me, is how Kurt took the time to find out all about me, too. He knew about my daughter (called her J. Lo) and all her trials and tribulations; never a day went by that he didn't ask

about her. He knew when I was upset or just needed a good round of banter, for which he was an excellent quick-witted partner. I could always count on him to come up with an off-the-cuff comment that had me laughing for hours. He provided many good "Kurt" stories that I often shared with my friends and family at home.

Kurt was more than just a co-worker... he was first a kind-hearted man that just exuded everything that life is supposed to be. I will miss him terribly and I can't even imagine how time will pass without him. I can only sum up what I will try to remember most...Kurt's own words..."Bring it on".. nothing was too big or too small for him to handle.

I am humbled and honored that I got to be Kurt's friend and I am so grateful that I got to share in his most extraordinary life.

*I truly loved Kurt...
Alice aka "Kate"*

Alice - October 20, 2016 at 03:29 PM

CG

I was so very upset tho hear of Kurt's passing. We went to high school together, although he was in my oldest brother Paul's class. I remember how kind and accepting he was of everyone! He was 3 years older than me and was my partner in French class. Funny, warm, sweet and friendly young man. He was good to me, even though he was a senior and I was just a "lowly" freshman. He was intelligent, caring and a true genuine young man. I saw him a few times after graduation and he always had a happy memory and a big hug for me! I am truly saddened to hear of his death, but happy to know that he got a great spot in Heaven!

Cat Guay - October 25, 2016 at 09:13 AM

JB

“ My wife and I are regular visitors to the Y and Safeway and it has always been a pleasure to be pleasantly greeted by Kurt. He has been an inspiration to many and will be remembered by all., Glad to have had an opportunity on several occasions to provide transportation from the Y back to St, Mark's Village for which he was very appreciative.. Only wish we could have become better acquainted .

The old adage is true indeed that angels have walked among us on earth,

Jim & Edna Blakely

jim blakely - October 20, 2016 at 12:51 PM



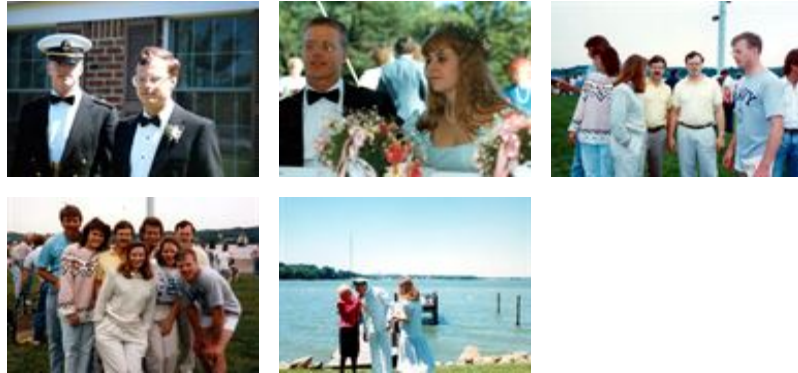
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kurt Willson Eglseder.



October 20, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ 16 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 20, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ Cecilia Hoevenaars lit a candle in memory of
Kurt Willson Eglseder



Cecilia Hoevenaars - October 20, 2016 at 09:57 AM

NF

“ It is with a heavy heart to say we have lost a great man, a fellow classmate, a fellow friend, and some acquaintances that would just pass him by walking in town.



Anyone who had encountered Kurt, will tell you how gracious and kind he was.

I was fortunate to call him my friend , to grow up and have him in all my classes. We had a great class filled with intelligent and outgoing wonderful students. Most were athletic and involved in all sorts of interesting activities.. I believe Kurt did it all! Gave it his all and never once lost his cool. He was a great roll model to us. We still continued to run into each other when he moved back after he had his accident and catch up then go about our way. I would see him walk fast on his way to the Y. many times driving to work . He never wasted a second! Most of us in his class believed he would be someone in the public eye of importance and great! Reading posts from others confirms he was. We will never forget Kurt.

To Scott, his family and friends I pray you find peace during this period of grief. My family joins me in sending condolences. Like many we are all shocked, sadden and are thinking of you!

Nathalie Derakshani & Derakshani family - October 20, 2016 at 07:42 AM



“ 160 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2016 at 03:14 PM

KK

“ Kurt was a classmate at USNA. I did not know him well, but we had a mutual friend and I remember the kindness he showed me when I made the difficult decision to leave the Academy at the end of our youngster year. Having found his way to the Academy after many other life experiences, he reminded me that our lives don't always go the way we plan, but we should never feel that we have failed, and remember that every experience is an opportunity to learn. So sad to hear of his passing. USNA '90 has lost a good man. Godspeed Kurt.
-Katherine Shaw-Kloc

Katherine Kloc - October 19, 2016 at 02:55 PM

GH

“ I just wanted to express my condolences to the Eglseder family. I would often see Kurt working at Safeway early on Saturday mornings and he would greet me with "Good Morning". I will greatly miss that. Greg Handy

Greg Handy - October 19, 2016 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ I will never forget the many early summer mornings as Kurt and I baited trot lines and set a sail to crab in the early morning hours of the Miles River. We played baseball, basketball, soccer, and football in our backyard. Collected football and baseball cards, worked summer jobs together, had sleepovers on a weekly basis, played pool in the game room until the early hours of the morning. You may in a better place now but those times I will never forget.

He was my best friend and there will never be another Kurt Eglseder. His name is the password on many of my devices and will remain there until I get the opportunity to see him again one day.

RIP My Friend

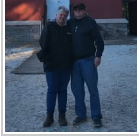
"Toad"

Todd Weller - October 17, 2016 at 09:57 PM

SR

“ Wow I'm saddened by the news. When I worked at the Talbot Bank whenever I saw Kurt walking I'd pick him up and take him to either the Y, grocery store or post office. He was so appreciative of my kindness but I was touched by our conversations of his life's story anytime our paths crossed. He once said to me... You know I wasn't this way my whole life... I said I know your a Saint from SMHS like me... we laughed and smiled! I never thought twice to stop and pick Kurt up. He was a good person who kept on going... true inspiration!
My condolences

Susan Russell - October 17, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *Carol Adkins lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseider*



Carol Adkins - October 17, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ *I often saw Kurt walking along Washington Street and met him while he worked at the Safeway Market. He was an absolute love. Just saw him last week when he greeted me with a grand "good morning". So very sorry. Veronica Wainwright*

veronica wainwright - October 17, 2016 at 07:21 PM

“ I was fortunate to have grown up with Lud, Matt, Scott, and Kurt.

Growing up in Rio Vista, "the game" was most always at the Correa's, the Weller's, or the Eglseder's. I started at 8am until I heard Lee Weller's "whistle" for dinner. Let me tell you, Lee Weller could whistle. And you better come running. My brother Todd and I always did. Those were the halcyon days. No cares in the world.

I struggled to think of another family that had such wonderful, successful, courteous, you-name-the-superlative, sons or daughters. I'm still searching this 56 year-old mind. Miss Ruth was always shuttling us (rats) around in the push-button transmission Chrysler wagon. To this day, I've never seen such a unique car. I also struggle in my attempt to recall a more kind woman and mother. Whether we were picking Matt's damn tomatoes and then sleeping in tents, or just hanging out, you were always welcome at her dinner/lunch/breakfast table. As long as you washed your hands. Breakfasts were the best. My first experience of pairing scrambled eggs and ketchup occurred at Miss Ruth's table. I was always so impressed as a kid with the elegant settings of silver and freshly pressed linen napkins neatly placed on that long wooden table that probably seated twelve kids. Okay, maybe ten. The linen and silverware were not for show. They reflected civility, courtesy, and strength. It reflected her strength. As defined, the quality or state of being strong. The capacity for exertion or endurance. That was Miss Ruth. She had a minimum of five men to contend with on a good day.

My brother Todd and Kurt were best friends. They loved playing sports and collecting baseball cards, so much so they would index and hand-write entries for every card in spiral notebooks. That's correct, notebooks. Plural. I thought for sure we had two future sports announcers or at a minimum, Vegas bookies. To this day, I can still hear Kurt asking "Miss Kista" or "Mr. Lee" how they were or what they were up to. I hope that colloquial way of addressing an adult never goes away or is beaten down by political correctness.

It's a Shore thing. And it's wonderful to hear.

I could continue on with a myriad of accolades for a man named Kurt Willson Eglseider, but I am certain I would be repeating what so may others have already offered here.

My wife learned of what had happened through Kathy that morning. She immediately texted me. I jumped in my truck and went to the ER. I was allowed back immediately. As I turned the corner to Room 22, I saw the bed had been made. I then saw Scott, Matt, Kathy, and Ludy. God bless each of you for taking such good care of him. And especially to Ludy and Matthew that day for your tremendous efforts.

I feel blessed that I had the privilege of knowing Kurt Eglseider. I feel even more blessed to have been talking to Ludy one day two or three summers ago when he asked if we could take Kurt and his son, Timothy, fishing. Timothy was in town to visit with Kurt. At the dock that evening, I met Timothy. It was like meeting Kurt Eglseider all over again. We left Claiborne and went to Gum Thickets just off Kent Island. We were doing okay but not great. I really wanted to make sure that Lud, Kurt, and especially Timothy could take home some fish stories. So we picked up and ran to a spot in Eastern Bay. It was dark, but as soon as Timothy put his line over it zinged. I think it took us all by surprise. Rods went off one by one with 24-32 inch rockfish. Did I mention it was August? We fished there for a while until I finally had to stop my anglers. We went back to the dock and laid our catch out on Ludy's tailgate. I still have the picture of Lud, Kurt, and Timothy standing beside their catch, smiling.

More importantly, I have the memory.

God bless you, Kurt Eglseider.

Jeff Weller

GA

“ Kurt and I were roommates at the Naval Academy for all of Plebe Year. There is no way I make it through that treacherous first year at Navy without Kurt. I was fresh out of high school in Salt Lake City, UT, and, frankly, in over my head. Kurt assuaged the culture shock in the most non-judgmental way. He taught how to survive in the Navy, and he introduced me to entirely different ways to think. Without prejudice, Kurt pointed out new perspectives and how people from dissimilar backgrounds might have different but equally valid perceptions. He revealed to me everything from how to wax a floor to the meaning of Billy Joel lyrics. He invited me along to the Navy-Notre Dame football game in South Bend, and welcomed me into his home one holiday season. He was a good man and a good friend. RIP, Kurt.

Greg Archbold - October 17, 2016 at 01:04 PM

SC

“ It is with a heavy heart that I send this to my classmate Scott and his family. I remember Kurt like it was yesterday when you were at soccer practice and Kurt running around with the younger kids. He was always polite and would say, hey Stephanie. As he got older , and was An Athlete , he would always speak or wave to me with that big smile. He had a big heart and was always smiling. I used to tell my daughter Brittany that Mr.Kurt was a good Athlete and went to The Navel Academy . When I would see him at The Y , I would have to fight back the tears because I remember what he used to look like. Kurts time here was done and Our GOD has a job for him to do now. Rest on My friend Kurt until we meet again !

Stephanie Chester - October 17, 2016 at 12:05 PM

AW

“ Wow!....

I just shook Kurt's hand last Tuesday at the Ymca. Kurt had always had a special place in my heart and memory. He was such the man. We worked together at Big Als and he was my boss on night shifts. We used to sample different beers together but he was not the partying type. Think he was just bonding. I can remember looking up to him and thinking how wise and kind he was. I always felt accepted and respected by Kurt. God bless you buddy RIP.

Aaron West - October 17, 2016 at 08:25 AM

TL

“ Scott and Ludy and family

So sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. We did not know him, but saw him a lot around the hospital walking. We know that you will miss him so much. We are keeping you and your families in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jack and Teresa Lewis

Teresa lewis - October 17, 2016 at 08:19 AM

 Vernon Johnson

“ *I have not seen Kurt since high school, but he left an amazing impression on me. I had a tendency to put my self down or feel really bad when I didn't do so well. Kurt seemed to often be there with a word of encouragement and let me understand that if I worked hard and took pride in the way I did my work I could achieve more then I thought I was capable of. I regret that I never looked him up after high school to let him know just how much it meant. In my job today as a chaplain I can now lift others with that same genuine caring for those around me. I'll miss you and thanks, Kurt.*

Vernon Johnson - October 17, 2016 at 07:09 AM

ML

“ Words cannot adequately express the sadness I felt hearing of Kurt's passing. In all the years I've known him, I can say that he was always sweet, loving, kind-hearted, fun-loving, optimistic and humble to name just a few of his many wonderful character traits.. He was known to my children as "Mr. Kurt" and we greatly enjoyed anytime we saw him around town and got to offer him a ride on the "Egleseder Express" or the "Lowrey Bus!" He always engaged my kiddos in conversation, sincerely asking them questions. My children thought he was a lovely man and I completely concur. Kurt was a man of strong values, a quick smile and wonderful outlook. He was a blessing to all who crossed his path and it has been an honor to know him. We will miss him greatly, but look forward to seeing him again one day.

Michelle Lee-Newnam Lowrey - October 16, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ Kurt, a more loyal friend, few have had...you were an awesome example for us at Washington & Lee Univ. I have thought of you often my friend and have missed you much. I will never forget your kindness, our great conversations, and your friendship. I wish we had stayed in touch; I wish I had done more to reach out -- may you Rest in Peace. With a heavy heart, I thank you for the memories. To the Eglseder family: please accept my most sincere condolences. Warmest regards, Alex Lopez-Duke, Washington & Lee '87.

Alex Lopez-Duke - October 16, 2016 at 07:15 PM

GM

“ Genny Milutinovich lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Genny Milutinovich - October 16, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ I often ran into Kurt at the Y or at Safeway. He ALWAYS had a smile and just made you feel so good with his positive energy. He also always remembered my name---that's more than I can say for some of my other school mates ;)



Although Kurt had such a horrific accident that altered his life direction, he truly chose to live and be that beacon of light in the world. I will be sad not to see his face; however, I'm thankful for the gift of love and kindness that will be forever etched in my heart.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family--this town will just not be the same without him.

Laura Jeanne Camper Bryan

Laura Bryan - October 16, 2016 at 05:13 PM

GK

“ Garey & Donna Kostens lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Egleseder



Garey & Donna Kostens - October 16, 2016 at 02:43 PM

GK

To the Egleseder family, who we have known a long time, we were so sad to learn of Kurts passing. From the cute little blond that sat in the dental chair to the handsome young man he became. After returning to Easton, he never forgot us, always a smile and conversation. To Ludy Sr. and Ruth our deepest sympathy.

Garey & Donna Kostens - October 16, 2016 at 02:52 PM

KS

Fair winds and following seas shipmate

Kathleen sawyer - October 16, 2016 at 03:54 PM

SJ

To the Eglseder family, Linda and I express our sincere and deepest sympathy for the loss of your son and brother. While we did not know Kurt we have spent many hours with Scott and as a member of the USNA family we all share in his loss. As Scott knows we also lost our oldest son Jason while flying a mission in the Persian Gulf in September of 1997, the same month as Kurt's horrific accident. The two were at the academy together and may very well have known each other. We have learned over the years not to mourn but rather to celebrate these amazing lives and to be grateful to have been a part of them. May he rest now in peace.

Steve & Linda Jakubowski - October 17, 2016 at 08:08 AM

PN

Ludy, I am so sorry for the loss of Kurt. It is my sincere hope that the good memories will help you hold on while learning to let go. Godspeed. Pat Noble

Pat Noble - October 19, 2016 at 06:13 PM

PF

“ I was so very sorry to read of Kurt's passing. The tributes posted here testify to the quality of his character, and I hope bring some comfort to his family. My thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.



Phil Foster - October 16, 2016 at 01:59 PM

JY

“ Scott, Ludy & Matt-
What a profound loss for you & your families. We never had the privilege of meeting your brother but knew he was an amazing person by the stories you shared of his life. Our hearts & prayers will be with all of you as you celebrate a wonderful life.

Bill & Jane Young

Jane & Bill Young - October 16, 2016 at 01:16 PM

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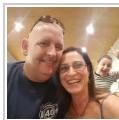
Bill & Jane Young

Jane & Bill Young - October 16, 2016 at 01:14 PM

MS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I went to UDHS with Kurt and have fond memories of him being such a great guy. He took me to my senior prom. I will always remember what a nice guy he was, friendly with everyone. Although I do not live in the area any longer, it was always easy to get an update on how well Kurt has been living his life. My thoughts are with you all during this sad time.*

Michelle Byrum Smith - October 16, 2016 at 12:55 PM



I remember that prom party he had that year...

Jay Harper - October 17, 2016 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ I spoke with Kurt every Sunday at the Y. Just last week, he told me he would be having Thanksgiving out West with his son. He amazed me with his positive attitude and friendly greetings.


I also have fond memories of back when he and Mike Leach were "ball boys" for SMHS soccer. They were very eager to retrieve any off field balls.

My husband Paul and I will miss seeing him very much.

We send our most sincere sympathy to the entire Eglseder family.

Laurie Boinski Blumberh

Laurie Boinski Blumberh - October 16, 2016 at 12:53 PM

 Donnie
Van
Gilder

“ My deepest condolences to the Eglseder family. Kurt was a year behind me at USNA, and one extremely smart and humble individual.

I remember running into him years later at St. Mark's, after his accident. He was still the very gracious, humble, and caring person I knew from our time as Midshipmen.

Fair winds and following seas Kurt.

Donnie Van Gilder - October 16, 2016 at 12:22 PM

DH

“ I am SO SORRY for this loss you All have suffered! Our community will feel that loss as well. Peace and Grace to you all ❤️

Debbie Hill - October 16, 2016 at 11:43 AM

DP

“ *Deana Palmer lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder* ”



Deana Palmer - October 16, 2016 at 10:56 AM

DP

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Deana Palmer - October 16, 2016 at 11:03 AM

JP

“ *Prayers go, out to his family, he was such a kind man and will be missed.* ”

Jamie Petrides - October 16, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *Kurt is in the loving hands of God now, but he made an impact on many of us while he was with us. In 8th grade I was the team equipment manager for his SMHS wrestling team. As the only kid at practices and who went back and forth to matches, I got picked on a lot by team members. It was always just horsing around, but it often hurt. Kurt not only never picked on me, he always intervened to stop it when he saw it. He was the only person that not only didn't pick on me, but wouldn't let others do so. I never forgot that about his character - that experience was more than 30 years ago. Though I would fail sometimes, his example made me a better person. I am sure that Kurt's walk through life helped so many other in ways large and small just like me.* ”

Ken Schisler - October 16, 2016 at 08:07 AM

CC

“ *Ruth- I am so sorry to hear about Kurt. Heaven has gained an angel.*

Connie Cook

Connie Cook - October 16, 2016 at 07:48 AM

 Erin Rinehart

“ *Kurt was sincere and genuine to everyone that is what I will remember the most.*

Erin Rinehart - October 16, 2016 at 07:37 AM

JT

“ *Jane Wilson Tillman lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder*



jane wilson tillman - October 16, 2016 at 07:07 AM

JH

“ Dear Scott,

I woke up before dawn this morning, thinking about you and your brother. Just the other night, you were sharing with John and myself, Kurt's amazing and tragic history. I saw in your face the glow of love and pride as you spoke of your brother.

There is nothing I can say to lessen the grief that you and your family are experiencing. I know that grief all too well, having lost my sister in February. But know that my saddened heart are with you all.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Love,

Jane Hawkey and John Schroeder

jane hawkey - October 16, 2016 at 06:17 AM



“ *I played soccer and baseball with Kurt at St. Michaels High School. Not one time did Kurt give less then 100% on the field or at practice. We worked at the Crab Claw and had many great memories. Kurt was always respectful and always cared his friends.*

Jay Harper - October 16, 2016 at 12:19 AM

LC

“ *Lynn Crouch lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder*



Lynn Crouch - October 15, 2016 at 10:32 PM

JM

“ My heart is simply broken. Kurt will forever be present in most of my school memories from fifth grade in Mrs. Burrows class at St. Michaels Elementary to the August he left for Washington and Lee. I was cheering him and my other classmates on the soccer and baseball fields. I watched every battle he faced on the wrestling mat as the team's scorekeeper. Kurt was my competition in the classroom. The bar that he set academically fueled my own academic aspirations.

Even though our paths after high school were worlds apart, others would fill me in on Kurt's continued successes, and I was always so proud of his hard work and talents that I had witnessed in middle and high school and had continued to shine throughout his life. His strength after his accident never ceased to amaze me as I saw him walking around the town of Easton. He always walked with such purpose. Kurt, I will miss seeing you around town, but you are forever in my memories.

Prayers and tender thoughts,

Jennifer Miller

Jennifer Miller - October 15, 2016 at 09:39 PM

EM

“ Oh no! I am shocked. I just saw Kurt at the Y recently. I did not know Kurt very well but I remember seeing him often at the Y and Safeway. I remember one day, Thanksgiving about five years ago, I was driving home from Cross Court and I saw Kurt walking south on Washington St toward his house with groceries. It was windy, cold. I saw in a moment through my rear view mirror Kurt drop half of his groceries from a broken paper bag. I turned my car around and drove back toward him and when I got next to him on the side walk I lowered the car window and said can I help you get home with your groceries? He said yes please! I drove him about a half mile home and he was so thankful. Really it was me who was thankful that I could lend a hand to him on the cold and windy day. Rest In Peace, Kurt! I am sorry to Ludy and all of the family. Eleanor Magee

Eleanor Magee - October 15, 2016 at 09:21 PM

MS

“ Martha Witte Suss lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Martha Witte Suss - October 15, 2016 at 08:51 PM

MS

He will be sorely missed but may he Rest In Peace.

Martha Witte Suss - October 15, 2016 at 08:59 PM

KW

“ I always enjoyed our chats when Kurt visited our office. I will miss him. My condolences to his family and dear ones.



Kim Wilson - October 15, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DR

“ I am heart-broken. Kurt was such a kind and gentle soul. I knew him as a child when I taught school at St. Michaels Elementary; I would sometimes drive him to his barber in Easton. I knew him as an adult at St. Mark's Church. Heaven has been blessed.

Dale Rauch

Dale Rauch - October 15, 2016 at 08:39 PM

JW

“ What a beautiful tribute to this honorable, classy man. I remember Kurt as handsome and smart and just enough older than me that he always seemed cool. What an amazing example of a life well lived.

Jenny Woodall - October 15, 2016 at 08:09 PM

BB

“ Bobbi Burr lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Bobbi Burr - October 15, 2016 at 07:57 PM

RP

“ *Robin Poole lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder*



robin poole - October 15, 2016 at 07:05 PM

GK

To all of the Eglseder family who we have know for years, it is with sadness to know of Kurts passing. From the cute little blond sitting in the dental chair to the handsome young man he became. In the years after he returned home he never forgot us, always a smile on his face and a conversation. Our deepest condolences to Ludy Sr. and Ruth.

Garey & Donna Kostens - October 16, 2016 at 01:23 PM

BS

“ *My heart hurts hearing this news. Kurt was a wonderful man who was loved and cared about by so many. I will always cherish the days we spent together. Prayers and blessings to his family*

Barclay Sharon - October 15, 2016 at 07:03 PM

WS

“ *I went to SMHS with Kurt. We wrestled, played baseball and graduated together. I always remember Kurt as being someone that was liked by everyone. He was the definition of Scholar-Athlete. I will miss him. He is the kind of person that you would want your son to be like. RIP my friend.*

Wayne Schisler

Wayne Schisler - October 15, 2016 at 06:43 PM

SB

“ Kurt was a sweet man. My prayers are with your entire family. God bless all of you through your loss.



Sandy Blevins - October 15, 2016 at 04:49 PM

SB

“ Sandy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Sandy Blevins - October 15, 2016 at 04:47 PM

SB

“ Sandy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseder



Sandy Blevins - October 15, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ Kurt and I shared some of the highest and lowest points of our lives together. He was one of my oldest friends, and as good a friend as anyone could ever have asked for. I will miss him terribly, and am thankful for the time we had.

John Lowe

John Lowe - October 15, 2016 at 03:46 PM

Karen
Reed

“ Karen Reed lit a candle in memory of Kurt
Willson Eglseeder



Karen Reed - October 15, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JD

“ Kurt was always a smiling face at the Y. It was a pleasure working
with him, and I'll miss seeing him when I stop in.

Jodi Davis - October 15, 2016 at 05:43 AM

BC

*My Deepest Sympathy to Kurt's Family and Friends. It was my
pleasure to have known Kurt and his brothers while we all attended
St.Michael's School together !!!*

Brenda Holland Cummings - October 15, 2016 at 06:16 PM

CP

*Our deepest sympathy to all of Kurt's family. We have such fond
memories of all of you and the wonderful times we spent with him. Rest
in peace, Kurt. Cheryl and Gap Pringle*

Cheryl Pringle - October 15, 2016 at 08:12 PM

AE

“ Kurt was a devoted son, father, brother. He will be missed by many.
I will miss seeing him walking on Washington St.

Andrea Shoe er - October 15, 2016 at 05:30 AM

VB

“ *VICKIE BILDSTEIN lit a candle in memory of Kurt Willson Eglseider*



VICKIE BILDSTEIN - October 14, 2016 at 05:43 PM

BC

Such a kind and trusting soul. He has left a legacy of perseverance and peace. Washington. Street will never have a kinder soul walking it. Our condolences to the family.

Brian and Lisa Cook - October 16, 2016 at 09:13 AM