



Cole K. Buchholz

July 25, 1989 - May 14, 2014

Cole Kenneth Buchholz, living 24 years on earth, went to live with Christ Jesus forever, on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, while at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Cole Kenneth Buchholz, the son of Phil and Darcy (Reese) Buchholz, was born in Ames, Iowa, on July 25, 1989. Cole loved his childhood growing up in Truesdale, spending countless hours with his close family members. He always said, there is no better place to live. Cole publicly confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior through his confirmation at the Zion Lutheran Church of rural Storm Lake on April 13, 2003. He attended the Albert City-Truesdale Community School until the school joined the Sioux Central Community School in 2004. Cole was a member of the Sioux Central graduating Class of 2007. Following high school, he attended Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge for two years where he played football. Cole completed his education at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, graduating in 2012. He received his bachelor's degree in Physical Education and coaching.

On July 26, 2013, Cole was united in marriage to the love of his life, Caitlin Patten, at an outdoor wedding at Lake Okoboji, Iowa. Cole loved working with youth and sharing his love for sports with young people. Cole was the Storm Lake High School physical education teacher along with serving as the

assistant girls' basketball coach, the assistant boys' tennis coach, and for the past three years he was the head varsity coach of the boys' baseball team at East Mills High School in Malvern, Iowa.

Cole was a member of the Summit Evangelical Free Church of Alta and also shared his faith by helping lead the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Storm Lake. Cole had sincere love for the Lord and showed his commitment to Christ through sharing the Gospel at every opportunity he had. Everyone who knew Cole knew of his love of the Green Bay Packers, the Chicago White Sox, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He was a competitive man who enjoyed playing all sports with friends and playing cards and board games with family and Cait. Cole will also be remembered as an "amateur meteorologist" and movie lover.

Cole's life and memory are celebrated and honored by his family which include his wife, Caitlin, of Storm Lake, Iowa; parents: Phil (Maxine) Buchholz of Pocahontas, Iowa and Darcy Reese and Jeff Richards of Emerson, Iowa; sister, Stephanie (Ron) Daughenbaugh of Cibolo, Texas; brother, Austin Buchholz of Truesdale, Iowa; step -brothers: Jeff Oliphant of Palmer, Iowa; Christopher (Jenni) Richards of Emerson, Iowa; step-sisters: Kayla Frerk of Pocahontas, Iowa; Julia (Craig) Richards Krapfl of Ankeny, Iowa; two nieces: Alyssia Daughenbaugh and Lauren Patten; nephew, Alex Daughenbaugh; grandparents, Kenneth (Sandy) Reese of Laurens, Iowa; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Doug Patten of Webb, Iowa and Carol Patten of Spencer, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Kyle (Jamay) Patten of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Eric Patten of Webb, Iowa; other extended family and his many friends.

Cole was preceded in death by his grandparents, Walter and Leone Buchholz; grandmother, Alene "Toodie" Reese; great-grandmother, Ruby Dodson Reese; uncles, Steve and Stuart Buchholz; and aunt, Shelly Buchholz.

May Cole's life continue to live on through the faith he shared with his family, colleagues, students, and friends.