



Chandler Branden Heiden

May 18, 2006

Chandler Branden Heiden, age 19, of Bussey, Iowa died Thursday May 18, 2006 at St. Joseph's Mercy Medical Center in Centerville, IA. He was born August 3, 1986 in Ottumwa, IA Branden Heiden and Mary (Sullivan) Grimes Chandler was a graduate of Albia Community High School, class of 2005. He recently enlisted into the U.S. Army, specializing in army scout.

He is survived by his father, Branden and wife Brenda Heiden of Cassville, MO; mother, Mary and husband Jeff Grimes of Bussey, IA; one brother, Reese Heiden of Cassville, MO; 4 step sisters, Stacy (Kevin) Garrison of Albia, Julie (Lance) Collier of Lincoln, NE, Tammi (Brian) Griffin of Bussey, and Molly (Clayton) Moore of Bloomfield. He is also survived by grandparents, John (Louise) Sullivan of Albia; Larry (Patsy) Brown of Blakesburg, and Polly (Darrell) Stocker of Albia; and great grandparent, Opal Blumer of Moravia.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Louie and Teresa Raymie, Frank and Mary Sullivan, and Dennis Heiden; great grandparent, Clell Blumer Chandler's body has been cremated. There will be a graveside memorial service, with Military Honor Flag Presentaion at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 20 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia, with Rev. William Walter C.PP.S. officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ *Chandler Branden Heiden*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Chandler Branden Heiden*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM

CF

“ I read in the paper that condolences may be made at your web site. We want to let Mary know how sorry we are to hear about Chandler. I babysat for Chandler when he was a little boy, and have enjoyed watching him grow up into a handsome young man. We were shocked and saddened to hear about the accident and our sincerest sympathy goes out to Mary and the rest of Chandler's family. I still talk about Chandler when I teach classes on parenting. I remember when Chandler was very small and he loved to bite people. I would pick him up and put him in a chair when he bit, and he would get upset. However he was such a bright little boy, that he quickly caught on and would go over to another child, bite, and run and get in the chair and just grin from ear to ear at me!!! I loved having him in my home and watching those bright eyes and ornery grin. He will truly be missed. I called our grown children, and they all remembered him and wanted to let you know you are in their thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Cindy and Bob
Fluegge and family

Cindy and Bob Fluegge - July 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ A few days ago, my cousins were at my house and they brought back so many memories of Chandler.... I will never forget them all chasing me around our backyard with a dead snake. He was SO wonderful with kids... anytime a little kid was around, you could bet they'd be climbing all over Chandler... and he'd be making them laugh. Even the girls I babysat loved him... they would BEG me to have Chandler go bowling, to the lake, or to the park. He truly brightened everyone around him... no matter what kind of day you had, Chandler could make everything seem better. He was definitely a kid at heart... always playful and loved to laugh. Words will never be able to express what we lost that night... but each one of us feels it. Jeff, Mary, and family.... you never leave my thoughts and prayers... by being around you all I know that Chandler was very blessed to be surrounded by such a loving and caring family... and you were all blessed to have such a wonderful guy in your lives. God Bless.... Brittany

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings through which our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy"

Brittany Pillard - May 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Chandler,
Our first "meeting" many years ago consisted of you mooning the Bunch home from your house. You were quite surprised when you found out that I just happened to be standing at our back door with Katie. From that moment on, you made me laugh everytime I was around you. How can we forget the toxic combination of black velvet, mac and cheese and dunkaroos!! I had the privilege of meeting Sgt. Paul, your Army recruiter. We had a lengthy discussion about you. He had only known you since January and had so many wonderful things to say. He said he's met many young people in his position but you are most definitely cream of the crop and you had big goals for you life. He became emotional as he spoke about you which is a testatment to you as a person and the effect you had on people. Your beautiful smile and laugh will be in our hearts forever. My prayers are with your family and friends. You'll be missed terribly but you're in a better place still making people smile with your presence.... Tonya

Tonya Bunch - May 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I never failed to see the light in Chandler's eyes when he saw me. He'd drop everything and give me that gorgeous smile and a great big Chandler hug. He would then say "Baby sis, do you know how much I love you?" Oh yes, I knew. How could I not. There was no one in the world who understood me like Chandler did, and he'd never shut up until he got me to smile. At times it seemed I'd never smile again, but that smile of his...it's highly contagious. I could never thank him enough for all the love and good times he gave me. Mary, Jeff, and family..words can't express my sympathy. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You.

Jenna Batten - May 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ When I came to Albia High School in August 2003, Chandler was the first one who came up to me and talked to me. I remember when I first met him in Foods class. "Hey German kid, sit right here" he said friendly with a big smile on his face.

He made it a lot easier for me to get through the first days and he helped me out a lot.

After a couple of weeks we were good friends. We were hanging out a lot and we had so much fun. Chandler was always joking around and enjoying life. We were always talking about him visiting me in Germany and he said, he'll come over to visit as soon as he has enough money.

He was an awesome guy and a true friend who always stuck up for you. Chandler was one of my best friends.

Chandler, I miss you dude!!!

Arne Hack - May 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To Brandon and Patsy and families,
I know how difficult this time is now, and will be in the future, for all of you. You have my prayers and sympathies. If you should need someone to talk with, give me a call. God knows I know what you're going through.

Jan Denato

Jan Denato - May 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Molly & Clayton, Brandon and family, & Mary and family,

We are so sorry to hear of the accident. It is a very hard time for you but we know you are surrounded by family and friends. Lean on them until you can stand on your own again. You are in our prayers every day.

Monte & Tracey Hill - May 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ To Brandon, Patsy, and Polly & Daryl and families, Sometimes life throws us some terrible circumstances we never understand and find impossible to accept. But, our prayers and thoughts are with you. If there is anything we can do please give us a call. Darwin & Rhonda Thomas, Des Moines, IA

Darwin & Rhonda Thomas - May 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Back in the day, when there were lip-singing family get-togethers, that was the best :-). I attended a couple with Amber, one of Chan's cousins. One particular time Chandler wore overalls with the legs rolled up, a straw hat, and a pipe in his mouth- he looked quiet the part for his performance. Like many others have said, he always had a smile on his face, enjoying life. Remember the good times- he made quite an impression in his short life, and we're all better for the time he spent with us here. When you feel the sadness rushing in, go ahead and cry, we'll all cry with you. Much love to all his family and friends- God's comfort to you all.

Michelle - May 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *With Heart Felt Sympathy to the Family,
I was in shock when I heard about your loss. I graduated in '02, so I went to school with Chandler...I think I had one class with him...auto CAD class...like Mr. Bartels said. :-)* It's hard to believe someone so young has passed from this life...but to anyone reading this, please, let his life lost not go in vain...let it be a lesson that we are not invincible. If one person's life is saved from that, then may his parents hearts be a little lighter. I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sure these words will sound quite repetitive after a while...but the heart is always there behind it. With much love extending a hug over the winds of distance, Melissa

Melissa P. - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sounds like Heaven just received a remarkable boy.*

Bob and Kelly Perkins - May 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Seven semesters of any school subject is a long time. That’s three and a half years to be exact. However, Chandler enjoyed working with computers, particularly CAD drafting programs so much so that that’s just what he did. That’s how I got to know him.

He struggled at times, just like all other students do. But there were times that he excelled at it. So much so that at one time he contemplated making drafting his career. Frequently I could see that he really was enjoying what he was doing and learning at the same time. To a teacher, that’s the equivalent to a bonus paycheck.

But that’s not how I’ll remember Chandler. It will be his smile and his presence. He commanded attention from everyone and he got it. When he would enter my classroom, it usually began with his smile and him saying something like, “Hey Bartles! Whazzup??” (He would deliberately mispronounce my name.) It’s been said that a smile is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another. Chandler gave his everyday.

I’ll also remember him cruising the streets of Albia. If I were to see him, he’d turn to look over the edge of the driver’s side door, give his smile and usually wave a peace sign.

My heart goes out to Chandler’s family and friends. I can only image the loss and heartache you must be feeling. Please know this, Chandler will not soon be forgotten and he will be missed by many, myself included. May God comfort you during this time of sadness and sorry, and bring peace to you all.

Rich Bartels - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Mary and family,
I will miss Chandler's beautiful smile. I loved being around him.
About two weeks ago, he came to school, ran around my desk,
picked me up, twirled me around and said, "You are going to be so
proud of me, just wait and see!" I told him, "Chandler, I already am!"
He will missed so very much.....Mary Ann

Mary Ann Freshwater - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ We can't be with you at this terrible time, but please know that we
are keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers.

Ed and Cindy - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mary my heart go out to you. I know there are no right words to say
but I'm thinking of you. Lisa (Stephens) Menuis

Lisa (Stephens) Menuis - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I was a former classmate of Chandlers. I will greatly miss his sense of humor and smile. I remember during our high school years Chandler and I would leave our houses at the same time to go to school and we would always meet each other on the highway and he would always pass me and honk the horn, smile and wave as he passed me. Then at school he would give me heck for driving sooo slow. I've seen him stick up for people that were being bullied and I always admired that about Chandler. I think he would do anything for anybody if you asked him, that was just the kind of personality he had. I will always remember his laugh and smile. Mary, My heart goes out to you and your family. Chandler was truely a really remarkable guy and will be greatly missed by all, including myself. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sarah Kraber

Sarah Kraber - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Chandler so much. The time when he started riding my bus. i won't ever forget that smile of his. It was always so happy and he always knew what to say to me to make me laugh. My prayers are with you and your family. Chandler will be greatly missed. Amy Christensen

Amy - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ The first time I met Chandler he was in Kum-n-Go parking lot having words with someone who disrespected one of his friends, that is one thing I loved about him, HIS LOYALTY. With Chandler you had a friend forever. He had alot of friends, a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tiffany - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Mary, Jeff and Family :*

We were so sorry to hear about Chandler. Our hearts go out to you at this sad time and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Mary Fears - May 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM