



Shawn T. Colvenbach

August 8, 1966 - April 2, 2006

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Tribute Wall



“ He was my music teacher a long time ago at Upson in Euclid Ohio(school is knocked down and no longer called that) I’ just turned 27 a week ago, he crosses my mind every so often, still keeping his family in my prayers. ❤️🙏

Moo Hef - March 28, 2025 at 02:18 AM

LA

“ I was one of Mr. Colvenbach’s students when I was 9 years old.. I turn 26 this year and I still think of him. Thank you for being such a great teacher! Continue to rest in peace.

Lanita - July 25, 2023 at 06:22 PM

JN

“ I Remember How Dedicated Mr.C Was About Our Music Shows. He Would Be Upset If Someone Didn’t Show!!! He Was One Of My Favorite Teachers. His Energy Was High n Strong he Always Said “You Come To my Class To have Fun. Leave all The Bad Things Out There before You walk through My Door”

Jamyra Nelson - May 23, 2018 at 01:31 AM


Heather
Renee

“ I wonder if his family still comes to this page to see if people write about Mr.Colvenbach.. he was more than just my music teacher, he was my role model, and someone I always looked up too. He was the reason I joined choir, my favorite part of everyday was going to his class in the basement of Upson. I remember his tragic death like it was just yesterday.. I didn't go to school for a week. That was the first time I experienced death. I just want his family to know that he is still thought about, I wish he was still here to see how far I've gotten in life and to meet my son. I was 11 when he died, and there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about him. Just know he was always loved. And is remembered.



Heather Renee - September 28, 2017 at 12:07 AM

BR

“ It's been 10 years and I still think about you. I think about all the rehearsals and gigs, your sax solos and wonderful voice. You were one of my favorite people I've ever played with.

Bob Robertson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ It's been a long time since you've passed Mr. Colvenbach...but you are extremely missed. When I went to upson I got beat up a lot. And I was only in 2nd grade, the principal wouldn't do anything about the situation. His words were "I have bigger fish to fry". And he said this to my mother and grandmother. But you would always check on me, and if I had gotten beaten up or etc you'd always come talk to me and help me. You were the only one that stood up for me. And the morning I went to school and found out what happen...most of the kids took it as a joke..I just broke down. And on the way home on the bus I got beat up again. Then when I finally got home I saw what happened on the news...my mom just held me and I bawled. I couldn't stop crying....you were a great music teacher. And a amazing person. You never deserved what happen. The world lost someone it shouldn't have. God bless you and your family, Rest in peace.

Ezra Watts - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I just remember getting real close to Shawn, he was a true loyal friend and he always talked and helped me out when I was new at the school. We then shared our love for the arts all the time and we both loved all kinds of music. We wopuld go on and on about our favorite music. Our families also shared alot of family memories together. Shawn will be remembered, may he keep the brillo pad close by and love Sponge Bob always! God bless the from Walters

Ray & Kim Walters - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Shawn was a special friend to me. We graduated together and participated in many of the same musical groups and plays. His friendship didn't end there. He continued to call and visit. We chatted as recently as the sat. Our families even went camping together. He never forgot me or where he came from and I won't forget him.

My heart goes out to Deb, Lyric and Parker. May the love of friends and family surround you.

James Kenney - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Shawn brought out of all of us what we can sound like as a choir. His energy and passion for music and life was infectious and touched us all, not just in the Shoregate Choir, but his church family, the school children that he taught, and the band he was in. He spoke often of the visions he had for Shoregate Choir, the plans he was wanting to do, and he made me and other choir members believers. I even got him to change is mind about not ringing handbells. I think I got him hooked. He has inspired me to do the best I can in music as well as others.

Though I will miss my friend, the short time I knew him, I will never forget him. May God's love and grace be with Shawn and his family.

Stuart F. Crotser - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I had the pleasure of singing, with Shawn at his wedding to Debbie, and it is my fondest memory of being a "wedding singer". Shawn was a talented musician, a patient encourager, and a lover of people. He thought the world of his family and was so in love with his wife! The world has lost a great man, and heaven has gained a great singer in the angel choir! Kira Seaton

Kira Seaton - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Mr. C was a great teacher to my daughter which is in third grade. He will be missed very much by my daughter. She already misses him. Nobody will ever replace him as the music teacher. He was unique in his own way. Sorry for your loss.

sandy kish - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Debbie,

We are so sorry for your loss. Shawn touched so many lives. You are in our prayers.

Denise & Pat

Denise & Pat Eustace - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I was in shock when I heard the news. Shawn and I were in the same High School graduating class and we both participated in the same choral groups and stage productions. What a remarkable talent! He also grew up directly behind my Grandparents house so we shared many childhood memories.
My thoughts and prayers are with his family.
Darren

Darren Everhart - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Shawn was such a great guy.. I meant him on Yahoo.. playing Euchre... He played for a League on Yahoo.. He had much respect and love by everyone... I had the opportunity to play with him.. He had much respect for everyone, and will be missed greatly.. Thank you for all the fun times, and you will be missed.. God Bless U shawn.. And God Bless Your Family!

Ryan Brady - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers in your recent loss. We had a lot of great memories of Shawn growing up. He will be greatly missed!

Scott & Heather Kerr - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My memories of Shawn include those of a bright young man;intellectually as well as personally. He always reminded me that he was a 'music man' at heart and did not always see the need for Chemistry. He persevered and did quite well. When he contacted me several years later he was without suprise an accomplished musician. He wrote to tell me ,however,how glad he was that he took Regents Chemistry from"mean ole Mr Z" as it had helped him become a more organized and self disciplined person. Ever the polite,respectable guy,Shawn had a maturity beyond his years. It was a privilegde and honor to have known and worked with him. My deepest sympathy to all family members.D.C Zanghi Pine Valley Central School

Douglas C.Zanghi - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ I had the pleasure of first meeting “Mr. C.” when my son transferred to Upson toward the end of 1999. I can still remember waiting by the outside stairwell after school and hearing the young voices of his Upson Singers drifting out and up into the air of the open music room door. My son would emerge after practice beaming with a newly found interest in music and singing. Shawn had that affect on people. His exuberance and enthusiasm was contagious and you couldn’t help being caught up in it with him.

I remember when he told my son to try out for the Euclid Children’s Chorus, an award winning show choir that he had just founded. He had the uncanny ability to see musical talent in children even before a parent did. Shawn was the type of teacher that both students and parents admired. He always had time to speak to parents and encouraged them to get involved in their child’s choir activities. He had a patient and fun loving attitude that made kids want to give him 110 percent all of the time. Everyone in the audience of Euclid school concerts would sit up and take notice when “Mr. C.” brought his choir on stage, as many a time he would literally steal the show with his unique and effervescent style. A gift that made our kids feel so special.

My son went on to complete 4 straight years in E.C.C. which have left him and myself with enough fond memories for a lifetime. I would have never even known to take my son to the audition if it were not for Mr. C.’s suggestion. My young daughter is now following in her brother’s footsteps and is experiencing her first year in the same choir he founded so long ago.

Although our hearts are heavy and saddened without him here amongst us now, I take some comfort in knowing that the angel’s voices will now sing a little sweeter with Shawn joining in their heavenly choir.

Gods Speed, Shawn. We will always remember the gift of music

you've taught our children to love and appreciate.

*The Cirelly Family
John, Valerie, Johnny & Xena*

Valerie Cirelly - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *My sincerest condolences in the loss of Shawn. I met him about 1 year ago at the YMCA in Willoughby. He played racquetball with our group during lunch. He was a great person and I am proud to have known him. He brought a lot of joy to my life and was truly a good person. I will miss him. My prayers and thoughts are with your family. God Bless.*

Mike Koons - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *He was my favorite teacher.
Ms.Manno's class would say that about him too and my whole class made his family cards.He will be missed by all.*

patrick roberts - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ He was a great teacher I had him for 6 years. He was also my choir teacher for four years. I'm really going to miss him he was like a brother to me. My wishes and prayers go out to the family of a wonderful man. I'm sure going to miss him. By the way I'm a 10 year old student at Upson Elementary School. I can really relate to the pain you guys are having without a husband and/or dad.. It is very hard to go to school and know he is gone. When I found out he died I knew my heart was breaking into pieces. I will always love him even though he is in heaven but good news is he will be resurrected and be back on earth to live again. I can not even remember ever walking out sad or upset out of the music room R.I.P.Mr. C I love you and miss you.

Heather Markulin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Debbie,
I never Met you or your children and i only met Shawn once or twice But i feel i no your family very well because of Susan Tressa. I know that Shawn will be missed very much and my thoughts and prayers are with you, the kids and your whole family during these hard times.

Judy Holmes Tressa - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heart goes out to Mr. C's family. My daughter was in his special Upson Singers for a few years and loved him very much. He always made each performance a memory. Upson Elementary School will never be the same without his presence.

Jan Markulin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ MY SON DANIEL ATTENDED UPSON FROM 2000-2004 FOR K-3RD GRADE. MR. C WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND HE HAD A WONDERFUL TALENT THAT HE SHARED WITH ALL WHO KNEW HIM. IT WAS JUST AMAZING WHAT HE COULD TEACH THESE YOUNG CHILDREN. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND NEVER FORGOTTEN.
THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:
THE CONWAY FAMILY
EUCLID OHIO

BARBARA CONWAY - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Shawn's family.*

May you rest in peace, Sax.

Robin

Robin aka Hunsbun - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Our sympathies go out to Shawn's wife and children. We played softball with him but didn't get the opportunity to really get to know him. He was always so focused on the game but he seemed like a nice person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Aimee and Matt

Aimee Shinhearl - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To all of Shawn\'s family,
He will be greatly missed!!!!!!!!!! I know that he is up there looking
down on all of us. He is in peace now!!!

Tammy Beckett Tressa - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Shawn T. Colvenbach

Judy Vogler - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I have known Shawn for a very long time as he grew up with my
children. I was privileged to be able to accompany Shawn when he
sang for our Church. Such a great talent, I shall miss him.

Lyn Hann - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy goes to Shawns wife and children.I was
happy to have gotten to know Shawn.Online and in person at Ritas
live euchre tourney in kentucky.I will miss him dearly.He might of
been a shit at times but you had to love him.I am still in shock I just
can\'t belive this happened to a wonderful person as Shawn even
though he knew how to push our buttons but we loved him.He now
is in heaven with our lord jesus may he rest in peace and we at
yeuchre will always remember him as he was.Shawn I will miss
you.God Bless his family

JoAnn aka countrygirl19575 - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Sax,
I remember our trip home from Toronto and breaking down in New York. Gosh what a trip. My sympathies go out to your family. May you rest in peace.
Lori Meyer

Lori Meyer - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Shawn was just such a neat person to know. He was just so much fun to be around. He was so talented as a musician, and he had a way of getting all of us young and old as excited about music as he was. I will miss that laugh of his you know, like when you caught him off guard with something you said or did. I will miss the after choir get togethers for snack time when a few us choir buddies would get together at various restaurants all of that singing usually made us pretty hungry and thirsty and even the occasional karaoke establishment where we would practice up still more on our singing skills. I am deeply saddened that I will not get to see my friend again on this earth, and I will miss him very, very much.*

Debbie & Kids, we love you guys and we're ready to help with anything we can. We're just a phone call away.

Suzanne D. Matheke - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Shawn, I can't believe your gone. Your song will sing forever, and always in my heart. The lives you touched with music, faith, and teaching are countless. You were my honorary "kid brother" and always my soul mate in music and faith. SonRise christian music came alive because of your gifts, talents, and love of music. I will carry your song forward until we sing again together in your heavenly choir. Love, Susan Tressa*

Susan Tressa - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Debbie, My deepest sympathies goes out to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep my number and call me anytime you wanna talk.
RIP Shawn, you will be missed very much. Keeping singing sweetie.
Love ya. Naynay*

Renee Wright NayNay - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to you Debbie and beloved children. Words cannot express how we feel right now. I enjoyed bowling with Shawn on Sunday mornings, playing softball, playing poker, Euchre, watching football, watching movies and watching fireworks from the swimming pool. I still recall the day Shawn bowled an 835 series along with a 299 game on 3/29/98 on the lanes to the right of me. He was so happy. Nothing can take those memories away!*

Bill, Nancy, Kevin and Matthew

Bill and Nancy Oravec - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Shawn, I am going to miss the fun we always had when ever we were together.*

Debbie, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids.

Cindy

Cindy Somerville darts4me1 - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *It is with heavy heart I think back to happy times. You will be missed my kind friend!*

Robert Flagg - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Debbie,*

You and your children are in my thoughts and prayers. Shawn was such a motivator for the students. I will never forget when Shawn approached the second grade teachers at Upson and asked us to be part of the winter concert. We had a blast singing "The Everlasting Fruitcake" dressed in our country garb. His legacy will live on in your children.

God bless all of you!

Sincerely,

Joanne Kucharski Schimizzi

Joanne Kucharski Schimizzi - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Debbie and Shawn's kids. Shawn and I never met, but I could feel in his voice that he was a man of great heart and character. I'm proud to have had one of my songs performed by the choir he directed.*

Love,

Allan Licht

Orange, California

Allan Licht - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ sax will remember you always after flipping that coin into my coffee rest in peace my friend.

Jerry Pannell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the pain or the loss you feel. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Heather

Heather Gunnell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ God be with your family ShawnSax, such a good friend. I will never forget all the tournies and the fun we had!

Debra King - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting you in person Shawn. I am glad I had to chance to meet you online in cases. Rest in piece Shawn. You will be in our hearts forever. Thoughts and Prayers are with your family in this time of sorrow.

Nicolehappygirlinky1974 - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My deepest sympathies to Shawn\'s family. He will be missed! It\'s amazing how someone can touch your life....even someone you rarely see in person. Rest in Peace Shawn. You, your wife and children are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Vore Lisa_Loner - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Shawn was a super friend and a great person. I am truly sorry and saddened and my condolences go to Debbie, her family and all our Pine Valley Classmates. He will be missed and remembered as a fantastic guy. I still can't beleive he's gone. Sandy

Sandra Richter - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Shawn, thanks for all the laughs and memories. You will be missed my friend. I will keep your wife and kids in my thoughts. Rest in Peace

Carol - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sax, Was awesome meeting you in Luville. You made a special point of tracking me down to say goodbye. Thank you for touching my life. I will miss you.....Until we meet again.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family

Barbara Sleightbarbieincase - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I enjoyed the short time I knew Shawn. He was a wonderful musician, dedicated to Sophisticated Swing. We will miss him.

Andy Kenen - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Sax... you will be so missed by us all at yeuchre... your smile, your laugh, your voice, your sense of fun! We'll be listening for that golden voice and sax playing in the heavens*

RIP Shawn and prayers and thoughts to your lovely wife and kids

Dancin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I'm an organist that Shawn employed on occasion. I last worked with him 3 weeks ago. He was a wonderful professional and I will miss him.*

Michon Koch Missy - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Our Dearest Sympathies. Our prayers are with you.*

Jim, Jill, Ricky and Monica

James Kenney - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *What memories you've left for me Sax ... your songs, your humor, your laugh & your smiles.*

I will miss you so very much.

Debbie ... you & your children are in my thoughts & prayers.

Rita Martin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Shawn you will be missed by many...it was great meeting you at live euchre tourneys....will miss your infectious smile. Hugssss*

Sharon Doell Sharacraft - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM