



## Mr. Tyler Lake Preston

May 5, 1968 - July 24, 2014

Tyler Lake Preston, age 46 of Knoxville, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2014 in the comfort of his home. Tyler was born in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania in May of 1968 to Stephen Preston and Gaye Whittaker. He was raised in Olathe, KS and is a graduate of The Bartow School. He graduated the University of Kansas with a degree in Political Science and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Tyler was a pilot and the owner and operator of Preston Aircraft, Inc. based in Alcoa, TN. Tyler was preceded in death by his parents Stephen Preston, Gaye Whittaker, and stepfather Gary Whittaker; his son Alexander; and his brother Lane. Tyler is survived by his wife, Catherine; brother, Reed; and step-siblings Kim, Carroll, Tom, Kristin, and Kevin; niece, Caroline; nephew, Jenner; and many wonderful friends. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday, July 28th, 2014 at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with a Memorial Service to follow at 5:00 pm. A celebration of Tyler's life will be held after the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Tyler's honor to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com). Arrangements provided by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel  
6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

**JUL** **Celebration of Life Gathering** 05:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Reed,  
When I learned that Tyler passed away, my heart sank. Even though he was three years younger than me, he was matured beyond his years. I will always remember that contagious laugh he had. We would joke in the hallways, and he would lightly punch me in the arm as we would laugh about something ridiculous. He was so similar to you in many ways, and I miss you both so much. I am so sorry for your loss, and my prayers go out to you and your family during this very difficult time. I will remember Tyler as the younger brother of my good friend, who was always the "cool kid" and so much fun to be around. Never an awkward moment. Never a harsh word, always smiling and enjoying life. He will be greatly missed, but his spirit will be with us forever. May he rest in peace.  
Alex Fitch, Barstow, '82

Alex Fitch - August 06, 2014 at 11:52 PM

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“ Heard of Tyler's passing today, and heartbroken to hear it. Sending condolences to Reed and Catherine and the rest of his extended family.

I will always remember a strong, courageous, and very decent man who suffered - like Reid - more than anyone's share of grief. He was a wonderful father to his late son Alexander, and a wonderful son, husband, and friend. May he rest in peace.

Mairéad Martin  
State College, PA

Mairead Martin - August 03, 2014 at 12:29 PM

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“ Tyler will be remembered by all - his laugh, huge smile and happy heart said it all. I have many wonderful memories in that red car of his - usually I was worried we wouldn't make it wherever we were going. I am so glad that Tyler got to spend his years with the love of his life. heartfelt condolences for a loss too early. Gillian Chapman '86 Barstow

Gillian Chapman - July 28, 2014 at 05:04 PM

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“ Catherine,

Deb and I want to send you and your family our deepest heartfelt condolences. You are in our prayers and thoughts and please let us know if there is anything we can do

for you!

Mike Taylor

Mike Taylor - July 28, 2014 at 09:35 AM

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“ Tyler had a heart of gold and would have given a total stranger the shirt off his back. May you rest in peace Tyler and be surrounded by beautiful poetry, You are in my prayers and will never be forgotten.

Carrie McReynolds

carrie mcreynolds - July 27, 2014 at 08:45 AM

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“ I have nothing but good memories of Tyler from Barstow. An all-around excellent guy. I think of him smiling and laughing, making the rest of us laugh with him. And kind to everyone, remarkably so for a high school kid. My heart goes out to his family, who have suffered so much.

- Tracy Hudson, Barstow class of '86

Tracy Hudson - July 26, 2014 at 04:13 PM

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“ Reed, I am so sorry to hear about Tyler's death. I taught 4th grade to you and Tyler. I believe you were in my class at Spring Hill Elementary, and Tyler was in my class at Hilltop. Tyler was such a spunky, bright, delightful boy! He had an ornery twinkle in his eyes! I have fond memories of both of you boys and your mom. Please know that I am thinking about you at this time.

Trudy (Cindric) Peterson

Trudy Peterson - July 26, 2014 at 10:28 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out the Tyler and the family. Tyler was a great spirit in school and I was grateful to have grown up with him, graduate his class at Barstow and through KU. He was always laughing. I recall many a nights at the Preston home in Kansas, with Jamie, Tyler, Ms. Preston etc. sharing stories, a glass of wine and good conversation. Steve Mensch

Steve Mensch - July 25, 2014 at 11:30 PM