



Blaine K. Morrow

October 2, 1996 - October 7, 2019

Blaine Kyle Morrow beloved son, brother, friend, teammate, and Colleague—died on Monday, October 7, 2019 at his family home in Grand Island, NE. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday morning at the Grand Island Evangelical Free Church at 10 am. Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 5-8 pm, also at the church.

He was 23 years old and employed at the Academies of Grand Island Senior High. He was born Oct 2, 1996 in Hays Kansas to Greg and Tracy (Ortegren) Morrow. Throughout his life Blaine approached everything he did with passion and energy. He was a thoughtful and deeply caring person, driven to make a positive difference in the lives of those he knew.

Blaine's drive and passion was most outwardly visible through his many athletic achievements. He excelled in multiple sports in High School and was a three-year starter in Football at Hastings College. Less visible and widely known was his drive to achieve off the field of athletic competition. He was a scholar student his whole life always working hard to learn, not just earn a grade. He loved to volunteer and enjoyed volunteering at Royal Family Kids Camp each year. He was passionate about impacting the lives of young people and was eager to pursue a career working with children. His passion and desire to achieve at times caused him to struggle with placing unreasonable pressures on himself. Perhaps this, or other things we will never

understand, led to him choosing to end his short life just days after his 23rd birthday.

Blaine loved the outdoors, especially spending time at the Farm. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, traveling to the mountains and working outside. He was never the most talented player, student, hunter or fisherman, but his work ethic, drive and love of competition helped him rise to the top in everything he did. He loved playing chess, cards, and any board game that offered intellectual challenge.

Blaine leaves behind to cherish his memory his fiance, Marlana Ramirez and her parents Hector and Corina Ramirez and sisters Elizabeth and Beatriz Ramirez of Grand Island; his parents; two brothers, Jacob Morrow and Carter Morrow both of Grand Island; a sister-in-law Angelica Carlini Morrow; his grandparents Harold and Donna Ortegren of Marquette NE, and Bob and Veldeen Morrow of O'Neill NE; and his much loved aunts, uncles, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his great grandfather, Roy Ortegren and great grandmother Mary Jean Pinkerman.

Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Blaine K. Morrow*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to the family, May God wrap you in His arms in this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Dennis & Roxanne Ryan*

Dennis & Roxanne Ryan - October 25, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *Greg and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. No words can help to ease your sorrow but I pray that God will give you comfort during your grief. May he strengthen you all in the days and weeks ahead. Kathy (Larson) Crook*

kathy crook - October 15, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *I am so very, very sorry for your loss. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kami Faust - October 14, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *Greg, Tracy and the Morrow family, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God give you all the peace, comfort and strength to get you through this time of sorrow. Monica Ratkovec Eaton*

monica eaton - October 12, 2019 at 11:28 PM

SB

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all for the loss of your wonderful son. May your dear friends, family and faith help give you peace.

Sincerely,
Shannon and Susan Bolan

Susan Bolan - October 12, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ I was very fortunate to get to know blaine thru my son dallas he was paired with the hastings football team and blaine was the one chosen to keep in contact with dallas they would go bowling once a month for 2 yrs he really helped my son feel like a normal kid before he passed away in august i am so sorry for your loss of ur son he was a great guy

Brandy Wellons - October 11, 2019 at 11:10 PM

SF

“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the loss of this wonderful young man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. -Drew and Sarah Fothergill

Sarah J Fothergill - October 11, 2019 at 01:32 PM

KH

“ I didn't have the chance to meet Blaine. But he was my daughter's favorite teacher and she talked about him often. He will be missed by so many. Prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Kelly & Karly Hooper

Kelly Hooper - October 11, 2019 at 12:01 PM

ES

“ My condolences to Greg and Tracy in the loss of their son. May God give them the strength and encouragement at this time of need. Tracy's parents posted many pictures on Facebook of Blaine and his many accomplishments. Blaine will be greatly missed as he touched so many lives. Ed Shoup, Orange, CA.

Ed Shoup - October 10, 2019 at 10:37 PM

CE

“ We are so sorry to hear about Blaine passing away. Your family is in our prayers. Losing a loved one is never easy. God Bless you all!
The Emerys,
Greg, Charlene, Hillary and Brody



Charlene Emery - October 10, 2019 at 09:58 PM



Brittany Seawell

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. It is never easy to face the death of a loved one, but you have a whole community behind you.



Brittany Seawell - October 10, 2019 at 06:10 PM

Kena
Ramirez

“ *Mr. Morrow was an amazing teacher, for this being his first year teaching he really made sure the students were taken care of. I will always remember going into his classroom and him smiling and just asking me about my day, making sure his students understood the topic being taught. I will never forget his welcoming smile and too short of pants he always wore. Us as students just need to realize not only us students go through hard times but also teachers, we all just need to be there for one another. Thank you Mr. Morrow for making class worth while. My prayers are with the family always.*



Kena Ramirez - October 10, 2019 at 04:17 PM

LJ

“ *I did not know Blaine personally, but I do know his mother and grandparents. Knowing them, I know Blaine had to be an exceptional young man. Our son-in-law shared a room with Blaine on occasion at GISH. He spoke very highly of Blaine. Our hearts break for you as all struggle to understand the why. Please know many people are holding your family up in prayer. I pray for God's comfort and strength as you navigate these next days, weeks, and months. I am so sorry for your loss.*
Lori Jacobsen

Lori Jacobsen - October 10, 2019 at 03:47 PM

KR

I did not know Blaine...or you his family. Please know...even though given that information...I am deeply saddened for the family and friends left behind. Breaks my heart to hear of his passing and you the family will forever feel this Loss, this pain. Know hearts are pouring love, compassion and comfort to you all. God bless you...and may he find peace in the ever after.

Kate Ruger - October 10, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.*



October 10, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Blaine was a dedicated user of Hastings College Perkins Library, along with his friends. We shared many a "good morning" and "good night" or "have a great weekend" greetings because he was in the library that often. Blaine and I had occasion to speak often, albeit about current events, the weather, school work, etc., but he was such a pleasant, nice young man. He had a close cohort of friends and I know he will be missed greatly by all those who knew and loved him. Sending prayers to his family and friends, to everyone who knew and was impacted by his too-short life.*

Susan Franklin

Susan Franklin - October 10, 2019 at 12:47 PM

DW

“ *Blaine was a positive, curious and accepting student in the classroom. He enjoyed a challenge that made him think. His smile, kind heart and welcoming nature was beautiful to see. He was one of a kind and I know his absence will be deeply felt by the entire community. I only recently learned of his choice to go into teaching and to be at GISH. I remember thinking it was a perfect match for him. I know in my heart that even in his short time there he made a difference in the lives of his students and colleagues.*



Dina Wingfield - October 10, 2019 at 10:58 AM

TM

“ *Thompson family Richard, Karla and family, Grandma Marilyn purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.*



Thompson family Richard, Karla and family, Grandma Marilyn - October 10, 2019 at 06:50 AM

BV

“ *We are so blessed to have gotten to know Blaine , he is one of the most kindness thoughtful young man I have ever met in my life .*
Beatrice & Hector. Vasquez



beatrice vasquez - October 10, 2019 at 12:17 AM

CB

“ I was privileged to have Blaine as a student. He was an exceptional person and student. His hard work and competitive drive were only surpassed by an insightful intellect and a naturally friendly demeanor that combined to earn success in all aspects of his life. He will be missed. I am deeply saddened by the loss of a young man that was predestined to make the world a better place!

Craig Burchess - October 09, 2019 at 11:37 PM

KO

“ So very sorry about Blaine. My daughter was in sports with him and in his graduating class. She didn't know him well, but the few times she talked with him, she thought he was one of the nicest people she's ever met. My heart goes out to your family and his fiancé. ❤️

Kom - October 09, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.



October 09, 2019 at 09:42 PM

DE

“ Blaine first invited me over to play “mini” basketball with him and his brothers friends when I was a junior. I knew of the kids there but wasn't close to any of them, but Blaine made me feel like part of the group. We also worked a couple of summers together while in college. He had the greatest work ethic and never complained. I strive everyday to be more like Blaine. He will have a lasting impact on me.

Devon - October 09, 2019 at 08:52 PM



Loved feeding the boys after playing basketball with Milan, such a sweet young man!!

Janelle Collins - October 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM

DC

We are so very sorry for your loss. We did not know Blaine, but Jacob was one of our grandson's track coaches at Westridge and is a very nice person, so we can only imagine that Blaine was too. We have heard nothing but wonderful things about Blaine, so be assured that he has definitely left his mark on the world. There is no understanding why some things happen, but please know that even people who did not personally know Blaine are feeling your sorrow also, and we are praying for your family.

*Mike & Deb Cleary
Caleb Vokes*

Deb Cleary - October 10, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.*



October 09, 2019 at 08:41 PM

DR

“ *It is impossible to express what a kind, thoughtful, and talented young man Blaine was. I can only say it was an honor to teach him. I hope his wonderful family knows that there will be many who feel the same way and will be praying you through this.*

Deb Rohrich - October 09, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.



October 09, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.



October 09, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ Sandra J Dempsey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.



Sandra J Dempsey - October 09, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Blaine K. Morrow.



October 09, 2019 at 05:35 PM