



Sam Foltz

January 21, 1994 - July 23, 2016

Samuel Noah Foltz, 22 of Greeley and Grand Island, went to his Heavenly home Saturday, July 23, 2016 as the result of a car accident near Merton, WI.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 518 West State Street, Grand Island, Nebraska. Family burial of ashes will be in the Greeley Cemetery. Father Donald Buhrman will be the Celebrant.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 3-8 p.m. Friday with family greeting friends beginning at 4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. A Christian Wake Service will begin at 8 p.m. also at the church.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Sam was born January 21, 1994 at Grand Island the son of Gerald and Jill (Glesinger) Foltz.

He was raised on the family farm near Greeley. Sam attended Greeley Public School through third grade, then attended Grand Island Public Schools and graduated in 2012. Sam was a four sport lettering athlete in football, basketball, track and baseball. In addition Sam was an Honor Roll student.

Following his dream to be a “Husker” Sam walked on to the University of Nebraska Football Team earning a football scholarship in 2014. Sam’s academic and athletic honors are: Ray Guy Award Watch List (2016), Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year (2015), First-Team All-Big Ten (Coaches, Media, AP, Phil Steele, ESPN.com, 2015), Ray Guy Award Watch List (2015), Honorable-Mention All Big-Ten (Coaches, 2014), Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. McNeese State, 2014, at Illinois, 2015), Big Ten All-Freshman Team (BTN, 2013), Four-Time Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2014, 2015; Spring 2013, 2015), Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award (2016), Brook Berringer Citizenship Team (2016), Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2016) and Named to Franco’s List (2015).

Sam never lost his love for small town ways. Sam made friends with everyone he met. Sam was always the first person to show up to help others and made everyone he talked to feel like they were the most important person in that moment. Sam loved to be on the farm and had a knack for just showing up when help was needed the most. Sam was an outdoor enthusiast, he was a “regular” at the annual “deer camp”, can call coyotes and waterfowl with the best and loved fishing. Sam’s family and the Lord were his rock.

Survivors of the immediate family include his parents, Gerald and Jill Foltz; his brother, Jordan (Marissa) Foltz of Greeley; sisters, Caroline (Brandon) Perry of Aurora and Betsy Foltz of Grand Island; nephews, Lane and Max Foltz and niece, Preslee Perry; his paternal grandparents, Francis and Elaine Foltz of Greeley and maternal grandparents, Bob and Eleanor Glesinger of Spalding and uncles, aunts and cousins.

A Sam Foltz scholarship fund will be established.

Cemetery Details

Greeley Cemetery

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 29. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Christian Wake Service

JUL 29. 8:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Foltz*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of this tragic loss.*



Ann M Stokman - November 08, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ *I found myself tearing up (and one time actually crying-with-a-hankie) 3 times today thinking about the tribute on September 3. I am a 2004 graduate of UNL currently living in Minnesota. I wanted to write to let you know that I said a prayer for Sam.*

Anna Knier - September 06, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ *So sorry to read of the tragic loss of your Sam, so young with all is life to live.
The pain of losing a loved one can be so overwhelmingly sad.
Our heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces' Isaiah 25:8.
What a wonderful future hope that is.*

d mullins - August 11, 2016 at 06:03 PM

GK

“ Remember Sam, Ryker and buddies would come in for lunch at Coney Island he was a great guy will be missed glad i got to know him god bless! George Katrouzos!

George Katrouzos - August 08, 2016 at 09:09 PM

RJ

“ I send My Condolences to all who loved and cared about Sam Foltz although I did not know him he was a great Punter for The Huskers he will always be in my heart and memory forever as such he was my Favorite Punter on special teams Sam's Fan 4 ever Rich Jazbec

Rich Jazbec - August 04, 2016 at 01:27 AM

CL

“ We knew Sam through our son, John. He had great respect for Sam and looked forward to their many talks about their punting and pre game chats. Blessings to your family during this unthinkable time. I pray the incredible legacy Sam left behind will help heal the pain. Sam will not be forgotten.

camille lloyd - August 02, 2016 at 06:56 AM

TO

“ I only knew Sam as a great punter on the Husker team, but there was so much more I didn't know until after his passing. He was an authentic Nebraska soul...and I think that is was touchs and yes, hurts all of us Nebraskans. While it seems that there should have been much more to his life, his legacy is frozen in time as a great man, great christian and a great Husker! Parents, you raised him well. I will keep you all in my prayers!

Tony
Columbus

Tony - August 01, 2016 at 02:33 PM

CH

“ To the friends and family of Sam - my deepest sympathies. As a Husker fan, I unfortunately only knew of Sam for his accomplishments on the field. But this week, I've learned so much about what a wonderful person he was off the field, I feel as though I've lost someone I've known my whole life. As a Husker living outside of Nebraska, I hope that Sam's friends and family know that their loss is being shared across the country, in every home that cheers for the guys wearing the big red "N" on Saturdays in the fall. Our thoughts, prayers, and tears are with you all during this time.
#RIP27
-Courtney Holthus
Nebraska Native and UNL Class of 2006

Courtney Holthus - July 30, 2016 at 05:16 PM

DS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Foltz family. When I heard the news this brought me back to April 1996 and the news of Brook B. I was on the bus to Goodland, KS for Brook's funeral. This is a tough day for the huskers and Nebraska fans and his family.

I never knew Sam but what I read about the walk on from Greeley, he was a great person. Such a tragic loss and we will be thinking about you in the coming days.

Damon Schmadeke

Class of 1995 Nebraska Football

Damon Schamdeke - July 30, 2016 at 04:22 PM

RM

“ our thoughts and prayers to the Family of Sam Foltz, it is such a Great loss to our Husker Nation and to Our Husker Family, his loss is felt to the ends of the Earth, all our Love , From Mr and Mrs Ralph Marquez , Scottsbluff Ne.

Ralph and Kimberly Marquez - July 30, 2016 at 10:29 AM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Foltz family. You are an inspiration to many, many people. We didn't know you in person but your name existed in our home on Husker Game Day. Now your name will be mentioned in our prayers at mass every weekend. Rest in Peace. Pray for us..

Clarence and Margie Rood- Gering,NE

Clarence & Margie Rood - July 30, 2016 at 09:38 AM

KL

“ All of us in Husker Nation knew Sam Foltz the football player. Most of us unfortunately never knew Sam Foltz the person. Over this week, I and others who never met him have learned so much about what a kind, caring, loving, hard working yet humble individual he was. He represented so much about what makes our football program and our state great. He will never be forgotten and will be sure to inspire others down the road to follow in his footsteps. God bless Sam, his family, and friends who helped make him who he was.

*Ken L.
Lincoln*

Kenneth Laws - July 30, 2016 at 04:31 AM

BP

“ *Bob P. purchased the Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker for the family of Sam Foltz.*



Bob P. - July 29, 2016 at 03:25 PM

PB

“ *Pam Billington lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Pam Billington - July 29, 2016 at 01:54 PM

BO

“ *Gerald, Jill, Grand Parents and family. So sorry to hear of your sudden and tragic loss. Never did meet Sam, He must of been a fine, loving and giving young man for those who knew him had nothing but high regard for him. He learned well from his Dad and Mom for I've known them for a long time and they are same as Sam . Sorry we can't be there to help yall through this sad time. Know that we are there in thought and prayers that the good Lord will help you through this time. There is no words to ease the pain , but they say when your work is done here The Lord will call you home. I've known several people in my life that have been called home too early. It will be great to see them all again when the good Lord calls me. Love Bob Pritchard and family.*

Bob - July 29, 2016 at 01:39 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to the Foltz family and friends. We share in your sorrow of a great young man and an awesome role model for children. We didn't know Sam personally except his astounding athletic ability while watching Nebraska football games but got to know Sam more by lately reading in the newspaper, on the Internet and listening to local and national sports TV channels and hearing people talk in our neighboring farm community what an outstanding, compassionate, caring, giving, humble, Christian, intelligent and gifted young man he was.! Sam's memories will be cherished forever. So sorry for your loss.

Rochelle Stepanek - July 29, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DC

“ Deb N Jim Cacy lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz



Deb N Jim Cacy - July 29, 2016 at 09:03 AM

LB

“ Love, Tanner Hedden & Mariah Bigelow purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sam Foltz.



Love, Tanner Hedden & Mariah Bigelow - July 29, 2016 at 08:59 AM

KS

“ WITH MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FOLTZ FAMILY

KRISTI SMITH

SCOTTSDALE, AZ

KRISTI SMITH - July 29, 2016 at 12:46 AM

AN

“ ROMANS 14 : 8 states " For whether we live ,
we live unto the LORD ; and whether we die,
we die unto the LORD : whether we live
therefore, or die, we are the LORD'S. "



Dear Jill and family :

I would like to express my deepest heartfelt condolence . Sam is a picture of an excellent and peculiar person. He is now a citizen in GOD's paradise.

annie - July 28, 2016 at 09:00 PM

LD

“ Love, Tom, Kathy, Katlyn, Morgan & Alicia
Donovan purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree
for the family of Sam Foltz.



Love, Tom, Kathy, Katlyn, Morgan & Alicia Donovan - July 28,
2016 at 05:02 PM

KS

“ As a huge Nebraska fan, the loss of Sam is felt like he was a part of my family. I had the pleasure of participating in the Uplifting Athletes 5K with Sam and all the other Nebraska football players. What a fine young man and a great example for our youth. Sam will be greatly missed not only by his family, but the entire State of Nebraska! My deepest sympathy to your entire family.



*Kelly Souder
Omaha, NE*

Kelly Souder - July 28, 2016 at 04:38 PM

GH

“ *Gina Hopek lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Gina Hopek - July 28, 2016 at 02:55 PM

BB

“ *I never met your son, but I wanted to let you know me and my family are praying for your sudden and heart wrenching loss. What I do know of Sam is he was not only the kind of teammate you wanted on your team, but he was also the kind of young man who was a genuine person, and in today's world, that's not always common. Also, as a former Islander and a life long Husker fan, I can tell you your son made all of Islander and Husker Nations proud, both on and off the field. May you rest in peace Sam.*

Bryan Bydalek - July 28, 2016 at 02:04 PM

CF

“ *Coach Jeff Jamrog and Midland University Football purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sam Foltz.*



Coach Jeff Jamrog and Midland University Football - July 28, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 28, 2016 at 11:50 AM

TB

“ *Dear Foltz Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Every time, I saw Sam run onto the field, I was filled with Greeley pride. My Mom & Dad are from Greeley (Frank & Ruth Barrett) Grandfather Fritz is life-long friend. Sam inspired so many folks to work hard & chase their passion. Incredible family doing incredible acts for others. God Bless, Tom Barrett & Family*

Tom Barrett - July 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 28, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Rip u great husker!!!!*

cory - July 28, 2016 at 09:36 AM



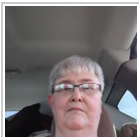
“ *Rest easy Sam. You will be missed. We love you Sam* ❤️

Kimberly Anderson - July 28, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ *April Dostal lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*

April Dostal - July 28, 2016 at 01:22 AM



“ *so sorry for your loss prayers gary dolly gable love from Lincoln nebraska*

Dolly Gable - July 28, 2016 at 01:05 AM





“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 28, 2016 at 12:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the whole family and close friends.*

Julie Serr - July 27, 2016 at 11:49 PM



“ *Our daughter, Skyler, was a four year varsity cheerleader at GISH so her father and I went to a lot of football / basketball games. She too moved on to UNL after high school so, of course, more football games. We were SO proud of our hometown "son" Sam making his mark on the Division I stage in a big way, not only athletically but also academically and personally as well. Our hearts break for your entire family - Sam will be truly missed. May all of your wonderful memories of Sam bring you peace and healing one day.*



Randy and Sue Barlow - July 27, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ *Christi Cooley lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Christi Cooley - July 27, 2016 at 11:02 PM

TC

“ *The HuskerMax Community purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Sam Foltz.*



The HuskerMax Community - July 27, 2016 at 10:46 PM

Phil
Morrow

“ *Foltz family, my deepest sympathies to your family on the loss of this great young man. My son and I attended the kicking camp this past weekend. Sam gave the young men a very motivational speech about his journey to punting in college. But the speech was more about believing in yourself and reaching for your dreams. My son and I talked on the way to our hotel that night about how well spoken and sincere he was. He inspired us both that night. There was quite a crowd around him after so we never had a chance to meet him and thank him for taking the time to talk to all of us. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful person with us. You all are in our prayers.*

The Morrow family

Phil Morrow - July 27, 2016 at 10:04 PM

SD

I didn't know Sam but I do know his Grandparents Fritz & Elaine. I was born and raised in Greeley NE. I can't imagine the pain the Foltz family are going through now but God must have needed a VERY SPECIAL ANGEL to call him home so soon. The Foltz family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope God puts his arms around each and every one of you and help you get through this terrible time.

Shirley (Thompson) Daniel

RIP Sam ❤️

Shirley Daniel - July 28, 2016 at 07:42 PM

DM

“ *David Max lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



David Max - July 27, 2016 at 10:02 PM

JS

“ *John And Betty Stratman lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



John and Betty Stratman - July 27, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Though we never had the pleasure of meeting Sam, as a Husker fan, we loved him! We cannot know your heartbreak with your loss, but we mourn him with you! We pray God & Sam surrounds you with comfort & peace knowing he is safe in the arms of his Heavenly Father. Stay strong, & feel Husker Nation's love around you. Condolences from the Noeller family (Cheyenne, WY via Nebraska City, NE)*

Kara Noeller - July 27, 2016 at 08:52 PM

JA

“ *I only knew Sam through Jill's stories of him .My heart is breaking for your family. Joyce Aspen*

Joyce Aspen - July 27, 2016 at 08:37 PM

NW

“ I'm a Nebraska Husker fan living in Dallas, TX. I've read so much about Sam in the past few days. All of Husker Nation is heartbroken. I pray God surrounds you in a peace cocoon as you mourn the loss of your outstanding son. May God bless you ...
Nancy Tomek Wilcher

Nancy Tomek Wilcher - July 27, 2016 at 08:21 PM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathies Jill and Gerald and family. Our prayers are with you.

Jim and Janet Riese - July 27, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.



July 27, 2016 at 07:06 PM

AS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this most difficult time. I never had the chance to meet Sam personally but Roy visited with him several times in Greeley and said he was just as friendly as his grandfather Fritz and father. Got to know his brother through EMTS and my heart aches for all of you. He left such an impression on so many people and will be our angel forever. Roy and Anita Stam

Anita Stam - July 27, 2016 at 06:57 PM

KJ

“ *My Heart goes out to you and all the families. Sam will be truly missed. He was such an awesome man on and off the field. I enjoyed watching him play on Saturdays. I have watched him grow from a boy to a wonderful man. May God bring you Peace.*



Kay Johnson - July 27, 2016 at 06:20 PM

BM

“ *Gerald & Jill..*

Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of Sam.

Sam was such a gentleman with enormous talent.. both athletically & scholastically,

but you would never know it just sitting down & talking with him. He was a very

humble person that used his God given talent to help others become over achievers , just like him...

I know that it has to be difficult to lose a wonderful young man in the prime of his life, but rest assured that we are all praying for you and your family, as is the whole Husker Nation & all of the people & little kids whose life he touched in some way in his 22 years.

Sam is now up in heaven looking down on you & your family.. He is also the Guardian Angel for all of the little kids whose life he touched, who now look up to him & say..."I wanna be just like Sam"....(Faith, Family, Football)

God Bless...

Bill & Patty McQuillan

Bill McQuillan - July 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 27, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ *Your family has such a special place in our hearts. May Gods peace surround you. Love & prayers. Jeri Gibson*

Jeri Gibson - July 27, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ *Jill, I know how much you love your family. They seem to mean everything to you. Our hearts are breaking and we have no words that can make this easier. That being said our hope and promise is in Jesus Christ and Sam knew that first hand. Nothing is more important than knowing that. We want to wrap our arms around you and pray for extraordinary strength for you and your family this week and in the many days to come. God will use Sam's life to touch many people. Sam probably already touched more lives than most of do in a lifetime. May Jesus give you some peace knowing that.*

Mark and Carol Stines

Carol Stines - July 27, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 27, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Cyndi Miller lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Cyndi Miller - July 27, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ *I never met Sam. I, like thousands of other fans watched him faithfully on Saturdays, and boy was he amazing on the field. Despite his enormous talent was this incredible passion to serve God and his fellow man...and that was the true test of your son. The world is certainly a little dimmer without him, but Heaven must be filled with celebration.*

I wish there were things we could all say to ease your pain because he is gone too soon and we are all left with "what ifs" and the "whys". Just know that we are all praying for you, his family and for his teammates. You aren't alone and we were all blessed to share in Sam's life. He certainly made it a better world and I know it's inspired others to carry on with his work.

*Chele Meisenbach
Wayne, NE*

Chele Meisenbach - July 27, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Meet Sam At Fan Days Last Year. Rushed over there to meet him being from G.I. he signed our football and card. I knew he would be a star some day. Gone to soon! R.I.P. #27*

Greg Stimple - July 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM

BF

“ *Bayne Family lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Bayne Family - July 27, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your terrible loss and the loss to all Nebraska Football Fans. We have watched him punt the ball many times at Memorial Stadium. May God grant you comfort and may Sam's soul rest in peace.*

Hannah Christensen - July 27, 2016 at 02:43 PM

JP

“ *Janice And Todd Pospichal lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Janice and Todd Pospichal - July 27, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JP

To the family of Sam. We are so sorry for the loss of your son brother and a Great young man. You all are in our Thoughts and Prayers. May God be with all of you. God Bless your family. Todd and Janice Pospichal

Janice and Todd Pospichal - July 27, 2016 at 02:12 PM

DS

Gerald and Jill are hearts are broken and we are so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and give you strength through this sad time.

Del and Jackie Steinwart - July 27, 2016 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *What an outstanding young man and such a positive role model to our youth! He lives on through all of you. May God give you the strength to get through this very difficult time.*
G.H. and Dee Hanssen

Dee Hansen - July 27, 2016 at 01:51 PM

KH

“ *It was fun watching him play football at Nebraska I what to 2 of his games at Nebraska and it was fun to get to know him it is sand to see him go he was a good play on the field and of the field*

form is friend
Kevin Haglund

kevin haglund - July 27, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JT

“ *I love the Huskers, R.I.P. Sam Foltz.*

Janet Tibbs - July 27, 2016 at 12:59 PM

SF

“ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1Cor 2:9. Heaven is prepared for Sam. Our Husker Nation and Grand Island family will morn his departure with you.

Shaner family - July 27, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.

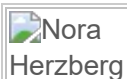


July 27, 2016 at 12:40 PM



“ Please accept my most sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend.....while I did not know Sam personally, it has been a thrill to be able to watch him master his craft and do many wonderful things on and off the football field. He will be missed by Husker Nation, but certainly not ever forgotten. From a loyal Husker fan, Marci Carr, Lincoln, NE.

Marci L. Carr - July 27, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ Although I did not know Sam personally, I always felt like I did. I loved watching him grow as a Husker player on game days. Now I have read so many wonderful things about this young man and see he was a person of great faith. Sending my condolences to his family and fellow Huskers. May God bless you as you continue your healing along this new journey of life. Nora Herzberg Emerson Iowa

Nora Herzberg - July 27, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 27, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Van Newkirk family and Troon Golf purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Sam Foltz.*



Van Newkirk family and Troon Golf - July 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Sam's family and to all who loved him. The Husker Nation mourns!*

mary lou hawkins - July 27, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ *I want send my deepest condolences to the Foltz families..I loved watching Sam play football on Saturdays. He was just an awesome human being..He will be missed but not forgotten. I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ brings you peace in this time of sorrow ..GBR*

Kay Johnson - July 27, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 27, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 27, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sam a man of great character and compassion. He showed that when he spent time with Coach Ken Fischer Islander Football Coach in the hospital during his Shrine Bowl visit. It moved Coach Fischer and made them friends for life. Coach Uhrmacher friend and fan*

Greg Uhrmacher - July 27, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sam's time here on earth was short compared to many but during his 22 years Sam shared his faith and love with his family, friends, dog, Husker Nation, and the world. He touched so many!!!! His legacy will live on for generations to come!. May our Lord wrap his hands around Sam's family and give them peace and comfort as they move forward! RIP Sam!!!!*

D. Andrews - July 27, 2016 at 11:03 AM

BB

“ *Bill & Kathy Bartunek lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Bill & Kathy Bartunek - July 27, 2016 at 10:46 AM

BB

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Foltz Family. Just saw Sam at Uplifting Athletes last weekend....what a Special Young Man. Keeping you all in our Prayers.

Bill & Kathy Bartunek - July 27, 2016 at 10:49 AM

JP

“ *I didn't know you, Sam. Based on everything I've seen written and spoken about you, I wish I had. God bless you. JPG*

JPG - July 27, 2016 at 10:34 AM

LP

“ *May the hidden blessing of deeper faith be accepted by you all. From everything I've heard and read....it appears, that was Sam's core message. Very grateful for his service to Jesus. Bruce and Laurie Phillips*

Laurie Phillips - July 27, 2016 at 10:24 AM

BD

“ *Jill, I am so sorry to hear of your son's accident. I know your family is suffering great pain right now. I will most certainly keep you, family, and Sam in my prayers. Betty Desaire*

Betty Desaire - July 27, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ *Jill and Gerald,
You are in my prayers.
Karen, Geoff & Emily Peterson*



Karen Peterson - July 27, 2016 at 08:34 AM

MK

“ *RIP to a wonderful young man*



Millie Kuwamoto - July 27, 2016 at 08:34 AM

CW

“ *Craig White lit a candle in memory of Sam
Foltz*



Craig White - July 27, 2016 at 08:08 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Mackey lit a candle in memory of Sam
Foltz*



Kathy Mackey - July 27, 2016 at 08:06 AM

LM

“ Praying and thinking about Your family. My heart aches along with many others in Husker Nation! My job takes me to G.I.S.H. everyday and I love looking at Sam's photos on the wall! God Bless you and your family!



Leslie Morris - July 27, 2016 at 12:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.



July 27, 2016 at 12:04 AM

DC

“ So terribly sorry about the loss of your precious son Sam. We only met him a couple times but everything we saw showed what an amazing person he was. Proud of his hometown roots while attaining his Husker dreams and doing it with humbleness and hard work. He was fun to watch on the field. Our son is a RS freshman teammate & they enjoyed Ducks Unlimited together and shared a love for hunting, fishing & football. I know he wishes he had more time to get to know Sam better. Our hearts are broken for all of you. We will lift you up in prayer and you will be in our daily thoughts & prayers as well. Hugs to our fellow Husker family.
The Cleveland family - Paul, Deb, Brody, Annie & Jade

deb cleveland - July 26, 2016 at 11:44 PM

JK

“ We are so very sorry of the loss of your son. Thinking of you and your family! Praying for Sam and for you From one Husker family to another, Jodi and Keith Kreikemeier

Jodi Kreikemeier - July 26, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.



July 26, 2016 at 10:31 PM

JJ

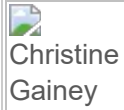
“ My deepest condolences to the Foltz family, Sam's friends, teammates, and Husker fans. He will live in our hearts and we will meet up with Sam again in Heaven. He touched many lives. May the blessings of the Lord be with you all. Janet

Janet Jobs - July 26, 2016 at 10:27 PM

JK

“ To Sam's family and also his Husker family, Our sympathy and prayers are with each of you. So hard to loose one so young.Sam was a wonderful young man and helped many .especially young kids . May special memories bring you some comfort. I am a huge husker fan and I love #27. RIP Sam , God's Blessings to all of you

Judy Knutson - July 26, 2016 at 10:25 PM



Christine Gainey

“ *Christine Gainey lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz*



Christine Gainey - July 26, 2016 at 09:50 PM



JL

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless your family during this difficult time.*

Jessica Liske

Jessica Liske - July 26, 2016 at 09:49 PM



JG

I was so saddened to hear of your loss. Your family has such a special place in my heart. May God continue to bless you with his comfort and peace. My love and prayers are with you.

Jeri Gibson - July 27, 2016 at 07:48 AM



HE

“ *I am so sorry to hear the passing of your son. He was an outstanding young man and was a huge role model for so many young kids. Sometimes its hard to understand how and why God takes the 'good ones' from the earth too soon. Thoughts and prayers!*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Heather Hull*

Heather - July 26, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 26, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *From Bob (CrnhskrBob) and Linda Crockford of Pocatello, Idaho: We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Sam was a fine, young man, taken too soon from this earth. Sam was such a fine, young man, full of life! He will be greatly missed.*

You can rest assure, Sam is, now, at the right side of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Bob (CrnhskrBob) - July 26, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ *My son met Sam Foltz last year at fan day. Sam was very generous with his time and could not have been nicer. Sam really made my son's day and became his favorite player after that. Condolences to Sam's family.*



Brandy McDonnell - July 26, 2016 at 08:31 PM

HH

“ Sending much love, hugs and prayers from Western Nebraska. Sam was a beloved Husker and a fine young man and we share a broken heart with you. We will always remember him and appreciate what a wonderful role model he is for our kids.

hina heggem - July 26, 2016 at 08:27 PM

BR

Prayers... 😞

Brenda Roan - July 26, 2016 at 08:45 PM

NH

“ Prayers to the Foltz family. God will be your strength and rock. Had not met Sam, but did get to know some other Husker football players & athletes, and was so excited to read how Sam's faith played an important part in his life. . . . as it does in the other athletes. Heaven has gained an awesome guy.

Nancy Heinicke - July 26, 2016 at 08:21 PM

AC

“ Please accept my deepest apologies on this tragic accident. The call you received is a parents' nightmare. My prayers to the entire family. I hope you get to express your stories and memories of Sam often and frequent. And, that the tears of sorrow become the tears of joy - the joy he brought to you and all of his Husker family. I'm so very sorry.

-A. Colony, Omaha

Ann Colony - July 26, 2016 at 08:20 PM

KT

“ Thinking and Praying for this Amazing young man's family, friends, teammate's, coaches... Sam you went from being the Nebraska punter...to becoming part of stranger's like me hearts...and souls...Learning about all the Amazing things you have done in your short life...made you even more loved...May God Bless your family...you Sam will be missed! Kim...Scottsbluff, NE.



kim teters - July 26, 2016 at 08:19 PM

Jamie
Tast-
Pasley

“ Family strong, Husker strong! Sam you will be greatly missed by many! Love to you all from topeka!!!



Jamie Tast-Pasley - July 26, 2016 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Sam will be truly missed I got the see Sam play every Saturday in Memorial stadium. Sam is up in Heaven with Brook Berringer looking down on his Husker family. Jennifer Bell



Jennifer Bell - July 26, 2016 at 08:05 PM

TH

“ I met Sam for the first time 2 weeks agos. Talked to him for a short time. Couldn't ask for a nicer guy. I never have ask current players for signatures but he offered to sign a uplifting athletes football for me. I will charish it forever as a reminder of how precious life is. We need more people like him. Foltz family and friends are in my prayers. God Bless

Tom Hauser - July 26, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Sam's family ,I know that heaven as gained a wonderful angel .As a big Husker fan .Rip Sam &GBR



Lori Betsworth - July 26, 2016 at 08:00 PM

KT

“ To Sams parents, brother and sisters and immediate family. I don't know you personally. I feel your loss with all my heart. I'm so sorry. May you find comfort in the Lord at your time of such sorrow and loss of your precious man of strength and beautiful guy I have witnessed on and off the field. Love from a born raised Nebraska girl, loves the Cornhuskers now in Texas! Bless you all.

Karen Yeatman Treadway - July 26, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JA

“ I am only a huge Husker fan, I did not know him or family personally but what a awesome young man he was. I guess God needed him on his team more than our Huskers! Rest in Peace, Sam. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Jayni - July 26, 2016 at 07:57 PM

JE

“ Thoughts & prayers are with you. May God grant you some comfort. Heaven gained an amazing young man.

Jennifer - July 26, 2016 at 07:30 PM

SM

“ Words are so insufficient at this time, but we truly pray that you find comfort and peace knowing Sam blessed many lives. Our son LOVED blocking for #27 and will forever hold dear the memories that only Brothers in Arms can share! May the Lord carry you through the days ahead. With love, from the Moudy's.

Shannon and David Moudy - July 26, 2016 at 07:10 PM

LE

“ From a B1G alumna in NJ please accept thoughts of peace and comfort from Rutgers to the Husker and Spartan families.

Lisa English - July 26, 2016 at 06:55 PM

MS

“ Remembering the days growing up playing Lightning basketball and enjoying watching and cheering for you on game days. Sam, you're one of a kind and you'll be missed by all. God bless your family and friends. The Suchanek family.

mike suchanek - July 26, 2016 at 06:46 PM

Julie
Gappa

“ We are so sorry for your loss, we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Rich, Julie, Jake and Jaci Gappa



Julie Gappa - July 26, 2016 at 06:37 PM

BR

“ Sam's tragic death hit me hard even though I never met him. Seeing everything he did for others and how hard he worked to be the best he could be was inspirational and that inspiration will live on. Rest in peace, Sam.



Brian - July 26, 2016 at 05:59 PM

PW

“ Prayers to Sam's family from Husker fans in Ohio who grew up on farms near Phillips and Aurora.

Paula Wolff - July 26, 2016 at 05:38 PM

LH

A great young man lost so soon and will be missed by many .Praying for him and his family . Rest in Peace . Lena

Lena Henning - July 26, 2016 at 06:29 PM

 Shari Sutcliffe

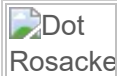
Please know that we are thinking of you and your family during this time of sorrow. It was an honor and a privilege for Jamie to have known Sam, and to have called him a true friend. Jamie is a better man for having known him. - Jamie Sutcliffe and family

Shari Sutcliffe - July 26, 2016 at 09:38 PM

AS

“ I remember watching GISH kill LIncoln Northeast, my alma mater, in football in the fall of 2011. It was the Ryker Fyfe and Sam Foltz show. I was so surprised that Sam ended up being Nebraska's punter but it sure did work out for him. I never got to know him personally but my heart has never hurt so much over the loss of someone I've never met. It's clear that you were an incredible man, and your spirit will always live on here in Nebraska. Prayers continue to go out to your family and friends, Foltzy. 27 forever 🙏

Aaron Steinman - July 26, 2016 at 05:15 PM

 Dot Rosacker

My family and I have attended the Uplifting Athlete's Run every year since it began, as my grandson Aiden was diagnosed with brain cancer at 9 months. He was at Disney Workd this year, but the rest of us went anyway. I am so thankful we did! We got to meet Sam and he was so gracious, warm, and friendly. He took the time to take pictures with my grandchildren and talk with them. I shared the picture of him with my grandson Jhaylen on his twitter page thanking him. I plan on getting a canvas made of it for my grandson and would like to also give one to your family sometime in the near future. You raised a true Nebraska man with a huge heart. May God comfort you in knowing he was so loved by many! God Bless you all!!

Dot Rosacker - July 26, 2016 at 07:11 PM

DD

“ Great young man was taken from us way too soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. We will miss you Sam.



David Day - July 26, 2016 at 04:59 PM

KH

“Gerald, Jill and extended family and friends. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Sam was an inspiration to all, and to the best kind, little kids. From what I have read and heard about him, he was one of a kind and a truly amazing soul to have here on earth. You all have my deepest sympathies and prayers. God will keep him safe and loved. Remember that Sam is always watching over you.

Kristina Hitchler, Brayden and Jacob Ladwig

Kristina Hitchler - July 26, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“My children graduated from Senior High 2012. My son and daughter were in band and color guard. I would go to the football games to watch them at half time. Watching the way Sam and Ryker seemed to play like magic was truly wonderful to see. My prayers are with Sam's family as they try to come to terms with his loss.

Phylis Sullivan - July 26, 2016 at 04:40 PM

MP

“My prayers go out to the Foltz family. My boys Jared and Ryan Pinkerton became friends with Sam through Sam Hahn a high school classmate. I know they thought the world of your son. I got to know Sam a little over the course of the last year. What a wonderful young man. They don't come any better. Thank you for sharing Sam with our family.

Mark Pinkerton

Mark Pinkerton - July 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 26, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ *I had the privilege to be a teammate of Sam's in high school. He was the perfect role model of work ethic, hard work, & Christ first. I will always remember messaging him right after one of his first games as a Husker, and he replied almost instantly. His response was personal and sincere. That's how Sam was, it was never about him. He continued to care even with much bigger things on his slate. I admire Sam for his excellence on and off the field.*

Seth Roberg, Grand Island NE

Seth Roberg - July 26, 2016 at 04:22 PM

“I’ll lend you for a little time,
A child of mine,” God said;
“For you to love the while he lives,
And mourn for when he’s dead.
It may be four or five years,
Or twenty-two or three
But will you, ’till I call him back
Take care of him for Me?

He’ll bring his charms to gladden you,
And shall his stay be brief
You’ll have his lovely memories,
As solace for your grief

I cannot promise he will stay,
Since all from earth return
But there are lessons taught down there,
I want this child to learn
I’ve looked in the wide world over
In my search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd life’s lane,
I have selected you,

Now will you give him all your love,
Not think the labor vain,
Nor hate me when I come
To take him back again?

I fancied that I heard them say:
‘Dear Lord, Thy will be done!
For all the joy Thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we’ll run.
We’ll shelter him while we may,
And for all the happiness we’ve known,
Forever grateful stay.
But shall the angels call him

*Much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,
And surely understand.'*

— — — *written by Edgar A. Guest*

Lorna Pritchard - July 26, 2016 at 04:10 PM

R(

“ #RIP27

Rich and Megan Christensen (Omaha) - July 26, 2016 at 04:08 PM

AW

“ *My sympathy to the Foltz family. I didn't know Sam but I did enjoy watching him play on Saturdays. When he would go out to punt I would always say let's go Sammy and watch his hair bounce at the bottom of his helmet. Will miss him this fall.*

Aloma Wescoat, Lincoln, NE

Aloma Wescoat - July 26, 2016 at 03:53 PM



NL

“ *Nancy A. Lindsay purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sam Foltz.*



Nancy A. Lindsay - July 26, 2016 at 03:38 PM

KS

“ Met Sam only a couple times at UNL - Ag Econ Dept. Nothing like a small town/country boy - they are the best! His parents should be very proud! Please guide and watch over my son who starts college football as a freshman soon. RIP#27

Ron and Kaylene Sorensen
Lincoln NE



Kaylene Sorensen - July 26, 2016 at 03:37 PM



“ Prayers for your family Sam is what the University of Nebraska stands for and everyone should strive to be



Curtis Paul - July 26, 2016 at 03:35 PM

DJ

“ In Sam's lifetime, he made a difference to each person he encountered. He will always be remembered with the highest regard. Our deepest sympathy to the family, and friends of this outstanding, caring, one of a kind, young man.

Andy and Dawn Johnson
Norfolk, NE

Dawn Johnson - July 26, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Foltz family. I didn't know Sam personally but I always enjoyed his interviews on the news and watching him every Saturday. He will be missed tremendously but I will never forget him.*



Colt Bundy - July 26, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sam Foltz.*



July 26, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ *Your Friends at NSNA and CNSNA purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sam Foltz.*



Your Friends at NSNA and CNSNA - July 26, 2016 at 03:10 PM

MV

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers for Sam's Family, Friends, Coaches and Teammates. I grew up in Greeley, and I loved that Sam came from my hometown; "Small Town USA...Greeley, NE." While I didn't know Sam personally, from everything I've read and heard, he was an outstanding young man, on and off the football field. Greeley is a close, tight knit community and I know the residents will support and help you in every way they can as you face the sad, difficult days ahead. Rest in Paradise Sam.

Mary Hahn Vankat - July 26, 2016 at 03:03 PM

CS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family for peace and strength during this difficult time. I didn't know Sam personally, but my son participated in a Husker football camp last summer and took a great liking to Sam and was very disappointed to hear of his passing. Sam was very gracious and offered to take a picture with him. My son was 5 when we took him to his first Husker game and after such a wonderful experience he vowed to be a Husker some day. I hope that he has as much spirit, integrity and kindness as Sam had.



Chris Shrader - July 26, 2016 at 02:57 PM

GW

“ I always asked Sam before our home competitions if he was coming to watch. He'd never tell me and always say "I guess you'll just have to wait and see Gracie". Not once was I disappointed. I always knew where to look. Sam would be sitting close to the front, in Nebraska gear, and always smiling. I knew he'd do anything for anyone...I'm just lucky he chose to come watch us. There will never be a day I don't think of Sam and the way he lit up any room he walked into. Thank you for raising one heck of a man. He is dearly loved and missed.



Grace Williams - July 26, 2016 at 02:55 PM

ST

“ Stacy lit a candle in memory of Sam Foltz



Stacy - July 26, 2016 at 02:33 PM

JS

“ I know your pain, as I too lost my son he was 21 years old when he died. I also know that no words will help you right now. I do wish & pray that God & your faith will help you though this difficult time. Sam's Wings were ready but I know you were not ready to let him go!! May God Bless you All!!! May Sam Rest In Paradise! 🕯️🙏🏻🎈

Janet Shafer - July 26, 2016 at 02:32 PM

CA

“ Our condolences to the Foltz family, and to all of Sam's friends and teammates. You're all in our thoughts & prayers! Sam was an amazing kid and will be missed dearly. Husker Nation mourns with you. ❤️



XO,
The Abells
Lincoln, NE.

Chelsie Abell - July 26, 2016 at 02:29 PM

RW

Please accept our prayers for your family. We are Cornhusker fans and we share your sense of loss. Jerry and Rita Wilson Gering, Nebraska

Rita and Jerry Wilson - July 26, 2016 at 02:51 PM

BF

“ Sorry for your loss, keeping y'all in my thoughts and prayers. Gonna miss watching him on the field.



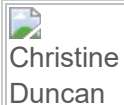
Becky Forke - July 26, 2016 at 02:22 PM



Melissa Dawn

“ We were at a Husker game a couple years ago. After the game we went and ate Applebees in Lincoln. Sam and his family were eating there as well. My son wanted an autograph badly. We made him wait until their family was almost done eating and then he went up to Sam and asked. Sam graciously signed his hat. Sam's father told my son, you can have an autograph only if we can have yours. So My son scribbled his name on a napkin. On their way out Sam gave my son an autographed photo of himself as well. Class act. May God be with his family, both blood and Husker

Melissa Dawn - July 26, 2016 at 02:17 PM



Christine Duncan

“ R.I.P. Sam. You will be missed. ♡



Christine Duncan - July 26, 2016 at 02:15 PM

SR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My husband and I are heartbroken to hear of Sam's passing. He made such an impact on the hearts and lives of everyone in NE and beyond. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sarah Reuss - July 26, 2016 at 02:12 PM

NH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Nebraska Huskers - July 26, 2016 at 01:53 PM