



Garrett Walter Miars

July 8, 1983 - February 20, 2017

Garrett Walter Miars, 33, of Charlotte, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 20, 2017. Garrett was born July 8, 1983 in Iowa Falls, Iowa, the son of Walter and Marilyn (Neill) Miars. The family moved to Charlotte in 1985, where Garrett and his siblings grew up. As a boy, Garrett was always thinking, calculating and wondering. He was truly a witness to God and to His work.

Garrett met Marcia Matwiejczyk while high school students in Charlotte. They were baptized together on a very special Mother's Day at the First Baptist Church of Charlotte and were married on January 2, 2005. Together they focused their lives on their family and their faith. They shared a love of running and ran many races together, including two marathons. He and Marcia enjoyed their time together supporting their children's sporting activities and going on annual church camping trips. Garrett was a very talented carpenter, building 2 homes for his family.

From an early age, Garrett demonstrated a strong work ethic. He worked with pride alongside his father beginning at the age of 16 and eventually became a Master Electrician. He has worked for the last 3 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections in Ionia, Michigan, as an Electrician.

Garrett was very passionate about his hobbies and interests. If he was interested in something, he was usually ALL IN. His passions included service

at his home church, Riverview, as well as time spent on mission trips to Mazatlán, Mexico working with Back to Back Ministries in children orphanages there. The people and experience in Mazatlán had such a profound impact on Garrett, he included his eldest son, Ethan, in the trip this year. Another of Garrett's passions centered on the environment which led to many activities, including gardening, beekeeping, and planting over 1000 trees on their property.

Garrett is survived by his wife, Marcia (Matwiejczyk) Miars; their children, Ethan, Lola, Weston, and Mason; his parents, Walter and Marilyn Miars; siblings, Rachel (Joel) Layne of East Lansing, Brian Miars, of Milwaukee, and Dallas (Phil) Angelosanto. He is also survived by Marcia's family which includes Eric and Sarah Matwiejczyk and their children Sophia, Mary, Elise and Matthew and Jonathan and Linda Dickinson and their children Scott (Melanie) Matwiejczyk, Luke (Billye) Dickinson, Michelle (Simon) Taylor, Derek Dickinson, and Melody (Luke) Fetterman. He will also be missed by his numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Garrett's life will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at Riverview Church Westside Venue (7533 W. St. Joe Highway, Lansing, Michigan) at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 24, 5-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Back to Back Ministries – Mazatlán. Friend and family are encouraged to share memories of Garrett on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

FEB **26.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Church - Westside
7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Hartig Family lit a candle in memory of Garrett Walter Miars*



The Hartig Family - February 26, 2017 at 12:20 PM

TF

This should've said The Hartig family...we have just heard of Garretts passing and share your overwhelming grief. The boys remember Garrett throughout their school years. We pray you find peace in the love of all whose lives he touched during his.

The Hartig Family - February 26, 2017 at 12:25 PM

WS

“ *Willie Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Garrett Walter Miars*



willie smith - February 25, 2017 at 10:57 AM

TE

“ *Dear Marcia and children, I am praying for you 5 everyday and thru out the day. My love to you and my prayers for all of you. Jesus loves you all and is there beside you...every second of the day.*

Tracy Esch - February 25, 2017 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ *Jamie Canfield*

I worked with Garrett at Ionia Correctional Facility as my boss, and also a coworker for the last year. His abilities and knowledge in all areas were apparent. Garrett was also willing to help and share his knowledge which I will always remember and appreciate. I never had the opportunity to meet Marcia or family but they were always spoke highly of. Garrett was a great friend and coworker who will be missed daily . I cannot express the pain I feel for your family.

Jamie Canfield - February 24, 2017 at 05:45 PM

CI

“ *My most sincere condolences for your entire family. I send you all love and prayers as you hold each other close during this very sad time of loss of a very special young man. God's peace and blessings for you all.*

Cindy - February 24, 2017 at 03:43 PM

BP

“ *A good, good man. He leaves a lot of good in his wake.*

Bill Potter - February 24, 2017 at 10:27 AM

SN

“ *Sarah Norcott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.*



Sarah Norcott - February 24, 2017 at 04:48 AM

DN

“I always thought Garrett was such a lucky young fellow. Born into such a good family. Handsome, great smile, kind, always cheerful, liked to laugh, loved others, talented, smart. And later on, married a beautiful wife and had such a great family of his own. And he shared his love and faith in his ministry to Mexican orphans. Garrett was a lucky man and he lived and loved life to its fullest in his 33 short years. His good fortune continues as he is now with Christ in paradise.

"It is tough for those of us who will miss all of those wonderful gifts that he received and freely gave as well. We were lucky too, to have him for the time we did. We will all miss you Garrett. You did life right. We love you." Your Uncle - Dan Neill

Dan Neill - February 23, 2017 at 10:36 PM

CM

My heart breaks for this wonderful Christian family. They say a person influence s 10,000 people in their lives, sure Garrett was able to do that in 33 years, You can't measure all lives in years. Some people do so much living and loving in a short period of time. Continued prayers in weeks months and years to come.

Cindy Martens - March 04, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



February 23, 2017 at 09:19 PM

LS

“ Love, Mike, Trish, Sammantha & Shelby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



Love, Mike, Trish, Sammantha & Shelby - February 23, 2017 at 05:19 PM

 Lisa Cross-Ruble

“ I rode the school bus with Garrett throughout my childhood. I just remember him always being a very kind person.

Lisa Cross-Ruble - February 23, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



February 23, 2017 at 03:05 PM

PH

“ Garrett....will always remember you as a very special youngster, always inquisitive, and fun to have around. Your smile, and bright snapping eyes will be some of the things we will remember about you. You were a pleasure to have around, not only at Church, but also in our Day care. Our prayers are with your family. Go in peace, Garrett, you will be missed. The Huffman Family



Pamela Huffman - February 23, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



February 23, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dennis and Sandy King* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



Dennis and Sandy King - February 23, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



February 23, 2017 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.



February 23, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.*



February 23, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ *Scott and family, Our most sincere condolences to the entire family. May the Lord provide peace and comfort always. Felice & Kevin Bond*

Felice Bond - February 23, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Garrett and I know you're listening. Remember when you were stuck in the water down there on auto teenage years standing on the car... fun times we love you now you with Jesus and will all see you soon*

Betty Binning - February 23, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ *Please accept this sadness that we feel as a reminder of how loved and respected Garrett will be.*
Dave Bond

Dave Bond - February 23, 2017 at 04:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.*



February 22, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Linda M Skoog sent a virtual gift in memory of Garrett Walter Miars*



Linda M Skoog - February 22, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ *Danny Neill (uncle) lit a candle in memory of Garrett Walter Miars*



Danny Neill (uncle) - February 22, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.*



February 22, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Walter Miars.*



February 22, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

Love, Vada Kenney and family. - February 22, 2017 at 04:33 PM