# In Memory of John Miller...

October 23, 2007

Dear Laura and Phil, Whitney and Josh, Joel and the boys,

Our hearts are breaking for all of you. We have just found out about the tragic loss of this wonderful young man. Words cannot express to you how dear and special you all are. You have been such good and loyal friends to us and we wish there was something we could do. We know that the only answer is prayer, that some peace may come to you. I remember the first time we met John, he was chasing Josh down the street on a bicycle at the beach telling him he was going to get in trouble if he didn't come back. Josh just turned around and laughed. That was always the way it seemed to be, John was the little mother watching out after Josh, making sure he was safe. When ever I would see him he would swing his hair to one side to get it out of his face so that he could look me in the eye and say "Hi Mrs Kraebber, it's nice to see you". I remember one day seeing John, Josh and Sam, bucket in hand, walking out toward the marsh to catch fiddler crabs and seeing Angus who was so small, walking behind them. John walking with those three little tow heads, like baby ducks trailing behind him. I nervously started to go that way and Laura said "it's okay, John is with them, he's watching, it will be okay".....I will always remember him the way he looked that day, blond and tan, his tee shirt all muddy, he turned and smiled at Laura and me. He picked his hand up and waved from the beach to let us know everything was okay. David, Alice, Sam and Angus Kraebber

## **David and Alice Kraebber (Tryon, NC)**

October 19, 2007

John's family surely suffers greatly all day and each day. We truly miss the most humble and unselfish person we have ever known. He loved us all and we so love him. We miss him so much. May we all seek God in our pain for his healing hand and wisdom. Our family sincerely appreciates the multitude of visits, calls, cards, prayers, hugs, and words of sympathy and encouragement that have provided strength. God's people are so good. Our prayer is we will pass the difficult grieving time and end at a peaceful place where we are able to focus on all the pleasant memories of my first son. May God's love be more evident in our lives and may many come to be reborn in our Lord as a result of my son's life and how he touched us.

Dr. Phillip H. Miller, Father (Evans, GA)

To The Miller Family,

I am so sorry to hear about John, this hurts my heart to hear this. So much time has passed but in some ways it feels just like yesterday. I will keep you in my prayers, just know that I am thinking about you. I miss you all and I love you all .Please let me know if I can be of any comfort. Your friend always!

## Marlene Godfrey (Blue Ridge, GA)

October 10, 2007

Dear Miller Family,

I can't believe the news! Mitchell called and told me today. I am truly sorry! My prayers will be with you. God Bless your family!!

# Corey Godfrey (Blue Ridge, GA)

October 10, 2007

John, Things will never be the same without you here. I know you want me and my family to be happy. I love you.. I love you.. always Broham. I can't wait to see you again. Love, Whitney

## Whitney Granade (Augusta, GA)

October 6, 2007

The memories expressed in this guest book paint a picture of a special young man. I hope they bring you some comfort. If I can do anything for you, please let me know. I'm sure you can't imagine ever feeling better, but even the rawest wounds heal over time. Much love, Jean

## Jean DuPree (Gainesville, GA)

October 1, 2007

We just heard of your loss. We are so very sorry and pray that God will be with your family at this time.

### Paul, Brenda, Paul Jonathan and Emily Bordon (Martinez, GA)

We did not know John but are friends of Eric and Chris and wish to express our deepest sympathy.

# Mattie and WB Bullock (Rocky Mount, NC)

October 1, 2007

John,

Whitney, Hudson, Hayes and I will always love you and we will miss you, until we meet again.

Love,

Your Brother Joel

# Joel Granade (Augusta, GA)

September 30, 2007

Dear Mrs and Mr. Miller

I am sorry for your loss, John was the most humble and genuine kid I have ever met, I will miss him but I know that he is in a better place...

### Matt Winakor (New York, NY)

September 30, 2007

Phil, Laura and Family, Thank you for telling me how to read the guest book. It gave me comfort to read the frequent comments about John's great personality and his positive influence on others.

Your family is on my heart and in my prayers.

### **Catherine DuPree (Macon, GA)**

Dear Miller Family,

We cry for your loss and our hearts hurt knowing how bad this loss must be. We lost my Mom at Christmas and working through the hurt is very difficult. Please know that we love each of you and would love to help in any way you need even if it is just to talk to someone. Our daily prayers include you.

The Annis family - Gina, Mike and Emily

We saw John last when he was playing a coffee shop with Emily. He played the guitar and sang a rooster song that really cracked us up. He had the best sense of humor and Emily loved him dearly.

#### Gina Annis (Evans, GA)

September 27, 2007

Phil and family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Will keep you in my prayers. Philip

# Philip Lord, SR (Dublin, GA)

September 26, 2007

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Laura & Phil

Our deepest sympathy is best expressed to you both, by knowing that if we were in your position, we know that your love and prayers for us would be poured out. Be assured that our love and prayers for you are from the deepest form of this agape love.

#### Rick & Sabrina Blake (Clearwater, FL)

September 26, 2007

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We are sorry for your loss. We have you in our prayers. My daughter, Mallory Curry, thought of him as one of her closest friends.

# Janet and Andy Bedingfield (SC)

September 26, 2007

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No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. My deepest condolences are with you as you grieve.

### Willa Hilton (Hephzibah, GA)

Laura,

Lisa sent the info for John's pictorial tribute...it was beautiful. My sincere condolences to you, your family and to all those John loved and those who loved John. God bless you and keep you close.

love.

Lou Ann & Norman

### Lou Ann Morin (Townsend, MA)

September 26, 2007

Phil, Laura and Family,

It is very hard to believe that one of our boys is gone. I am so glad that John was part of our life in so many ways. I have to say that the rides back and forth to the soccer field were some good times with listening to the way him and Patrick and whomever else I had, were the best soccer players on the team. Those boys were so full of it and kept me laughing the whole ride there and back. John had the best smile, best personality and so polite. I am glad that I was able to see him a few last times. Patrick really hated that he was not in town before he left for Japan. He sends his love and prayers just like we do. You are such dear friends and I am here for you if you need me.

### Scarlet Wright (Martinez, GA)

September 25, 2007

Dr. and Mrs. Miller,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. I have know him since elementary school, but I regret not talking to him throughout the years past elementary school. I know from all that his friends talk about him that he was a great person with a big heart. I hope to keep in touch with yall and to be able to have some get togethers with all of John's friends like they had tonight. You and your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. If yall ever need anything dont be afraid to ask. My e mail is fyoung2@aug.edu.

#### Fallon Young (Augusta, GA)

September 25, 2007

hey family that i havent seen in so long... im very sorry about your lose. i cant imagine what everyone is going through. im sorry i didnt make it today.. i will keep everyone in my prayers.. i love you all!!

### rachel osborne (NC)

September 25, 2007

To the Miller Family,, I am very sorry for your loss, I pray for your entire family and hope that God can see you throught this very sad time.

# Cindy Godwin (Roswell, GA)

September 25, 2007

I am so, so sorry for your loss. Our family, especially Alex, have been incredibly lucky to have known such a beautiful friend like John. In every song, in every smile, in every free spirit his memory will always be alive.

### Darrel, Ginna, Alex, Tommy, & Jasmine (Evans, GA)

September 25, 2007

Phil and Laura:

Clare and I send our love and prayers. Our hearts hurt for you and with you!

Love.

John and Clare Bryan

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#### john bryan (atlanta, GA)

September 25, 2007

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Dear Laura and Family,

I am so deeply sorry to learn of your loss. There are no words I know to comfort you in the loss of your Beautiful Boy. You all will be in my prayers in the days to come. In sincere sympathy,

Susan West

#### susan west (aiken, SC)

September 25, 2007

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My deepest sympathy to Dr. Miller and his family. Dorothy and I are very sad to hear of the death of your son and your children's brother.

Victor Etheridge, DMD 524 Sparta Rd. (Sandersville, 31082, GA)

Dr. and Mrs. Miller,

I offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of your son. You will miss him, but he lives on forever. I pray for all of the Miller family, in my father's name 'Yacht Mitchell'.

## Mark Mitchell (Marietta, GA)

September 25, 2007

Dear Phil, Laura, and Family,

We are truly sadden by your loss of such a wonderful and giving son, brother, and friend. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve. You are truly blessed to have wonderful family and friends that love and care for you all during this most difficult time. I pray that God will grant you the strength you need for the days and months ahead.

## Holly and Jake Smith Holly Land Smith (Waynesboro, GA)

September 25, 2007

John, why did you have to go. I don't want to say goodbye. God must of thought you were special to take you away, but couldn't he have waited for another day? You wouldn't have wanted us to make a fuss but you meant so much to all of us. Our lives will be forever be changed but we will make difference in your name. we love you John

### Billy, Lisa, Cameron, Nicholas, Spenser Sawyer (Windham, NH)

September 25, 2007

Dear Miller family,

Our entire family is saddened by John's untimely death. But we all are thankful that we knew him and experienced his laughter & talents. He was the kindest, gentlest, most-thoughtful and polite young man we've known. It is comforting to us knowing John was comfy enough to share meals with us and offer his time when we needed help with something. He often visited when he was over at Johns Rd, as we live on Central Ave. He was a wonderful compliment-giver to Drew's younger sister regarding her artwork. Kiersten affectionately called John "Mr. Moccasins". We will miss seeing John laying on our floor reading a book or strumming guitar. We will however celebrate his life, as his was a life worth celebrating. Take care and please know you are all in our prayers. He will carry you through. In kind regards, Mike, Dawn, Drew (Dye-Rockwell) and Kiersten

# Dawn Belding-Rockwell (Augusta, GA)

(Aunty)Laura and Phil,

So sorry to hear about your son John. No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. My deepest condolences are with you as you grieve and may your heart be filled with beautiful memories...

Kimberly

## Kimberly Jolicoeur (Windham, NH)

September 25, 2007

Laura and family,

I was so saddened to hear about John. Although I didn't know him he was obviously a very special person. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

# Kathy Roche (Windham, NH)

September 25, 2007

Dear Phil, Lara, and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Love and prayers,

Sonja and David Abramovitz

### Sonja Land Abramovitz (greenville, SC)

September 25, 2007

Laura and Phil,

Ron and I are terribly saddened at your loss and we are thinking of you so fondly at this time. We add our thoughts and prayers to those of your many friends.

Yours in Christ, Marti

#### Marti Bell (Johns Island, SC)

Laura, Phil, Whitney and Josh:

There are no words to express how sorry I am to hear about John. I only knew him when he was a small child, but remember what a sweet child he was. I know you had him on this earth for only a short time and I know that in this time he filled your hearts with joy. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Martha

# Martha Robinson (Martinez, GA)

September 25, 2007

DR.Miller and Family we are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

# Dr.James Ray and Staff.

September 25, 2007

We are so sorry to hear about this. Please be assured that you are in our prayers. We love you guys. Paula and David Crossley

## **David Crossley (Morristown, TN)**

September 24, 2007

Uncle Phil, Auntie Laura, Whitney, Josh,

We are so deeply saddened to learn of Johns passing. Our hearts are breaking for you all at this most difficult of times. Please except our condolences and know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God welcome John and give you all strength.

I have just watched the slide show for the 2nd time, it was magnificent. I was reminded of John reading me instructions (in a foreign language) on how to construct a bunk bed on Fripp. It made me smile. From reading the postings in the guestbook, it is apparent John had that gift of making others smile as well.

#### Bill Sawyer (Windham, NH)

Dr. and Mrs. Miller & Family,

We are deeply saddened for your loss and are praying for your family during this difficult time. May the love of friends and family carry and comfort you through your grief.

Sincerely,

### Shawn & Lindsey Merzlak (Evans, GA)

September 24, 2007

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Dear Phil and Laura,

Remembering now, it was about a year ago I met John and Phil and after we had supper at Ryans we went to Phil and John's house and I met John's Mom Laura. We then played music with our Guitars and had a great Jam session. John sang and played guitar, Phil also sang and played and I joined in on my guitar too. I complimented John on his playing and singing. He was very talented and you could really tell he enjoyed every minute. He was a very courteous young man and highly above average. I also enjoyed that time very much.

Yes ,my wife Bonnie and I know what you and your Family are going through because we lost our son Wesley Hutto about 7 weeks ago. He was 44.

We are so sorry to know that John is gone. He is in a much better place now and in God's hands.

I will always remember John.

God Bless you, Ray and Bonnie Hutto

#### Ray and Bonnie Hutto (Augusta, GA)

September 24, 2007

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Uncle Phil, Aunt Laura, Whitney, Joel, Josh, Hudson & Hayes, Only our faith in God's love can console us in times like these and provide the light that will lead us thru this darkness. Our hearts and prayers go out to you.

Love.

Craig, Melissa, ELyssa & Daniel Miller

#### Craig & Melissa Miller (Mooresville, NC)

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Josh and family,

My prayers are with you and the family.

The lord will help you with this just take it to him in prayer.

Love ya,

### Beth and David Blount (Evans, GA)

September 24, 2007

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Laura and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

God Bless you,

Leeann and Nate Boutwell Windham, NH (Neighbor of Lisa/Billy)

### leeann boutwell (windham, NH)

September 24, 2007

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Dear Phil and Laura,

I am so terribly sorry for your loss. Some of my most prized childhood memories consist of John and me playing with legos, computer games, and swimming in either the lake or your pool. I regret that we were unable to spend as much time together through the passing years; But the experiences we did share are dear to my heart and these memories, as well as John, will remain in my heart forever. You and your family are in my prayers.

#### Scott Cermenaro (Augusta, GA)

September 24, 2007

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Dr. Phil Miller and Family,

I am so terribly sorry to hear what happened to your son.

John and I have been friends since middle school, but the last 7 months is where we were the closest. It was all the the Johns Rd. house. Everyone that hung out there was family. John was the most gentle guy I have ever met and would do anything for us. You guys are in my prayers.

I love you John and Ill never forget the memories we had.

# Audrey York (Evans, GA)

September 24, 2007

Dear Laura and Phil,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We are so sorry for your tragic loss.

## Cassie and Craig Capp (Wheaton, IL)

September 24, 2007

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Phil & Laura, Josh and Whitney:

Brad and I can't find the words to express how truly sorry we are. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. Phil and Laura you both have been so kind to Brad and I and appreciate your love..in planning our engagement and participating in our wedding. Laura you are the big sister I always needed and wanted. We love you very much and will support you forever in whatever you need.

Love always,

Brad and Diane Czachor (soon to be Orr)

## Diane Czachor (Charlotte, NC)

September 24, 2007

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Dearest Phil and Laura,

Our hearts ache to hear of John's passing. May the Lord hold you close as you walk with Him. We lift you up in prayer and send our love,

### Dick and Judy Sheets (Inverness, FL)

September 24, 2007

Laura, Phil and family,

I am so very sorry to hear about John. I can't imagine how hard this must be for you, but please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

### Gigi Moore (Atlanta, GA)

September 24, 2007

Phil and family,

You are in my prayers.

## Marie Brown (Macon, GA)

September 24, 2007

Dear Phil and Laura.

You may not remember me but my son Ryan Holt played soccer (Patriots) with John. I know what you are going through. It's just been a little over a year since I lost Ryan. It is going to be difficult for a while, but just keep your faith and He will help you through it. Please don't hesitate to call me if you need a shoulder or just need to talk.

Helen Finley (Ryan Holt's mom)

### Helen Finley (Grovetown, GA)

September 24, 2007

My granddaughter was a friend of John's and held him in the highest regard. I did not have the pleasure of meeting John, and that is my loss. Please know that we have you in our prayers.

# Truitt Curry (Augusta, GA)

September 24, 2007

Dr. Miller, Mrs miller, Whitney, Josh, Joel, Hudson & Hayes,

Cameron and i are so incredibly sorry that we cannot be there at this time, just know that we are thinking about you and we love you all, just as we loved john. i know john was like a brother to me and i will never forget him or the amazing times we had together, and i will miss him so much...so much. you are in our thoughts and prayers. please contact us if you need anything.

### Hannah Wolff (martinez, GA)

September 24, 2007

Dear Phil and Laura,

We are so sorry for your tragic loss. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you. There can never be right words for a moment such as this. Our love.

Mark, Carolyn and Theodore Miller

# Carolyn Miller (Jacksonville, NC)

Phil and Laura and family

I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your son John. I remember him from his young days when I rented the cottage next door in 1991. He was a happy little guy back then and I'm sure he remained that way until his untimely death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless you and keep you during this sad time.

Bob Lloyd - currently working in Kansas, but still reside in Augusta

## Bob Lloyd (Augusta, GA)

September 24, 2007

Dear Phil and Laura,

We are so sorry for the loss of your son. It is devastating have a child die so young. Our heart and prayers go out to you.

Love,

Keith and Cathy

# Dr. Keith and Cathy Roberts (Bloomington, IN)

September 24, 2007

Dear Phil, Laura & family,

We know you will miss John greatly. During this difficult time, we know you will draw upon your own strength and the strength of loved ones that hold you in their thoughts. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Joe & Dee Dee Moore (Inman, SC)

September 24, 2007

Phil & Laura---Mom told me about your loss. We are thinking of you & love y'all. We'll be in contact

# **Bill Jopling (Thomson)**

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Dear Dr. & Mrs. Miller,

We will remember to pray for you each time we go by your office this week.

With love.

Deb Ulrich, Lydia, Colin, Elise and Celia

### Deb Ulrich (Augusta, GA)

September 24, 2007

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Dear Phil and Laura,

Our hearts are grieving with you over the loss of your precious son, John. We are asking the "God of all comfort" to comfort you as only He can.

With love and sympathy, Earle and Jeannie Robinson

## Jeannie Robinson (Augusta, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Dr and Mrs Miller,

Laura, you may not remember but our children went to Bel Air together. Kayla and John were in about every class together, and I remember how nice John was. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Pam and Kayla Wheatley

### Pam Wheatley (Evans, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Dr.Miller & Mrs. Laura, Josh & family,

I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless you and give you strength at this difficult time.

JoAnn (Dr. William Keaty's office)

#### JoAnn Richard (Lafayette, LA)

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Laura & Dr Miller

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I cant imagine the pain in your hearts right now but know that God will ease them through prayer.

Belinda Thompson formerly of Toyota of Augusta

(North augusta, SC)

September 23, 2007

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Dear Phil and Family, we just heard the news of the death of your son. Know you have the love and prayers of your friends from Wilkinson County. God continue to give you strength. We love you.

# Sandy & Jackie (Ussery) Vinson (Milledgeville, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Mr. and Mrs. Miller,

I was friends with John through out our high achool days and my heart is with both of you and your family. John was one of the truest people that I have had the honor to know- he was truely a one of a kind. John will be missed by many and I feel blessed to have been able to be friends with your son. My prayers and love are with you.

## Alex Hammond (Augusta, GA)

September 23, 2007

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We were deeply saddened to hear about your tragic loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Jimmy Day (Griffin, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Phil and Laura: I do not have to tell you that my heart is breaking for you. May you take comfort in knowing that John can paint a beautiful picture in the clouds that will be over you forever. I love you.

### Chick Helton (Mt. Airy, GA)

Phil & Laura-We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our prayers are with you all. We pray that in time, as you receive the comfort that can only come from the God I know you both love & serve, that you will be able to use that comfort to minister to others-for that is what makes our pain have meaning. (2 Cor 1:3-4)

### **Bob & Sandie Bero (Martinez, GA)**

September 23, 2007

Doctor and Laura Miller & Family

We can not began to imagine the loss you must feel at this time. We know that John was a fine young man. He will be missed by every one. We know he is with his Heavenly Father.

## Richard & Kathryn Rauls (Martinez, GA)

September 23, 2007

#### Mike,

I am so sorry to hear about your son. Through Ms. Petty and Mrs. Bette Bentley, I learned of it today. Mama and Daddy are living here in Savannah so I can take care of them. Life is such a blessing and I'm sorry for your loss.

Cindy Thompson Erwin (Earl and Edwena Thompson)

#### **Cindy Erwin (Savannah, GA)**

September 23, 2007

Dr. Miller, It is my prayer that the God of all comfort will be with you and your family during this time of loss. I pray that your heart will be encouraged,knowing that your son's life had a postive impact on people he had the chance to meet.

### Al MCNeely (Millington, TN)

September 23, 2007

Phil and Laura,

How our hearts hurt for you and how we pray that our Faithful Father will meet each of your needs today. Our love and thoughts,

### Cleve and Maxanne Edmunds (Evans, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Dear Whitney and Family,

My deepest sorrow is with you and your family at this time. I also lost my younger brother at a young age, and it was so very hard for us all. My heart is with you. John so very much reminds me of my brother David. I will always miss him as you will always miss John. Remember always what a great person he is in you heart. With Love, Linda

### Linda Wilson (Jessi's Mom) (Evans, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Dear Phil,

I'm so sorry to hear of your son's death and my heart goes out to you and your wife, to Mike, and to the rest of your family. Having recently lost my brother, we've gone through a difficult time; however, losing a child, especially one with his life ahead of him, must be so incredibly hard. You're all in my thoughts....

## Beth Brewer Pendergraft (Atlanta, GA)

September 23, 2007

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John we miss you, i'm still numb to know that you're not around anymore, you were such a happy amazing person,i don't want to believe it. i don't at all. i love you john, it's not goodbye, it's see you later

R.I.P John

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September 23, 2007

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Dr. & Mrs. Miller our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

#### Barbara&Chris Schilling (Evans, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Ray and I were so sorry to read of your son's untimely death. We extend our sincere sympathy. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Ray and Geral Petty

### Ray Petty (Newnan)

Laura and Phil,

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am very thankful that we were fortunate enough to have known John. He was a friend to everyone, and the politest young man that I have ever met. He was like a brother to Brandon and Bryan. John always looked out for them and had their best interest at heart. My family is so fortunate to have had fourteen years of friendship with John and your entire family. His compassion and care for others was a result of your love and nurturing. We will miss him dearly.

## Priscilla Stringfellow (Evans, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Dear Phil & Family,

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you at this difficult time for your family. We miss seeing you at Westside Baptist, but still consider you a special part of our extended church family.

May you feel the precious Hand of the Lord upholding you during this time of sorrow.

# Dr. Dwayne & Barbara McGahee (Grovetown, GA)

September 23, 2007

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Our hearts are broken for you and your family. You remain in our prayers. Ed and Dorothy Swearingen

**Dorothy Swearingen (Reynolds, GA)**