



Drake Maxwell Tester

July 17, 2000 - March 26, 2017

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Close your eyes, imagine your best self-what you could be if you allowed your God-given gifts to fully shine-and then feel a young man's strong arms lifting you up over his head as he is cheering you on. That is Drake Maxwell Tester, born to earthly life on July 17, 2000, and born to eternal life on March 26, 2017. Drake shared love, joy, and good cheer with every person that he met in his life-filled 16 years, starting with his parents, Craig and Becky Tester, his sister, Madeline Begley, and his brother, Jack Begley. Drake then cheered on his grandmothers, Eleanor Tester and Ruth Raulin, and his grandfathers who greeted him in heaven, Robert Tester and Richard Raulin; his aunt and uncles, Scott

Tester, Eric Tester, and Pam and Gary Klotzbach; his cousins, Megen, Nathan, Marley, and Miles Kassuba, Amber, Cele, and Sofia Muniz, Cory and Tyler Tester, Sarah, Alex, Asher, and Miles Wood, and Thomas Klotzbach; all of his larger family; all of his friends at Traverse City Central High School and elsewhere, including special friends Izzi McGuire, Athena Sanchez, Liam Schuler, Megan Gudith, and Kyle Sudheimer; Rose Bower, who was like family to him; his Water's Edge Cheer teammates; his cross-country teammates; his track teammates; his fellow choir members; all of those looking to solve the mysteries of Oak Island; and the very old, the very young, and all of those in-between.

Drake had an instant rapport with everyone that he met because he spoke the universal languages of love, kindness, and humor infused with a genuine zest for life. Drake had a wisdom beyond his years in placing priorities on his family and friends. Although he traveled extensively, he was completely at home playing a family game. Drake saw-and lived-truths that many of us after decades never learn: to live every moment to its fullest, to find your passions and to follow them, to always give 100 percent, to be true to yourself, to treat everyone equally, to look at what is inside a person instead of what is on the outside, and to realize that a hug can speak volumes. Drake gave great hugs!

Drake was someone who saw the best in all of us despite our flaws; the only flaw that we ever saw in him as he grew into a young man with the strength of Achilles was that he was born with a seizure disorder that-even though it only appeared once every few years for a few minutes-was the ultimate cause of his death.

A celebration of Drake's earthly life will be led by Dr. Gary Hogue and Pastor Chad Oyer at the First Congregational Church of Traverse City, 6105 Center Road, on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. Dress as you please.

Knowing Drake, the best gift that you could give in his memory would be to strive to fully use the talents that God has given you to become more like His son, Jesus Christ: to love unconditionally-and to be more kind, more caring, more giving, more cheerful, and more full of hope, light, and life.

If a gift beyond that is wished, then the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, 161 Ottawa Ave., S.W. Suite 211, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (www.epilepsymichigan.org) the Traverse City Central Athletic Boosters, 1150 Milliken Drive, Traverse City, 49686 (www.tctrojanpride.com/donate) or the Traverse City Music Boosters, C/O Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, 250 E. Front St., Suite 310, Traverse City, MI 49684 (www.gtrcf.org) might be considered.

Please share your memories and thoughts at Drake's tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation

Services.

Events

APR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Congregational Church

6105 Center Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

APR **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Thank you for your life, short as it was, and the legacy it carries toward the future. No doubt, many have known you just from the tv show, but there are others who knew you much deeper. In both regards, it speaks to the character and morality of a man when strangers speak so highly of you not only in life but in the passing of one into the afterlife.

To the family: Your loss is heaven's gain for you will see him again and that's a win-win still. He's not gone. You carry him in your memory, the heart lessons he taught you will remain with you long into the future. It will never leave you. Continue his traditions, as I'm sure you do. His smile, his demeanor, his infectious way of life, even his pranks are all founded from you. He was comfortable with life and that was not easy for any teenager. In a time when all might have been negative, he found a way to shine all the brighter. So, today, as you remember him, cry tears of joy. Joy because he doesn't suffer from the seizures anymore. Joy because he's waiting for you. Joy because he left you his joyous task of carrying on where he left off. Enjoy that task he started and complete it.

To those touched by Drake: You are blessed to have seen him, listened to his words, shared in his accomplishments, and partaken in his humor. He was special. Looking past the man he was, you could still tell the boy in him knew how to have fun. Ok, maybe he wasn't so graceful all the time, but he could dance into anyone's heart leaving a sense of purpose, a warm afterglow. It's because he truly cared about people. He cared alot about smiles, hugs, and being REAL. In these times, finding someone like him is so rare. But real people shine and he shone brightest. I wish the camera could have shown all the viewers more of Drake. You'd be inspired.

Peace Drake & crew.

Nathan

Nathan Moffett - January 15 at 06:42 AM



“ I am just beginning my Oak Island TV Series and decided to look up Drake. Something about him came through on the TV. The way that he interacted with his dad, and his smile warmed me to my core. I admit there was a tear in my eye when I found out he'd crossed over.

Jonathan - December 28, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ I remember crying as I watched it announced on The Curse of Oak Island that Drake had died. I could see from the appearances on the show that he was interested in mysteries. He really displayed his bonds with everyone and treated them as family. I am so sorry for your loss.

David Morse - October 30, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Jerry McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Jerry McKinnon - October 22, 2019 at 10:37 PM



“ To. The. Family of. Drake.
I am so Sorry for your loss when Drake was born he was born Special and now he Truly. is. a. Special. Angel. now Drake has found his Pot Of Gold

Olga. Bagley - May 24, 2018 at 04:10 AM



“ Mes sympathies xxx je ne vous connais pas mais vous étiez une personne aimable

jean rock lapointe - December 24, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Rest in peace my friend!



Marco - May 23, 2018 at 05:43 AM



“ He was a good at track and field

Kate - April 19, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Drake, I will be missing you on the show, that's a given. You were a part of the Oak Island team. Although you rather remotely touched my life I want to say God Bless and much success on your next journey. Yours, Tim Preissler

Tim - April 08, 2018 at 07:08 AM



“ So sad to loose such a young great kid who everyone could agree was on his way to be a teen that turned into a man and I would bet anything he was going to make a positive inpact many peoples lives. Unfortunately he was called home young and early. We may not understand why the big guy up above needed him but we all can rest assure that Drake will live in all of our memories and his brother and father will help solve that buried treasure. They named a dig site after your brother asked permission. I wish ALL of the teens in your generation was as bright, motivated, caring, and loving as you were because to be honest if there was alot more teens with your ambitions and drive I wouldnt worry everyday about what kind of leadership are my kids gonna have when the next generation steps up in Washington dc. After really thinking about it I think all humans born 1989 and below are not just nervous but really concerned cause we got a taste of the whole millennium baby generation and its scary people, wouldnt be if more started working hard like Drake. This kid was in just a few episodes but in just those few an entire not just Nation but the world got to see how great of a son he was Mr Tester and how much he loved his brother and you could feel the bond they shared! Siblings only talk when they are playing video games! Anyways I could go on and on but I think I made my point that Mr Tester raised a very smart and polite young man and I cant say I know what you and your family are feeling after such a great loss but remember its not a loss my brother because he has impressed the big guy upstairs and now he will wait with him up there until its someone else's turn to move North! RIP Drake Tester you lived your short life as best as anyone could if not better because the ever lasting impression you left on all of us. Until I meet you RIP little bruhdren

Rob - March 07, 2018 at 04:31 AM



“ And I truly apologise for the length of my message but more importantly I wrote it so late. Im from the USVI and unfortunately we lost alot of contact from the outside world after those hurrricanes decided to see if it could rip the top of the islands right off. Had alot of lost of life through the storms so as anyone can imagine after I heard about young Mr Tester it really hurt as im sure it did all of you. First thing that hits everyone's mind is why???? And Lord why did you take him so young????

Rob - March 07, 2018 at 04:36 AM



“ Drake: although we only knew you through you and your father and brother’s passionate Oak Island journey; you were obviously a wonderful son, brother, and an inherent part of the Oak Island adventure. May God bless you and your family and all those who know how precious you are. I pray that the Lord will grant your dear parents, brother, and family the strength to persevere as be strong for each other as I know you would wish for them. Sincerely, Dr Carla, Tommy B, and Colin dJ.

Carla Seleme - January 30, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ We have chosen to donate to the Epilepsy Foundation in your honour. It is our hope that something positive come from such a loss. We think you would be pleased, Drake.

Carla - January 30, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ I am so sorry for your families loss I hope you find peace

John Roberts - January 23, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ I'm sorry for you're loss, even though I never met Drake Tester and he was a nice kid on The curse of Oak Island and he did such an amazing job and he was happy all the time and he always put a smile on the family's face on the show and again I'm sorry for your loss and you have my condolences. From Nicholas Snow



Nicholas Snow - January 20, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ Gone but never to be forgotten. When we have someone who moves into eternal life it is so very hard for us to be left behind. I had a tragedy to where I have lost both sets of grandparents & my parents and brother & has left me all alone. I pray for your family as a parent should never have to part with a child nor should siblings as it is so very hard. It is never easy and really no the time that passes does not help to make it easier as it is a daily reminder. What I can say being you have a family is to pray, talk, have Sunday dinners and live close so you can enjoy your lives and embrace all the moments & memories is all we can do. This also helps if you all have younger children also and they will bring you all joy as your angels watch over you all- They Really Do! Much love and support to your family & Blessings~



Beth - January 16, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ so very sorry for your loss



Sergei Horehlad - January 16, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ My deepest condolences for Drake's family at this sad time. Drake was a sunny soul and, as a mother who also lost a young son last year, I know the depth and breadth of your grief. My thoughts are with you.



carole - January 11, 2018 at 07:16 AM



“ Mis mas sentido pésame para la familia de Drake,senti un dolor tan grande en mi corazón cómo si fuera mi hijo Josué quien tiene 15 años,Dios los bendiga,desde República Dominicana los acompaño en su dolor,

Disley - March 04, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ Dave And Cherryl Howe lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Dave and Cherryl Howe - January 03, 2018 at 02:24 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Tester Family in my thoughts and prayers Rest in Gods arms



Henry Sullivan - January 03, 2018 at 12:38 AM



“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



laura - December 22, 2017 at 02:33 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss.

Rickey Davis - December 12, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ This is something I wish no parent has to go through I couldn't even imagine. I am truly sorry for your lose Craig and Becky.

Brian Patrick Smith - November 21, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ You will be forever in the hearts of all.



Rachel Gossett - November 21, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ Xiaoxing Zhao lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Xiaoxing Zhao - November 20, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ Carmen Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Carmen Fitzpatrick - November 19, 2017 at 10:22 PM



“ So sorry for your loss~ your son may not be w/ you anymore but his spirit is beside you and watching over you~ may you feel his presence forever at your side

Carmen Fitzpatrick - November 19, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ Carmen Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Carmen Fitzpatrick - November 19, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.



Donna Hutchinson - November 19, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ There are no words that can relieve the hurt of Drake's passing. Thank you for sharing him with the followers of Oak Island. He was a pleasure to watch. God bless you on this journey called grief.



A bereaved parent - November 16, 2017 at 10:12 PM



“ My god bless you and all of your family. Drake will be greatly missed.



Tammy Parker - November 15, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ A very touching and beautiful tribute to Drake on the first Oak Island show this week. Clearly, Drake gave and received much love in his short life. To his dear father, brother and family, you let us know that Drake was your greatest treasure. May your hearts heal as you move forward in your lives. Missing the physical presence of a loved one is the greatest heartache we can bear - Drake's spiritual presence will stay with you forever. Sending peace and understanding.

God bless,
Joyce Henneberry

Joyce Henneberry - November 13, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ God Bless you all. For a young man who's life touched us all through a television show.....thank you for sharing him with all of us.

Jennifer Mays Thelen - November 13, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ Keith Munn lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Keith Munn - November 11, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ For: Tester/Begley and Oak Island guys I cried tonight like I haven't in a long time for a young man that I never knew. Your love for him came across Loud and Strong. What a testament to Drake of his love for you all. My heart is broken for all of you.



Doreen Kelsey - November 11, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tester family. May Drake Rest In Peace. God bless you all. I can't begin to understand what the Tester family is going thru. But we pray for peace and we can see Drake was a blessing to all of you. Will Zena and family

Will Zena - November 10, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ To Tester Family,
It was with great sadness to hear of the passing of your son. No words can be expressed, but knowing the love that surrounds your family you will endure thru the loss and pain. You will smile again when your heart feels better and enjoy all that you shared with Drake during his short stay on earth. You will be together in spirit until which time you join together again in whole. God bless. Prayers and thoughts.
Roccatel Mottolese, Albany New York
Curse Oak Island Fan

Roccatel Mottolese - November 09, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ I didnt know Drake personal but I could tell that he was a fine young gentleman will miss him terribly

Darlene Stringer - November 09, 2017 at 05:05 AM



“ My sympathies to the Tester and Oak Island family. May you find strength in your love and cherished memories.



Sharon Martingale - November 08, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ I always look forward to The Curse of Oak Island and just discovered this evening that young Drake passed due to complications or events attributed to epilepsy on March 26th. I really enjoyed watching this young man participate in the search for treasure. But unfortunately, that's not what prompted me to write this... just four days prior to Drake's death, I lost my 20 year old granddaughter due to epilepsy. She was beautiful, hilarious and daring and she never let epilepsy define who she was. God Bless you all for I truly know your loss. Her name is Peyton Nicole Padilla...06-08-1996 - 03-22-2017... Rest in peace our children.

Shirley McCormick - November 08, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your lost. I just heard the terrible news due to watching an episode of Oak Island, and cried along with those at the war room table. Your audience loves all if you and your loss is ours. Please know that your family is in our daily thoughts and prayers, and our hearts are heavy. Hang in there Tester and Oak Island family.

Fed - November 09, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your son. Being a parent also, I cannot imagine the depth of your sorrow. He was always smiling...I am praying for your family.

Pa fr icia - November 08, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ As a Naval veteran suffering from epilepsy my heart pours out to Craig and Becky Tester, Madeline Jack Begley .



John Knox - November 08, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ To Craig,
I have been an avid fan of “The Curse of Oak Island.” Seeing your son soak up History and his lust for knowledge is what really stood out to me. Young men just don’t do that now a days but when I heard of his passing earlier this evening I couldn’t help but cry even though I never knew him he touched me in a way that I could have never imagined especially the final part of the episode when you, Jack, Rick, Marty and the rest of the Oak Island team were in the War Room it made me pour my emotions out can’t believe that your son is actually gone Craig he will be missed not just by family and friends but also the fans of the show who will also have a giant hole in their heart forever family forever in our hearts. Always remember your beloved son Drake Tester
From Patrick Mullane

Patrick Mullane - November 08, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ Dena Henry Bevelhimer lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Dena Henry Bevelhimer - November 08, 2017 at 06:16 AM



“ I only knew Drake from the Oak Island Show but I was immediately impressed with his sponge for knowledge. Young men that age usually don’t want to work with dad yet you could see the unity between him and his brother and father. What a great treasure you had in him and he will be with in spirit.



Licia Babb - November 08, 2017 at 12:29 AM



“ I'm also a fan of the show and just learned about your son's passing. My heart is breaking for your family. I lost my 21 yr old son five years ago and I fully understand the pain you are going through. The obituary describes Drake as an extraordinary young man. The words lifted my spirits to know that he would want us to live life to the fullest and full of joy. May God bless you and comfort you in this difficult time. My prayers are with your family. Suzanne H.

Suzanne Humphrey - November 08, 2017 at 12:02 AM



“ I may not have known Drake or his family except through the Oak Island story but my heart grieves with you with the loss of such a young man. He will be your guardian angel and that there is never closure knowing that one day you will be with him again. May God be with you and with Drake's family and friends as you go through this journey. Sending hugs to all of you. Carolynn Falk

Carolynn - November 08, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, God bless you all

C Faraci

Charles Faraci Jr - November 09, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ Gean Ann Skurat lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Gean Ann Skurat - November 07, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ Helen M Martin lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Helen M Martin - November 07, 2017 at 11:51 PM



“ Such a sweet, beautiful young man gone too soon. I am deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Tester family. May you find comfort in one another, and may God bless you and give you the strength to go forward. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your precious son, Drake.

Helen M Martin - November 08, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ Tester Family I am a fan of the show and was so sad to hear about Drake. You are in my thoughts and prayers. And I know you will get to see Drake again one day. May God bless you and your family.
Jon Jacobs

jon jacobs - November 07, 2017 at 11:27 PM



“ Larry And Diane Ward lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Larry and Diane Ward - November 07, 2017 at 11:26 PM



“ It's odd-- we watch an unknown group of people through seasons of television and we soon feel as though we know them well and they are part of our family.

It is that way with Drake. Please accept my very sincere prayers for him and you all during this time of loss and grief.

Although you don't know me and we'll likely never meet, I have learned that prayers do envelope those in need.

Blessings to you all.



Mary H. Klock - November 07, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ Frank A Culotta lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Frank A Culotta - November 07, 2017 at 11:20 PM



“ Sharing your sorrow in the loss of your beautiful son, which we just learned of while reading updates on Oak Island. Drake was a rarity - his personality, enthusiasm and love of adventure was a joy to watch, and seeing others' tributes to his kind heart is a testament to you as parents and to his siblings. He will be missed, and he will be remembered by all he crossed paths with.



SL Sunday - November 05, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ He a great person in school!
He had good jokes!
He has a good smile!



Katelyn - May 22, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ Dear Craig, Jack and family, It is with much sadness that I learned of the loss of your son.

While I personally did not meet Drake, it has been a pleasure getting to know and work with you, Craig and Jack and all the Oak Island families.

I can only say that there are many of us here in Nova Scotia that are feeling the pain you all must be feeling.

I hope to have the chance to say hello again some day soon.

Best Regards, Glen Gilbert, Canadian Seabed Research

Glen Gilbert - April 21, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your son. May God give you strength in one another to carry on. May he live on forever in the hearts of those who knew him and family that loved him. My sincerest sympathy to you all.

Cherri Carter Fellows - November 07, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ My daughter showed me the terrible story of your family's loss, I am so sorry! I did not know your son or your family personally, we are from Kalkaska and also unexpectedly lost our 17 year old son, Damen Huffman, 2 days after Christmas so I am very oh so familiar with the sadness and grief you and and all those who knew your beautiful boy. I pray for all of you and except all of the love and support from those around you and especially your faith to help guide you through this incredibly difficult time, day by day. We are still taking it one day at a time. Our family sends our condolences and prayers.

Angie Potter - April 10, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ Dear Craig, Becky, Jack and Maddie, Words cannot express how sorry I am for the loss of your dear son and brother, Drake. What a wonderful, talented, kind and sensitive young man he was. These things should not happen. May God wrap his arms around you all, hold you close and help you through these difficult days and months ahead. You are in my heart and prayers. With love and caring, Janie Tavener

Janie Tavener - April 09, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ Craig and family, I want to send a hug and a prayer that God help heal your hearts. Drake sounds like every parents dream. And, know that he won't be very far away. Take care of each other and I am so sorry.

Kathy Formsma - April 09, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ We were so very sad to hear of Drake's passing. I met him under stressful circumstances when he was only 3 days old. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Pam and Rich VanderMey - April 09, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ I had the pleasure of having Drake as a student last year. Not only was he a hardworking young man but he was extra special in the way he treated others. He always had a kind word for all and treated all with kindness and respect. What I will remember most is his smile - he always had one! I am so sorry for the loss to your family and our Central High School family.



Pamela Forton - April 09, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ Drake, along with the rest of his friend group, made me feel welcome when I moved hundreds of miles to a new school. If you were concerned about something, he would talk to you about it. Once, he let me paint his face for a photography project and told me it was good even when we both knew it was bad. He was always kind and patient, even if he was going through something on his own. I miss him every day and always will, so I offer my deepest condolences. I'm thankful every day for the joy and perspective Drake brought into my life. He will be missed always.

-Olivia.

Olivia - April 08, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ excerpted from: To an Athlete Dying Young

The time you won your town the race,
We chaired you through the marketplace
Man and boy stood cheering by,
As home we brought you shoulder-high.

To-day, the road all runners come,
Shoulder-high we bring you home,
And set you at your threshold down,
Townsmen of a stiller town.

Craig & Becky and family - When there are no words perhaps the poet can bring comfort and peace. Reason & Solace where there seems none.. I do not know! I pray it so.

Missi , as a teacher at TCC thought highly of Drake. A wonderful bright young man with good friends and in turn, a good friend and true.

Drake ran for TCC..so straight away you know him to be cut from a different cloth of highest standards, integrity and loyalty....Reflective of his family, friends, loved ones, teammates and coaches / teachers - mentors.

Missi, Connor and I send our deepest sympathies and prayers for God's Grace on your family and God-Speed Drake's soul on the eternal road all runners run.

Danny

daniel j kostrzewa - April 08, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ I did not know your child, but my daughters, Kate and Kara Wilson did and that brings sadness to my heart for your lost. I hope you find some kind of peace knowing that he touched others lives and brought smiles to the faces that surrounded him.



Sandra LaMay - April 06, 2017 at 03:52 AM



“ Jeff, Stacy, Brandon and Tyler Smith, My son Tyler was touched by Drake in a class last year. He mentioned in passing that he was a great person and that means a lot for a seventeen year old. Our deepest condolences to your family. We are so sorry for your loss.



Stacy Smith - April 05, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ I had the pleasure of interacting with Drake as a room parent at The Children's House. He was an absolute joy, full of wonder and curiosity. My thoughts and prayers go out to Craig, Becky, and the entire family. What a tremendous loss.

Tammy Hagerty

Tammy Hagerty - April 04, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ I had the pleasure, honour and blessing to have met Drake in Nova Scotia. I met a young man who had such a beautiful presence. I remember his smile, kindness, respect for others and his amazing connection with his family. He left me with such a wonderful impression of the person he was. God has taken a special person to heaven. I did receive a few of those great hugs also. I will have great memories of this amazing young man.

My thoughts, prayers, love and sympathy are sent to Craig, Beckie, Jack and Madie. May God give you the comfort and support that you require at this time.

Tammy Hirtle

Tammy Hirtle - April 03, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ Hello to the family of Drake. I am so sorry that my only friend from Kindergarten has left us. Drake and I were at Montessori Children's House and we were good friends. Drake did not mind that I had a few 'quirks', he seemed to see pass them. After Montessori I went to Central Grade School and lost track of Drake. I am graduating from West High School in a couple of months but I think if we had gone through school together we still would have been the best of friends. I am sure I will think of him once in awhile and maybe give him a wave in Heaven. Sincerely, Logan Putman

Logan Michael Putman - April 03, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ For Drake and the special insight he gave to the show The Curse of Oak Island! So young, full of enthusiasm, and dedication to finding the many clues relating to Oak Island. He will always be remembered as an integral part of the Oak Island Team.



Valerie Thomas - April 03, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Drake! He was a remarkable inspiration to the show "The Curse of Oak Island" along with the rest of the Oak Island Team. I always looked forward to watching Oak Island and will always! His memory, his enthusiasm for adventure will live on forever!

Valerie Thomas - April 03, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ Craig, Jack, and family. We are so saddened and sorry to hear of Drake's passing. Although we only had a few opportunities to interact with Drake on the island, he was always a pleasant and happy spirit. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all and the rest of Drake's family and friends. Sending hugs to you all.

Sincerely,

Judy & Dave Eisnor

Judy Eisnor - April 03, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ Drake was was wonderful young man. He was very kind to my son Aleks during our time on Oak Island. Just a really nice young man. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, the Burchill family.

Nick Burchill - April 03, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ Lisa Beckley Palmer lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Lisa Beckley Palmer - April 03, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. My son attends Central and although didn't know Drake personally he has friends that do and just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you and your family.

Lisa - April 03, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ Kathy Denny lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



kathy denny - April 03, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ Though Drake only knew me as Jakob's mom, that was all I needed to be able to witness what a wonderful human being he was. Last year during Jake's freshmen year, Drake and him had the honor of traveling with the XC team to the State Championships. Running XC and track bright the boys together. Then one day as I was picking my girls up from gymnastics practice, the girls were buzzing about about a new boy taking classes and hire he and his father are on TV. As I look to see who they are talking about, I say, "oh that's Drake". Not as a negative, but that his celebrity made no difference to the people he and his family are. I enjoyed seeing Drake as part of the Edge Cheer team. His smile lit the entire room and his positivity about everything was contagious.

Prayers to your family from ours.

- Mario & Sami Smith, Jakob Simmons, Jaklyn Simmons, Kaydince Smith, and Deziray Smith

Sami Smith - April 03, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ My favorite memory of Drake was during our freshman year at TC Central, track season. We had just finished the mile run, Drake gave me a hug after the meet. Thank you, Drake for being such a good friend. I will miss you. Love your friend, Sasha Whiting



Sasha Whiting - April 02, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ Dear Craig and Jack,
I am so very sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Of course I never met Drake but in knowing you, I am sure he was an exceptional young man following in your manner. I hope you will find peace by remembering the happy times you shared. In sympathy, Dr. Lori Verderame



Dr. Lori Verderame - April 02, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Ricky Corkum lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Ricky Corkum - April 02, 2017 at 01:51 PM



“ Although I am a stranger to you and my daughter who attends TCC did not know Drake personally, she had many friends who did. Without fail, they all say what a kind and like- able young man he was. One of her lifelong friends sat next to Drake in choir and that was his first comment.

As a parent, I know that losing a child has to be our worst fear. Know that both friends and strangers like myself are holding you in our thoughts and hearts and prayers, whether we have experienced the same or not. Your grief will no doubt be lifelong, but know that that same grief, though overwhelming right now, is a testimony to your great love for your beautiful son. Even angels are allowed to and do weep!

Drake sounds like a person who blessed this world with his presence and for whom our world will be a little less bright without him. But I am sure, if all I have heard about him is true, that he leaves this world a better place from his walk among us.

Cherish his spirit, his life, and all that he meant to you. As hard as it is to let our children go, in whatever way and time, I hope, that like me with my daughter, you have been brought closer to God and His love, through the gift of being Drake's parents.

Know that many in this community shed tears with and for you, his siblings, and with all who love him.

Pat Voice

Pat Voice - April 02, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ Boyd Family lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Boyd Family - April 02, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ Words cannot adequately express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your family and many loved ones. God Bless you all.

Tara Hoover - April 02, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Words can not express the sympathy felt for your family. Please accept our families condolences. Our thoughts are with you all. God bless.

Dale Ferdinand-Payne - April 01, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ Life and death are one thread, the same line viewed from different sides.
- Lao Tzu

So saddened by your loss. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.

David Gardner - April 01, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ My Heart goes out to the Tester family, it's never easy losing a child. I pray that God will comfort your family in your great loss...

Randy Cox - April 01, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ Sending prayers of comfort and healing to all of Drake's family and friends. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lori Emberton - April 01, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ Please receive my deepest condolences.

Petter Amundsen - April 01, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ Joan Baltzer lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



joan baltzer - April 01, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ I remember so well his eagerness to the Oak Island Mystery. His attending meetings in the War Room, assisting with shovels, mud etc. And lastly his part in the Memory pipe they buried as a team. May God bless you Drake, Rest in Peace.

Merri Jane King - April 01, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Joyce Freeman lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Joyce Freeman - April 01, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ Our sympathy for the family. We will pray for you during this hard time.



Jack Cobb - April 01, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ My deepest sympathy.



Lisa Tompkins - April 01, 2017 at 08:02 AM



“ Fly with the angels

Dena Preece - April 01, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ May God receive him. May the family know that Jesus says I go before to ready a room for you, trust in him and we will meet again

Robert Campbell - April 01, 2017 at 07:42 AM



“ Cindy Parisian lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Cindy Parisian - April 01, 2017 at 07:13 AM



“ Joanne Waugh lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Joanne Waugh - April 01, 2017 at 05:56 AM



“ sorry for your loss -God Bless -clinton tennessee

Eugene Webb - April 01, 2017 at 05:03 AM



“ Amanda Dunton Charles lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Amanda Dunton Charles - April 01, 2017 at 03:58 AM



“ Sandra Medlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Sandra Medlin - April 01, 2017 at 03:04 AM



“ Sandra Medlin lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Sandra Medlin - April 01, 2017 at 03:03 AM



“ Drake had a smile that was contagious. The world has lost a remarkable young man. My sincerest condolences to the Tester family. May Jesus give you Peace and Grace to help you navigate this painful journey .

Sandra Medlin - April 01, 2017 at 02:58 AM



“ Sending Prayers God Bless From West Virginia May he fly high with the Angel's above



Sherry Metheny - March 31, 2017 at 11:40 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I will be praying for you all. May he rest in peace, and may the Lord comfort you through this time of pain.

Kathy Cassell - March 31, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ Craig: There are few words to express the emotions we feel when we learn of the passing of a child. We know too many families who have lost children, and we have seen the agony they go through. May your time of healing be short, and your memories be forever. If Drake has any of the qualities that I have known and appreciated in my years of association with you, Craig, the world has lost a great young man. May he rest in peace, and we know his family will be united with him again in heaven.

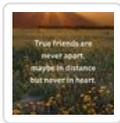
Greg and Terry Fogle

Greg and Terry Fogle - March 31, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ Did not know this young man other than through watching the Oak Island episodes but prayers and understanding go out to you in your time of sadness. My wife and I have experienced the loss of a child so although we do not know how you feel, we do know what it is to lose a love one. Prayers to the family and all involved. You are loved. God Bless.

Don and Doris Bankston - March 31, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ My heart breaks no parent should have to bury their child. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you as parents and all your family in this time of sorrow.

Kimberlee - March 31, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ Condolences and prayer for you in your time of grief.
Mary Gindhert



Mary Gindhert - March 31, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ Terry lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Terry - March 31, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ Our heartfelt prayers to you and your family on your loss. May God hold you tighter and longer in this season. No one can ever comprehend the loss of a child. Be gentle on yourselves in the coming days and weeks.

Terry & Colleen Johnson

Terry & Colleen Johnson - March 31, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ Carole King lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Carole King - March 31, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ Debbie Cook lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Debbie Cook - March 31, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ Angel Naylor lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Angel Naylor - March 31, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ Ellen Myers lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Ellen Myers - March 31, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss!

Ellen Myers - March 31, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ Peggy Fogle lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Peggy Fogle - March 31, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ Georgette Sparkes lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Georgette Sparkes - March 31, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ Very sad to learn of the loss of your son. Our hearts go out to you.
Robert & Wendy Dares
Nova Scotia

R dares - March 31, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ Dean Delp lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Dean Delp - March 31, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ The Cooke Family lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



The Cooke Family - March 31, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ Tara Richey lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Tara Richey - March 31, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ Sharon Cline lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Sharon Cline - March 31, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ All I can do is wish you strength to get thru the worst ordeal that anybody has ever known.
Anonymous Angelfather

Rich Rozborski - March 31, 2017 at 07:36 PM



“ Nancy Mccullough lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Nancy Mccullough - March 31, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ Patricia Morrison lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Patricia Morrison - March 31, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ We are saddened to learn of Drake's Passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.

The Richter Family



Annette Richter - March 31, 2017 at 05:18 PM



“ I am just so sorry for the loss of your son, may God bring you comfort and strength.

dawn - March 31, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ The Verila Family lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



The Verila Family - March 31, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Tina - March 31, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ May God Bless and Keep your Family Strong through this time of sorrow. Much Love

Tina - March 31, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ God Bless all the family. This is the most difficult happening in any parent or grandparents life. Stay strong and God will show you the path of grief that will take a very long journey. May God bring you some comfort.

Ruby - March 31, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ My deepest sympathies.

Lisa - April 01, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family and friends of Drake. No words can come close to offer comfort in this difficult time. I pray that God comforts you all, and gives you strength during this time. Sending Love and Prayers, may God Bless each of you.

Jason Waun
Gowen, MI.

Jason Waun - March 31, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your son. I didn't know Drake but my son is one of his track teammates at Central. I wish you peace and comfort in this difficult time. God bless!



Laurie Schleicher - March 31, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ Sending healing love light and prayers to his family and all who loved him!! So very sorry for this tragic loss! May God be with you all at this sad time!

Angel Mitford - March 31, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ so very sorry for your loss..prayers..

Linda Collins - March 31, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ You don't know me. I am a big fan of the show. This is such tragic and heartbreaking news. I am so sorry for what your family is going through.

Michelle Sinclair - March 31, 2017 at 08:25 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss.



michael - March 31, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ Jenifer Murray lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Jenifer Murray - March 31, 2017 at 05:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Tester and Oak Island family. Glad I had the chance to meet and work with such a great young man.



Jake McNaughton - March 30, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Connie Rutter lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Connie Rutter - March 30, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ My deepest condolences, Becky, to you and your family for the loss of your beautiful son.

Julie Liske - March 30, 2017 at 12:21 PM



“ Craig and Becky and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Bill and Sue Stelzer

Bill Stelzer - March 30, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ Guy And Elaine Wood lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Guy and Elaine Wood - March 29, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ Kira Ganter lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Kira Ganter - March 29, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

Rhonda & Brooklyn Cooper - March 29, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ Olympia Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Olympia Sanchez - March 29, 2017 at 08:01 AM



“ Truly an Angel that will be missed

Nancy Santiago - March 29, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ Harrison Family lit a candle in memory of Drake Maxwell Tester



Harrison Family - March 29, 2017 at 07:29 AM