



## Joshua Andrew Little

May 24, 1982 - August 4, 2017

Little, Joshua Andrew  
Saginaw, Michigan

Joshua passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 4, 2017, at the age of 35 years. He was born on May 24, 1982, in Saginaw, to Harold and Susan (Ruthenbeck) Little and they survive him.

Joshua proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He loved to cook and enjoyed working at various restaurants throughout the area.

Joshua is survived by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, Matthew (Becky) Little; his niece and nephew, Cecelia and Waylon Little; Grandmother, Marilyn Little. Joshua was predeceased by his grandparents, Harold A. Little, Jack and Phyllis Ruthenbeck, and his aunt, Kathy Vanecek.

Joshua's memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church 1030 W. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan. The Rev. Caleb Adams will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memories and sympathies of Joshua may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lorenz Lutheran Church  
1030 W Tuscola St.  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Andrew Little*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Joshua Andrew Little*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Joshua and I spent many days and nights hanging out. He was my best friend of my whole life. We used to do everything together! From having iced coffee to sharing the gospel. We wrestled, laughed, cried, and everything else in between. We lost and found each other, like we hadn't missed a day. We hid nothing from each other, no matter what. Josh cherished my friendship. My favorite thing that Joshua did was his impressions. He could do an impression of anyone at the drop of a hat. Josh was a great writer and I miss being his editor. Partners in crime, but also partners in good. Our friendship was envied to many. Josh would hate when I told him I loved him, but anyone who knew us together knew that, and it was mutual. He didn't have to say it back, I knew he loved me and he did too. I miss you Josh and my life is not the same without you.*

**Alison Knezek** - February 27, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *I worked with Josh at the Frankenmuth Brewery he was so kind and pleasant to all who worked there I will truly miss this young man, Wanda Reif*

**Wanda Reif** - August 22, 2017 at 02:36 PM

BF

“ Harold and family, I would like to send my sincerest sympathies to you and your family, Josh was very special to me and a close acquaintance, had a very special place in my heart.

*Barbara Fischer*

*Long Beach, MS*

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**barbara fischer** - August 12, 2017 at 04:16 PM

KK

“ No one knows how beautiful death is until we experience it in Christ. It is the survivors who ache. My sympathies to the family.

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**Kim Koehler** - August 11, 2017 at 03:58 PM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and strength in this difficult time. Bill and Kellie Eisenhauer

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**Bill and Kellie Eisenhauer** - August 10, 2017 at 08:01 AM

GW

“ My prayers and sadness are with you Harold and your loved ones. God Bless you all and may God Welcome Josh with open arms.

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**Gene Wood** - August 09, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JB

“ Harold and Sue,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our children are our most precious gift in life and when God calls one home the loss seems unbearable. Josh and your family will be in our prayers. With deepest sympathy,  
Dale and Joan Borske

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**Joan Borske** - August 09, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Josh was always making me laugh during classes at VLHS and years after. He will be missed* 💙💛

Jill Muehlenbeck - August 09, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Dear Matt and Becky,  
We are sorry for your loss, our hearts go out to you and your family. With our deepest sympathy, David & Mags Newberg*



Margaret Newberg - August 08, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Matt and Becky, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. Nick and Dee (Cass) Todorow*

Dee Todorow - August 08, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *You will always be loved and missed my beautiful friend. You were with me on the Camino and I am so sorry for everything.*

Chris Mills - August 08, 2017 at 06:16 PM

PD

“ Dear Sue and Harold,

*Ray and I were so sorry to hear about Josh. We enjoyed getting to know him when he worked for us at the Daily Dish. He put his whole heart into that job for us! Without being asked, he created a flyer and distributed it all over town in order to get our name out there. He was friendly and professional with all the customers. He even taught us a trick or two regarding the square pizza!*

*Josh shared some of his struggles with us, and also his faith. We'll always remember him as being bright and engaging. Our hearts go out to you. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Pam and Ray Daily*

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**Pam Daily** - August 08, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Andrew Little.



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August 08, 2017 at 04:06 PM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Joshua Andrew Little



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - August 08, 2017 at 12:06 PM

RH

“ *Harold, Sue & Matt,  
Our hearts also are broken, but God's promise is not broken that He will never leave us or forsake us. We take great comfort in the promise of Josh's baptism, the abundance of God's grace, and the joy of eternal life thanks to Jesus. Our prayers will be with you now and through all the days ahead.*

*Tim & Judy Huber, Sara Peterson, Nathan Huber, and Rachel Huber*

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**Rev. Timothy L. Huber** - August 08, 2017 at 11:03 AM

DS

*Harold&Sue Shirley and I are very sorry to hear about your loss and our prayers and thoughts will be with you in this time 🙏*

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**Daniel Schneider** - August 09, 2017 at 08:12 PM

DL

“ Josh worked for me in the Bakery at the Bavarian Inn. (My last name is also Little so, together, we were "representin"! ) Josh started on a day when we had an unusual order for 200 Guten Morgan coffee cakes, so we grabbed him to help with the massive production. He was impressive, and we thought, "This guy can work!"

Plus, Josh was a "foodie". He LOVED food! He would come in and tell us all about the little culinary masterpieces he had whipped up for dinner. He also loved to share that passion. Sometimes he would bring in something he had made as a treat for his 3rd Shift co-workers. When visiting the Farmer's Market one day, he discovered a cheese that he especially liked, so he came back to the Bakery with samples for everyone. (I still buy that cheese to this day.)

Josh was smart and interested in so many things. He got me hooked on the television program, "The Curse of Oak Island" and, the day after it aired each week, we would discuss the episode at length. His enthusiasm was infectious!

We are going to miss Josh, his hearty laugh, and that pretty, bald head of his. While he openly shared some of his struggles with us, he always spoke of his goals and his desire to rise above his challenges. What we know for sure is that Josh lived while he was alive!

*Darcy Little  
Bakery Manager  
Bavarian Inn Restaurant*

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**Darcy Little** - August 08, 2017 at 06:07 AM

TH

“ Timothy L Huber purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Joshua Andrew Little.



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**Timothy L Huber** - August 07, 2017 at 11:35 PM

AW

“ I have so many memories of growing up with Josh, including playing basketball with him on a summer day at his house down the road. Praying for the family during such a tough time. He holds a special place in the hearts of our neighborhood. To the family, may you find comfort in God as he grants you his peace during this difficult time.

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**Aggie Wyman(Horonzy)** - August 07, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Andrew Little.



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August 07, 2017 at 04:23 PM

UJ

“ Uncle Jim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joshua Andrew Little.



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**Uncle Jim** - August 07, 2017 at 02:27 PM

RR

“ *May those memories you have of Josh stay forever in your heart, return to them often to get you through the days to follow. His life on earth was too short but he is now in his Eternal Home with Christ. Prayers to the Little family as you say goodbye to such a bright light in this World. - Rachel Reinbold*

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**Rachel Reinbold** - August 07, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MK

“ *Harold, Sue and Matt,  
So sorry to hear about Josh. We always had fun together with our class at Immanuel. We had lots of fun memories. Praying for peace for your family.*

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**Miriam (Hecht) King** - August 07, 2017 at 11:56 AM

SZ

“ *Samantha Zahm lit a candle in memory of  
Joshua Andrew Little*



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**Samantha Zahm** - August 07, 2017 at 11:32 AM

TR

“ *Little Family: May God's peace wrap your hearts, minds and souls as you go through this tremendous loss.*

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**Tom Roekle** - August 07, 2017 at 09:47 AM

PT

“ Harold & Sue & family, I was watching the obits on wnem tv 5 & saw Josh's name, I wasn't sure it was your son . I am so so very sorry, its hard to find the words to comfort or make you feel any better, but just know, that your whole family is in our thoughts & prayers. I remember Josh & Matt from up north, what a couple of great kids Harold ! I will always remember the times we had at our cottages. God Bless you & your family. Jack & Pam Taylor.



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**Pam Taylor** - August 07, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Andrew Little.



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August 07, 2017 at 07:21 AM

MN

“ Harold, Sue, Matt and Becky, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mandy Neumeyer** - August 06, 2017 at 09:59 PM

BV

“ Harold, Sue, Vern, Marilyn & Matt - sharing your loss. Josh was loving, kind hearted, giving and friend. We all will miss his light and laughter. My sincere sorrow and condolences.  
Bill Vitany

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**bill vitany** - August 06, 2017 at 07:03 PM

CW

“ Sue I am so sorry for your loss of Joshua. Peace with Christ as always.

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**Cheryl Weber** - August 06, 2017 at 06:33 PM

JA

“ Sue sorry to hear this news. My deepest condolences and prayers go to you and your family

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**Jill Attarpour** - August 06, 2017 at 06:15 PM

PE

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. Sending my deepest condolences to you, Harold and the rest of your family  
You will be in my prayers.....

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**Patti Douglass Elliott** - August 06, 2017 at 06:07 PM

PH

“ Josh Little was my friend! My wife and I loved him. He could light up a room. We laughed, worked and shared together. We also prayed together. He had some inner demons that he could not work out. When he let his soul shine it was amazing. He will always be a part of me. I can rest in peace knowing that you are in a better place with our Lord.

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**Phil Hall** - August 06, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MZ

“ Sue and Harold, sorry to hear of the passing of Josh. He was a good employee while he worked for me at the dealership. I also talked to him at times while he worked elsewhere. We had our discussions from time to time and you should know that most of those times we included the Lord our Savior. Know that he is now in Heaven where he is suffering no more. Blessings to you.  
Marty Zehnder

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**Marty Zehnder** - August 06, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ Matt , Becky and family, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of you brother/son. Please know that you are all in our hearts and prayers.

Kerry, Brandon, Chris Reuther  
Ashley ( Reuther) Piwarski and family



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**Kerry Reuther** - August 06, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MM

“ The Little Family,  
Very sorry to hear of Josh's passing. It was far to soon. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult of times.

Josh,  
You will be missed very much by all who knew you. Rest in peace.

Mike Macauley

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**Mike Macauley** - August 06, 2017 at 11:35 AM

RT

“ Gene and I were so sorry to hear of Josh's passing. Please know that we are thinking of you during this sad time. Rest in peace Josh.

Rae Anne Tilden - August 06, 2017 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ Awful sorry to hear of your loss Susan, Harold and Matt.

Mike Sherman - August 06, 2017 at 09:19 AM

DN

“ I was blessed to teach Josh I his 8th grade confirmation. He was spirited and loved to argue, but he was joyful, kind, and he loved his Savior.

Don Neuendorf - August 06, 2017 at 09:08 AM

LA

Very well said, Pastor! And he always had a smile on his face!

Linda Abraham - August 06, 2017 at 10:37 AM

RM

So sorry for your los Harold and Sue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Karen and Richard Muska

Richard & Karen Muska - August 06, 2017 at 12:57 PM

EH

Sue, Harold, Matt, and Becky, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Knowing Josh is with Jesus gives you some comfort.

Ethel and Randy Hetzner - August 06, 2017 at 09:22 PM

CL

Sue, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Carol Schmelzer LaFramboise - August 06, 2017 at 10:34 PM

SB

*Sue and family, so very sorry to hear of Joshua's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Sue Beagle (Atkins)*

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**Sue Beagle** - August 07, 2017 at 08:23 AM

LD

*Harold, Sue and family, Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you in the loss of your precious son. Praying that our Lord's love, comfort, peace, strength and hope will carry you through this difficult time. Tom and Linda Daugharty*

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**Linda B Daugharty** - August 07, 2017 at 10:36 AM

KR

*Harold, Sue and family so sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you. Ken and Kathy Reinbold*

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**Kathleen reinbold** - August 07, 2017 at 11:42 AM

CB

*Harold & Sue, Matt & Becky - my heart breaks for what you are going through. What a terrible loss of a bright spirit. I thought the world of Josh and was always delighted to see and visit with him. He was a people-person with a quick smile and engaging personality. My neighbors and I loved when he shared his homemade soup with us. He will truly be missed. Rest in heaven, Josh.*

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**Cheryl Bierlein** - August 08, 2017 at 10:42 AM

PR

*Harold & Sue, Matt & Becky - so sorry for your loss. Although we don't know the reason God called him home so young. We know it is not Good-bye, but until we meet again. Prayers are coming your way.*

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**Peggy Reinhardt** - August 08, 2017 at 06:14 PM



*Harold, Sue, Matt, Becky and family,  
Hearing of Josh's passing is so devastating. He was so full of life and always spoke with me whenever our paths ran into each other. He worked hard trying to find his path in life and we will miss him dearly. May you feel God's presence in your most difficult days ahead and know that our thought's and prayer's are with you.  
Lori Gilliland*

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**Lori Demers-Gilliland** - August 09, 2017 at 08:16 AM

KK

*Harold, Sue, Matt and Becky - so very heart breaking to hear about Josh. Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you struggle through this difficult time. We can't always understand the plans God has for us, but we can be assured of his abounding love. Rest in peace Josh.  
Kathy and Stu Kern*

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**Kathy and Stu Kern** - August 09, 2017 at 08:48 AM



*I just heard of Josh's passing today, so very sorry for your loss Harold and Sue. Praying that God will give you comfort in this sad time. Sally (Ehrlinger) Frahm*

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**Sally Frahm** - August 09, 2017 at 03:45 PM

FZ

*Harold & Sue and Family. We were saddened to hear you loss and will continue to keep you in our prayers. May God give you strength during these difficult time. Fred worked with Josh and he became friends. Josh had a loving heart, brought smiles to us. His memory will be with us. Our deepest sympathy to all. Fred and Karen Zwack*

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**Fred Zwack** - August 16, 2017 at 09:03 AM