

Scholarship Honors the Special Qualities of David Talamo

The family of David Talamo has created a memorial scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior at Ukiah High School.

David's parents, Joe and Sandy, remember what a special boy David was, "He was like an angel on earth. You couldn't help but love him. He was very funny - he loved to watch old Red Skelton and Three Stooges videos - and he had this infectious laugh that was more like a giggle." David's sister Diann says, "David was friends with everybody. I didn't know anyone who didn't like him."

David had a love of sports. He started playing soccer at 4 years of age and was on Ukiah's first "Mighty Mites" youth football team when he was 7 years old. He continued to play football, winning numerous awards with Ukiah Pop Warner and then the Ukiah Youth Football League. He also played baseball for North Ukiah Little League and the Ukiah Pony Colt League, and was selected for All-Star teams for both baseball and football. He looked up to his dad, who was a football and his baseball coach, and his brother John, who played football and baseball as well. In addition to David's love of sports, he was an excellent student and a fun loving boy who enjoyed riding his bike to go exploring with his friends.

The loss of such a dear boy creates unimaginable grief. The David Talamo Athletic Scholarship is a way of remembering the wonderful qualities that David exuded while he was alive - the humor, the love of sports, and his affection for family and friends.

The Little Boy In Glasses

The sun was shining bright in April when the doctor said it was time By evenings fall our world had changed as we held you in our arms. As you grew and started to change we found you needed help

So we put the glasses on your face so your world would open up.

I worried with fear from a mother's heart, that the world would treat you different

How wrong I was not to have known--It was you who would change the world.

With a little face and glasses, that were to big to fit your face...You pushed them back

And headed forward, for there was a world for you to taste.

You made so many friends and touched so many lives--your light was bright to see

Your laughter, your kindness, your easy-going spirit was for all he world to see.

I ache for all our yesterdays, because tomorrow is too hard to bear

My little boy in glasses how I hold you dear.

I know it's your time to fly away and sit amongst the angels...

But I'll miss your face and your warm embrace, my little boy in glasses.

Mommy Loves You David