



## Mahlon John Acres

May 13, 1994 - September 19, 2010

Funeral services for Mahlon Acres, 16, of Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Frank Teat officiating. Interment will be in Davis Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mr. Acres died Sept. 19, 2010, at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born May 13, 1994, in Henderson. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a student at Henderson High School. Mahlon was a member of the HHS FFA, JV football team, FCA, choir, and was a class favorite nominee. He was also a member of the varsity baseball team and this past 2010 season was named the District 14-4A Freshman of the Year. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at First Baptist Church of Henderson. Survivors include: parents, Stephen and Arlene Acres of Henderson; grandmother, Ruby Doris Davis of Henderson; brothers, Matthew Acres of College Station and Michael Acres of Henderson; uncle, Russell Davis and wife Margaret of Katy. Pallbearers will be Rocky Hall, Donnie Powers, Dr. Todd Raabe, Dr. Roger Sessions, Sonny Simmons, Steve Lacy, Michael Perry and Robert Ellis. Honorary pallbearers will be former teammates from Fusion, Tyler Patriots, Texas Prospects, Henderson All-Stars, HHS baseball teams, HHS football teams, former coaches and HISD coaches. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mahlon Acres Memorial Fund at Texas Bank at P.O. Box 1990, Henderson, Texas 75653; First Baptist Church Youth Group at 207 W. Main St., Henderson, Texas 75652 (specify youth group);

Henderson High School Baseball Booster Club at 408 Ravenwood,  
Henderson, Texas 75654; and the Henderson Boys Baseball Association at  
P.O. Box 1712, Henderson, Texas 75653. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com)

# Previous Events

## visitation

SEP **22**. 6:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Arlene & Stephen - I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Know that prayers for God's loving arms to surround you and comfort you, are sent your way. Sincerely ~ Sonya

Sonya Van Sickle Warren - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Arlene, we are so sorry for your loss. Grant and I enjoyed getting to know you and the boys through swimming. You have a wonderful family and I know Mahlon will be missed by many. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Linda Koudelka - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Arlene and Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. It is so obvious to see that Mahlon was a true Christian disciple for God. May God's peace surround you.

Keith and Connie Ehlers - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Stephen and Arlene, My heart aches for you and your family. You are and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. It was such a beautiful service for such a beautiful and loved young man. Praying for God's comfort and peace for your entire family. Mike, Susan and Addie Bowland

Susan Bowland - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May GOD be with you all.

Calvin & Shannon, Jordan & Kailey Bundrick - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Dear my very close family friends arlene stephen michael and matthew i loved mahlon he was so sweet and kind to me and he was a great swim teacher but i just didnt like that he wore his shirt off that was wierd but when i met him he said hi and that made me very happy he never forgot my name either he also tryed to make me dive at lessons by grabing my ankels but it never worked then michael even tryed but it still didnt work but i loved him so much and i will miss him

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**Grace Trammell** - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ May God bless your family and give you peace at this time of tragic loss. It was such a pleasure for me to take care of your boys and to know your family during my years of practice.--I always admired your parenting skills and the obvious love and bonds that existed in your family. So glad that I was able to come to the funeral and to see the outpouring of love for Mahlon and the Acres family.

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**William Starling M.D.** - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My prayers and condolences, Mahlon was a great guy, and I know your in a better place, but we still miss you down here.

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**Chad Hlavaty** - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ arlene, mrs. davis and family...i can only convey my thoughts and prayers for the family at this time...please know that god is watching over you and yours

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**judy mckinnon (andrasko)** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My heart goes out to you, Arlene, and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Trust in the Lord. I know how very close you are to your boys.

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**Donna Wilder** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Acres family, Every piece of my heart hurts for you. I can not imagine your pain. Just know Mahlon is Home now... Free from all hurt and pain, but with his eternal father, where we all who have accepted Christ will meet Mahlon. I did not know your son personally, but I've heard so many good things, that he did for everyone. Please know your family in Christ is praying for you. We are here to surround you. Prayers all over Texas have been sent out, to every cowboy church. I am praying so hard for God to fill your brokenness. "When your heart is broken do not sulk and look down, but look up into Heaven, for that is where your broken heart is sent to be mended." we love you guys and we are praying for you all. Cross brand Cowboy Church And Spano family

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**Lacy spano** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dear Arlene and Steve: I am so sorry for the loss of your son. I am praying for you daily. I know that our Lord and Savior will give you comfort and hope.

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**Ray Deason** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Arlene, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bill and Joyce

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**Bill and Joyce Cooper** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I cannot fathom the depth of your sorrow. I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray the Lord will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Elledge Family - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Arlene and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. May God Bless and Comfort you all.

Gary, Karla & Kalli Johnson - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Mr. and Mrs. Acres and Family. Kristina has known Mahlon since they were in the first grade, and has always had nice things to say about him. I was at a loss for your family, as I don't know what I would do if we lost one of our children. It is truly a blessing to know that you will see your son again. Please know that you and your family are in our every prayer and on our Prayer list at Bar None Cowboy Church. Sincerely, The Eggleston Family

Beau and Terri Eggleston, Kristina (Sophomore), and Cassidy - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My heart aches for you all, at the loss of your young son, brother and friend. I smile through my tears at hearing how this young man was such a PROUD, devoted, caring, and admirable Christian and, OH MY at the many, many lives that he has touched in his life and even after! May we all strive to be the kind of person that your beloved Mahlon was to everyone! We will continue to pray that the Lord comforts each of you in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Love and prayers, Rick, Heather, Leandra, Tyler & Tori Esters

The Esters Family - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Mahlon was a wonderful, talented, and caring young man who touched the lives of many . May you find comfort and strength in our Lord and Savior. ( 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

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**Claude and Pam Robinson** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Acres Family, I am Carolyn Barnett's nephew and learned of your loss the other night while talking with her. Even though I have never met your family, please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time of great loss and sadness. I learned also of your organ donations after Mahlon's passing. I am a liver transplant recipient after losing my liver to fatty liver disease in 2009. I am a living example of my donor's family unselfish gift during their sorrow. Take comfort in knowing that Mahlon's legacy lives on through your unselfish gifts. May God Bless your family during this time. Respectfully yours...

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**Larry Hinsley** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ Steve,Arlene, Matthew;Michael & Doris,My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of yourtrouble and will continue. May God bless and stay with you every step of the way.Love;Irma

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**Irma Davis** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Dear Acres Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear son. It is my hope for your family, that in the days and months ahead, as you struggle to cope with his absence in your daily life, you will be in some small measure comforted by the extraordinary impact that your precious son has had on so many people.

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**Natalie Nichols** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Arlene and Family, I am so sorry about Mahlon. I didn't know him but, I have heard nothing but wonderful things about him. My God comfort you in this time of sorrow. God Bless. Debra and Holly Dorsey

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**Debra Dorsey** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Friends - We did not personally know Mahlon but our lives have been touched by others who did. What a HUGE testimony this very young life has presented to our community. No words will comfort the empty hearts you currently have. But when you need to feel Mahlon's presence - stop and be still. God will provide a closeness with Him & Mahlon that surpasses all understanding. Allow God to be glorified in this tragedy and find solace in HIS arms. John 14:18 (KJV) With friendship and prayers today and the months to come, Charlie, Holli, Hatti & Matti Bridges

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**Bridges Family** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We just wanted to let you know that we are so saddened by your loss. Mahlon was an amazing young man who touched so many lives. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers.

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**Joe, Tracie, Meagen, & Holly Watson** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Acre family...Arlene you are a very special mother and you love your family...you were my physical therapist a few years ago and our boys were very good friends and classmates to each other..God makes no mistakes ..put your faith in him and know you will see him again someday..I love you!!! You and your family are in our prayers..Marneitha, Alex Jenkins & Darion Nash..

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**Marneitha Bradger** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Steve and Arlene, we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers. The service was a great tribute to Mahlon and to you all.

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**Bill Bagley** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ May God put his loving arms around your family during this difficult time and give you comfort as you go through this time of sorrow. Jack and I will continue to pray for you.Love in Christ,Jack and Donice Benningfield

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**Jack & Donice Benningfield** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ My condolences to you, Matt, and the rest of your family. I was not privileged to know Mahlon, but through our many mutual friends, I know that he was truly a man of God. May the Lord be always with the Acres family, and may God be glorified through the life of Mahlon!

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**Ryan Emmons** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ WE are so sorry for your loss and have your family in our prayers.

Mark & Susan Roskos - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ God bless your family and be with you. I and my family are deeply saddened by your loss. Mahlon set an example for all to follow. I am truly sorry for your family's loss. Just please be assured that he is in heaven with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jack Tully - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Burl, Sabrina, Tyler, & Davis Richards - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we know God will bring you comfort and peace at this time

Donna Stanley - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We want you to know that we have been praying for you and will continue to pray that you feel God's presence ever so strongly as He gives you His strength and grace to walk through the days ahead. What a legacy Mahlon leaves behind! We still remember your family sitting on the front rows of Millville Baptist Church when he was only an infant! Hold on to the stories, memories, and those sweet cherished moments that only a parent can experience with their child because they will forever be in your mind and hearts. Treasure them always and trust in God for His guidance. The angels in heaven are rejoicing with Mahlon now! We serve a Mighty God and know that He will be with your family each step of the way. Continually praying, Tim & Kathy Storer and family

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**The Storer Family** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Arlene, My prayers are with you and your family. I love all your boys and enjoyed teaching them at First Methodist Preschool. You are a wonderful mother and may God be with you at this difficult time, Love Margaret Ballard

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**Margaret Ballard** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ May God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Baker, Karolyn & Brady "BC" Clifton (Texas Express)

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**Baker, Karolyn & Brady Clifton** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My sincere sympathy to you at this time. May you be comforted by family and friends in the days ahead. Linda Romer, Houston, Tx.

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**Linda Romer** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Stephan, Arlene, Matt, and Michael, My most heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. Mahlon was such a good young man, as is all your sons. I pray that the Lord will comfort you in the coming days, and weeks. God Bless you all.*

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**Larry Reedy** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Arlene and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you are going through this difficult time. We are so sorry for yall's loss. Mahlon was a precious young man and was loved by many.*

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**Jay and Amanda Wherry** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Arlene, You, Steve, and the boys are in my prayers. I know that there has been lots of tears and sadness in the past few days, there has also been lots of memories expressed, by friends and all who knew Mahlon and the Acres Family. Friends and Family surround you today with lots of love and support. I know that you have amazing strength, and it will take that, to get through this most difficult time. Be sure to lean on your Friends and Family to help you. The Lord will provide your comfort. Always a Friend, Donna Boatwright Saffell*

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**Donna Boatwright Saffell** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Arlene, Stephen, Matthew & Michael, We just never understand these things, but we want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time in your lives. I have heard so many good things about Mahlon from Jake and what a good kid he was! Someday, God will help us understand, but until then, turn your broken hearts to Him who is the greatest healer there is. May He grant you peace and comfort, and know that we will continue to lift you up to Him for strength each day.

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**Bob & Cindy Ratliff** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Stephen, Arlene, and boys May God bless you and your family during this extremely difficult time. You have the thoughts and prayers of an entire community. Respectfully, Melissa Morton

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**Melissa Morton** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We are Nick Siler's grandparents who are grieving along with him and your family. We saw Mahlon play ball many times as well as play the piano. He was great at both. May the Lord bless you and keep you close during these dark days.

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**Johnny and La Juan Thompson** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Acres Family, Our family of faith will continue to lift you up in our daily prayers. May you all feel the presence of God with you. May you be comforted by Him each day. May the peace of Christ be with you and your entire family. Peace, Tatum UMC Family of Faith

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**Tatum United Methodist Church** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ So sorry to see this, sounds like a terrific young man. My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. God Bless

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**Greg Carpenter** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Acres Family, We are so sorry for such a tragic loss to your family. May you have comfort knowing that part of Mahlon lives on in all the lives he saved. Mahlon was such a good kid and loved by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless you, The Lingle's Doug, Crystal, Zac, & Hallie

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**Doug, Crystal, Zac, & Hallie Lingle** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Steve, Arlene and Family, Words cannot express my feelings for you during this time of loss. I will hold a special thought for you and your family during this difficult time. Charles

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**Charles Lowry** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Saddened to hear the news of your son's passing, Stephen. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Chip Jackson** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Arcres Family, Our hearts have been absolutely broken for your loss. We have been and will continue to be praying for God's healing in your lives. You are an incredible God honoring family and I know that all of you have touched the lives of many with your continuing faith. May God blanket you right now with His peace. In Christ, Bill, Shelli and Brendon

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**Bill, Shelli and Brendon Burd** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AN

“Arlene, your gentle touch has eased my pain many times. I hope these heartfelt condolences and the embrace of the community, bring comfort to you and your family. As Carrie Underwood's song goes "this is our temporary home, not where we belong, just passing through, just a stop to where we are going". Mahlon is in Heaven where he belongs. His work here was done. His many accomplishments, his gifted talents and his loving memory will forever be your keepsake. Keeping your family in pray.

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**Angie** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CV

“It is so sad to read about the loss of a family member- especially one so young. It is my wish that memories you shared will last a lifetime and always bring a smile to your face. Rest assured that God's promises is a reality. Isaiah 25:8 says that He will swallow up death forever. Life will be the way God purposed in paradise. Psalm 37:11,29.

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**C. Vest** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“We are all so saddened to learn of your loss. I remember so fondly seeing sweet Mahlon running around the HBBA ball fields so many years ago. He was an amazing kid. His story and his life have touched so many people in so many ways beyond just the Henderson community...we'll never truly know what a tremendous impact he's made in the time he was here. Our family has had you all lifted up in prayer the last several days, and we will continue to do so. Our deepest love and prayers for strength go out to you all in this difficult time.

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**Ryan & Tracy Stanford, Abigail Stanford, & Nathan Hines** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We have so many fond memories of Mahlon!! I remember us sneaking over to your house and putting up Longhorn signs or shirts when they were in elementary school. Mahlon was such an awesome kid!! He will forever be in our hearts. We love you guys!!

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**Joe & Sharon McQuiston** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Acres Family,I pray for God to comfort you in his arms in the days ahead without Mahlon. I am so sorry for your loss, and you are in my deepest thoughts and prayers. No one should ever have to go through such a tragedy! Especially losing an amazing kid to such a wonderful family. Mahlon will never be forgotten and has made such an impact on the world in the little time he was here!Sincerely,  
Amanda Boze

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**Amanda "Broadway" Boze** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Arlene, We want you to know that you and your family will continue to be in our prayers. All our love, The Grants

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**Carl & Lynn Grant** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mr. and Mrs. Acres I know this is a difficult time in your life, and I am praying for God to give you the strength to get through this storm in your life. Just know one day you will see him again, and that right now he is in Heaven looking down on you. He was a very sweet talented individual. He will always be in our hearts forever. The impact he made on so many people lives is just amazing. Trust in God and he will get you through this. We will continue to pray for your family in days to come.

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**Kristy Willett** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our son only had the opportunity to play on the same team with Mahlon a couple of times. Most of the time we were on the opposing team. Our son told us that Mahlon was one of the 'best sports' that he has ever been around. May God continue to comfort you as you deal with this difficult time in your life. We will not forget you in our prayers. Doug, Judy and Levi Smith"Texas Express"

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**The Smith Family** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers remain with your family. I know there are no words that can bring you comfort. I pray that God provides you with the strength and comfort that you need.

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**Cristie Read** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mr. and Mrs. Acres raised Mahlon along with Matt and Michael to be great men of faith and integrity. It is heartbreaking to lose Mahlon this early on in his walk on this earth, but in the short time that he spent here, he made such an impact. He first and foremost loved the Lord. Mahlon truly loved his brothers in Christ and worshipping our Lord. Every year, he looked forward to getting to Super Summer to get deeper with God. Secondly, he possessed a work ethic that was evident in his devotion to working with his brothers and also present on the athletic field. Mahlon was so talented, and it may pain us to see a guy with such a promising life ahead taken so early, but God is in control, and He knows what he's doing. So many people have been affected by Mahlon's life and through Mahlon's passing. It is my prayer that people will not weep over Mahlon for long, but that people will rejoice over his newfound home in glory in his new sanctified body, and that people will realize that life cannot be taken for granted, that Jesus Christ is the only way to everlasting life. Mahlon was mature beyond his years. I'll miss him. But I'll see him one day soon. Catch a bass for me in heaven, Mahlon. And again I wish God's comforting hands on Arlene, Stephen, Michael, and Matt. Love all of y'all. In Him, Corey

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**Corey Stone** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, your whole family is in my prayers.

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**Cassidy Hlavaty** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Mr, and Mrs. Acres may God give you strenght. Mahlon you will really be missed. Thanks for being a friend to every one.

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**Linda Jones** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Steve, Arlene and family, Just wanted you to know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. God Bless you and your family. Joey, Lara, Collin, Cade

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**Joey Pippen** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Arlene, You and your family are in our prayers at this most difficult time. My heart aches for you all, but I know the music in heaven is much sweeter today! Jill and Laney Turner

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**Jill Dulany Turner** - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Arlene, Steve and family We are saddened by the passing of Mahlon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. Celebrate his young life and know God has plans for Mahlon and he makes ready your place beside him in heaven. God Bless you and keep you in his loving arms. Randy, Lisa and John Cook

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**Randy , Lisa and John Cook** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Stephen, Arlene, Matthew, and Michael you are all in my prayers. Mahlon was a fine young man who reflected so well the upbringing and standards the rest of you taught him. Jim

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**Jim Ballow** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My heartfelt prayers go out to each one of you in this tragic loss. May God be with you all now and in the days to come. I will be remembering you in my prayers. Jane Fahle

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**jane fahle** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I am so saddened by your loss. I will always remember Mahlon as a 3rd grader in my class and what a great friend he was to all the students. He was so sweet, quiet and studious. Mahlon touched so many lives and his legacy will live on. Your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Julie Toon** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Mahlon was such an awesome young man. I will never forget the times that we all were together in South Carolina. Steve, Arlene, Matthew, and Michael be encouraged. Mahlon has touched so many lives. He will live on forever in the lives of his family and friends. We love you!Laquisha, Larry, Peewee, Dee, and Monsta

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**Laquisha Jackson** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We did not know Mahlon, but as parents we can not even imagine the pain you are feeling. May God hold you in his sheltering arms during the difficult time ahead.....only He can give you comfort at this time. Your family remains in our prayers.....

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**Roy & Peggy Hunt** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Stephen, Arlene, Matt, and MichaelMahlon was such a special young man, my girls are so blessed to have been able to call him their friend. They both have speical memories of him. Raven says he is the one that inspired her to be able to pray in a crowd and become a leader. Morgan will also have their 8th grade Valentine Dance. Heaven has gotten a speical gift. Your are in our prayers

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**Craig, Lesa,Jesse, Morgan, and Raven Partin** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Acres Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We were so sorry to hear of Mahlon's accident and passing. God Bless your family. The Hodges'

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**Kelly, Joshua & Cassidy Hodges** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Steve, Arlene, Matt and Michael, We are hurting deeply for you. Mahlon was a wonderful young man and a godly example to us all. ( I enjoyed him as a patient as well as Matt and Michael). Your boys are a reflection of godly parents. We will continue to lift your family in prayer. We love you, Greg, Sherri, Lauren and Leah Smith

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**Greg and Sherri Smith** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ How thankful that Mahlon had a personal relationship with the Lord. Every hug you (as the family) receive today and in the days ahead is God wrapping his arms around you. Just remember earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Our hearts are holding you in prayer. Lainey and Mitch West

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**Elaine Copeland West** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Steve, Arlene, Matt, and Michael, We are at a loss for words. Our thoughts and prayers have been centered on you since Saturday. May you feel the arms of God holding and sustaining you. We will continue to lift up your family in prayer, Mart and Cathy

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**Mart and Cathy Hooper** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the Acres Family:Please know that you are in our prayers and in our hearts at this time.

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**David and Pam Brown** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Dear Stephen, Arlene, and Family,Along with WHR Family, we are all deeply saddened to learn of the tremendous loss of your precious son Maylon. Please know that you are all lifted up in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,Mark Vaughan

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**Mark Vaughan** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Acres Family,My heart hurts for all of you during this time of unimaginable loss. Having taught all three of your boys, I know what a steadfast example of faith you instilled in your children. Your faith will be your comfort during the trying days ahead. Please know your family is being lifted up in prayer constantly by those who love you.Lori Moores

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**Lori Moores** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Acres Family, May the Peace of our Lord be with you and your family at this time of loss.We have you in our prayers and know that Mahlon is with our Lord smiling down on his friends and family.

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**Robert,Gina,Joseph,Christina and Pedro Juarez** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *The memories I still enjoy from teaching Mahlon will remain in my heart. Even in a crowded room he would always take the time to speak and share a hug. His life was a true reflection of his relationship with Christ. How comforting to know where he is and that one day we will see him, because we know The Way.*

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**Janet Legg** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Stephen, Arlene, Matthew, and Michael you are in our prayers during this very difficult time. Remember the Lord will not give us more than we can handle. With his help you can get through this time . We will continue to lift you up to him. Jimmy, Lena Jeremy and Josh*

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**Jimmy, Lena Jeremy and Josh Simmons** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ *Please know that our hearts are saddened and your family is being lifted up in prayer.*

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**Eddie, Sheri, Joshua & Jordan Oden** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Dear Steve and Arlene, Words can not express the sorrow and pain we feel for the loss of your son, Mahlon. He was a remarkable young man. With our deepest sympathy, Paul and Lisa Powell*

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**Paul and Lisa Powell** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ We are praying for you and your family in this time of need. Stay strong. We love you!!”*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” Proverbs 3:5-6*

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**Teila Washington** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Love you all and I'll always here if you need me any time of day.

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**Micah Phenix** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Acres Family, I do not know you personally and i did not know Mahlon, but that does not matter we are all God's children and as a mother i share your sadness, and am truly sorry for your loss. I know that Mahlon will be missed by family and friends and i am praying that God will give you all strength and comfort in these trying times.

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**Vicki Fuller** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We truly feel your pain. God is control, he will be your strength  
*May God Bless Love, Belton & Shirley Green*

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**Be;tpn & Shirley Green** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ruby Doris, Arlene, Steve and family,I have been so saddened upon hearing the news about Mahlon's accident and passing. I have no words to say that will give meaning to this tragedy. Life is not fair, but no one ever said it would be. I give thanks for your son's life and for his accomplishments. Knowing that he was an organ donor is so wonderful! I pray that someday you meet those that Mahlon will touch even after his death. Arlene, nothing can separate us from God's love. He will sustain you and yours and give you peace that surpasses all human understanding. At this time, however, as a mother of two sons, I weep with you. "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord. Shalom,Jan

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**Jan and Roger Spann** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ To: The Mahlon Family The righteous perish,and no one ponders it is in his heart;devout men are taken away,and no one understands that the righteous are taken awayto be spared from evil.Those who walk up rightlyenter into peace;they find rest as they lie in death. ISAIAH 57:4

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**Michael Chappell** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ We will continue to lift up you up in prayer. You are so loved.

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**Cindi & Gaylon Rains & Carli Dorman** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS TIME OF NEED.WE DID NOT KNOW YOUR SON, BUT AS PARENTS OUR HEARTS ARE FULL OF SORROW FOR YOUR FAMILY.GOD BLESS

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**TERRY GREEN FAMILY** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My prayers are with your family as you go through this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. I will continue to lift your family up in my prayers. May God give you comfort & strenght. Debbie

Debbie Ashby Payne - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Doris Davis, Arlene and Stephen and the boys, Our hearts are broken at the loss of such a young man. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time. May God give you the strength to cope and understand.

Mozelle Duncan, Ronnie and Patsy Morrison - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mahlon was a very special part of a very family and we're so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all. Jack and Barbara

Jack and Barbara Coillinsworth - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mahlon's tragedy. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May your love for God help ease your burden and give you peace. Marilyn

Marilyn V'Soske - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our hearts go out to you all.

Steve Sanders - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great young man.

Byron Taylor - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Steve & Arlene, It's been long time. Please know that our prayers are with you all during this time of grieving. I pray you all are filled with God's peace and comfort as only he can give at a time like this.

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**Patty / Michael Curtis** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Arlene and family,I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless each and everyone of you during your time of sorrow.Cindy McAlister Windsor

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**Cindy Windsor** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Arlene and family,We are saddened to hear of the loss of your son and brother. Please accept our condolences and sincere sympathy. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts, and may the Lord be with you in a mighty way during this time of sorrow.Tom and Bev Vaughn

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**Tom and Bev Vaughn** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mahlon was such a great joy to have around and i am very blessed to be able to say that he was my friend.Bless your hearts, prayers are with you and your family during this time.With Christian love,Cassidy Hodges

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**Cassidy Hodges** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Arlene and Steve, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. May God be with you now and always.*

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**Tammy & Scott Massengale** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Dear Steve, Arlene and family, We pray you all will find comfort from our Lord and Savior during this time of great loss. You all will be in our prayers in the days to come.*

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**David and Karen Price** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Arlene and family, Our sincerest sympathies are extended to you at this time. We pray that you will look to God at this time and let him fill the void in your heart. God bless you and keep you.*

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**Robert & Diane Gholson** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Steve, Arlene, Matt & Michael, We are so sorry for your loss. Mahlon was such a sweet, polite & talented young man. We always enjoyed watching him play ball. We know that he is hitting homeruns with Jesus now & we will see him again! May God bless & comfort you all. We Love You!*

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**Debbie, Weldon, Brittany & Brandi Cook** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Steve and Arlene, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mike and Melissa Lawson*

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**Mike and Melissa Lawson** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the Acres family. I just wanted you to know that our family is praying for you all at this difficult time. God bless you all

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**Jamie Skelton** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ On behalf of the Carthage High School Baseball Program, we are so very sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim Goldman** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Arlene & family, We will keep you in our prayers. May you all find strength in God daily, and he will truly see you through this. Behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining.

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**Patsy & John McCoy** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Arlene I'm so very sorry to hear about Mahlon. I remember us talking about our boys the whole time I was getting PT from you. I know words cannot take away the pain , but God can send you comfort . You know where Mahlon is right now.... safe in our Comforters arms. I'm praying for you and your family. Susan

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**SUSAN FORD** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Steve and Arlene, The short time that we had to get to know Mahlon this summer in baseball was such a blessing, I would truly want my boys to be like him. Find comfort in the word and we will continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. God only wants the best and he got the best in Mahlon. Cole, Collin , Connor and Ashley

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**Cole Mccrory** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your precious one . We pray that you will feel the love of our Heavenly Father through the love shown by your family and friends.

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**James & Robin Pike** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss and are keeping you in our prayers and close to our hearts...We will forever treasure the special memories that we have of times spent with your family when the boys were little. Joe Dan, Margaret, Eric and Evan Brown

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**Joe Dan, Margaret, Eric & Evan Brown** - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Steve and Arlene, My heart and prayers go out to you. Mahlon was one of the finest young men I have ever known. As great an athlete as he was, he was an even better person. I know he is with our Lord and Savior, too soon for us but ready for his salvation. We love you all.

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**Cole Flanagan** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Acres Family- Just want you to know you all are in our thoughts and prayers...Love and Prayers George and Nelda Brady*

George & Nelda Brady - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Arlene and Family There are no words to tell you how sorry we are for your loss. May God comfort you and your family as only he can now and in the days ahead. Praying for you. Linda and Jimmy Sipes*

Linda Sipes - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *I pray God will comfort and give you strength . "The Anchor holds, in spite of the storm." Much love and friendship, Greg, Leesa, Brady, and Bret Green*

Greg, Leesa, Brady, and Bret Green - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ *PRAYING GOD WILL HOLD YOU TIGHTLY IN HIS ARMS AND GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH THRU THE DAYS AHEAD. MAHLON WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. WE WILL SEE OUR BOYS AGAIN, AND WHAT A REUNION THAT WILL BE. WE LOVE YOU AND ARE PRAYING FOR YOU.*

HOLLADAYS - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Arlene I really only know you from the hospital in passing. As one Mother to another I cannot find the words to say. As one Christian to another all I can say is God loves you and holds you. At one time I cleaned Sandy Siler's studio and would marvel at all Mahlon's accomplishments. He packed a lot of life into his earthly stay. He was loved and that is all we really have to give one another. God's Grace be with your family.

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**sandra costlow** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Arlene and Steve: You and your family are in our hearts and prayers at this difficult time. No words can help, but we pray for God's comfort for all of you during this tragedy. May God use this for His good. Mahlon was such a great young man and committed Christian!Sincerely,Pam and Jim Kulczar

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**Jim and Pam Kulczar** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Stephen, Arlene, Matthew and Micheal, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May the good Lord be with you during this time. Jill Snoozy, Waylon Snoozy and Krisha (Snoozy) Gasper

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**krisha snoozy gasper** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about all of you. There are no words to help this pain that you are feeling!! I know what a precious young man Mahlon was,(I taught him at Methodist preschool, when he was 3). Now, my Daddy is probably showing him around heaven, and I know when we all get up there too, we will wonder why God left us here on earth so long! Know that my family and I are constantly praying for you. May God Give You Strength in the days ahead!!! We love You!!

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**Brandon and Delana Cochran** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Steve, Arlene, Matt, and Michael, We are so devastated and broken-hearted. What a tragic loss to our community! We are already seeing the miracles God has in-store. Mahlon is saving lives physically and spiritually! Families are being blessed through his donations and hearts are being changed through Mahlon's beautiful and sincere testimony. God will carry you through this! We love you all! "Knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. We are confident, I say, and prefer to be absent from the body and be present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

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**Tommy, Lisa, Janson, and Madison Moore** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Arlene, I cannot imagine what you and your family are going through, but I pray for strength to get you through it! God doesn't always answer our prayers when we ask why, but He does give us the calm assurance that He is in control. As you go through the days ahead, I pray that God will give you the peace that surpasses all our understanding! God Bless you and your family!

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**Rebecca Mulkern** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are sorry for your loss. My brother played ball with Mahlon and I know he will certainly be missed. We are praying for you all during this difficult time. As I am sure you know, God is the ultimate healer and has a plan for all of us affected by this heartbreak.

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**Drew & Teris Butler** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Arlene, My Heart aches for you and your family. You are in our prayers. David and Renae Chambers

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**Renae Chambers** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Steve, Arlene, Matt, and Michael; Mahlon was the young man we all wish our sons (or grandsons) would grow up to be. I knew him through his athletic endeavors and respected him very much. Only those who have suffered similar losses can know your pain but please know you are loved by many and our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time

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**William Brown** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you Our love, Deana & Donny Griffith

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**Deana & Donny Griffith** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Acres Family, Our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time. I know Mahlon will be truly missed at school by all of his friends and family. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you strength at this difficult time.

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**DeAnn Nix and Clayton Waggoner** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thought and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We truly feel your loss and pain. Trust in the Lord always. Belton & Shirley Green

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**Belton & Shirley Green** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Acres Family, My heart breaks for your loss. I am praying for strength at this time. May God be with you! Love, Peggie Stovall (Michael's elementary teacher)

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**Peggie Stovall** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mr. & Mrs. Acres, I truly am sorry for your loss, I know your son will truly be missed at school by all of his friends and most of all by family members. Our prayers are with each one of you everyday. God Bless you - Robin Corey

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**MR. & MRS. JAMES COREY** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time. Mahlon will be greatly missed, he was a great kid, and someone you could be so proud of. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and comfort you. Love always, Anthony and Angela Berry

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**Anthony and Angela Berry** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To a wonderful family and a wonderful friend to my son. Only God knows what lives this tragedy has touched but know there is love and caring abundance from all of us. Mahlon was a very special person and he will not be forgotten.

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**Tonya Cates** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Your entire family will be in my prayers! I do not have the words to express my heart felt sympathy at this time. My prayer is that you all lean on God because only he can carry you through this difficult time.

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**Kay Williams** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers daily. Mahlon was such a fine young man and he touched so many with his life. God bless you all. Jeff, Carolann, Jennifer & Jefferson Armstrong

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**Jeff & Carolann Armstrong** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KN

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for your family. This is the ultimate pain a family can have. Always a mother and father's worse fear. Please let me know if we can do anything for you. We love you all very much.*

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**Kathy Norwood** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FE

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you at this time. My son Quentin played upward Basketball with Matthew and Michael. Felicia Evans*

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**Felicia Evans** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BV

*“ You are all in our thoughts and Prayers and have been since we learned of the accident. We are so sorry and ask God to continue to hold you up. Bonnie & Frank Vaughn*

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**Bonnie & Frank Vaughn** - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM