



Cruz Scott Rivera

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Cruz Scott Rivera, 17, of Nashport, Ohio passed away peacefully in his sleep Saturday morning, January 19, 2013 at his home.

During his 17 years on earth he touched many lives and was loved deeply by his family and friends. His life was brief, but it was a gift to all that will live forever as our memories of him will be close in our hearts.

Born August 14, 1995 in Coshocton, Ohio he was a son of the late Samuel Ray Rivera and Wendy L. (Sherfy) Rivera Wyckoff of Nashport. Cruz was a member of the Junior Class at Tri-Valley High School. He attended summer camp at Camp Echoing Hills for six years and was a team member for Miracle League Baseball in Zanesville since its beginning and was known as "Pork Chop" Rivera. Cruz loved watching Gus Macker Basketball and some of his other favorite things were football, music, walking the dogs with his grandpa, parties, riding in the car, eating out, school and visiting with family and friends.

Surviving in addition to his mother is his loving step-father, Dano Wyckoff; three brothers, Brady Sherfy of Zanesville, Devin and Derik Rivera both of Coshocton; one sister, Darcie Rivera of Zanesville; one step brother, Dennis (Melissa) Wyckoff; a step sister, Melissa (Daniel) Ruiz-Nunez; his grandparents, John and Sue Adams and Bob and Rosemary Sherfy all of Nashport; a nephew Parker Hendrix; a niece Josselyn Wyckoff and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Wanda Orr and Samuel Rivera.

Calling hours will be 5 to 8pm Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Funeral services will be 1:00pm Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the funeral home with the Rev. Andrew Dennis officiating. Burial will be in Dresden Cemetery.



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Memorial contributions may be made to the Cruz Rivera Memorial Fund, care of Sue Adams, 3625 Gorsuch Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830.



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JR

Johna Richard posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I waited on Cruz when I worked at Golden Corral. And was blessed to know him. He always looked for me, and smiled when he seen me. I will always remember him. My prayers are with you

January 28 at 12:43 PM

JC

Jessi Coen posted:

Cruz you will be missed! You touched my heart while working with you and your classmates @ tri valley middle & high school. What a great kid! So sorry for your loss Wendy.

January 24 at 2:36 PM

MD

Melissa Morris-Daugherty posted:

Sorry for your loss.

January 23 at 2:10 PM

AJ

Amber Jones posted:

My heart goes out to your family and friends. Im sorry for your loss but I know that one day you will meet him in Heaven and be greeted by his smiling face and open arms once again! God Bless him and may he rest in peace

January 23 at 8:29 AM

JA

Janie posted:

Going to miss u so much Cruzie!

January 23 at 8:05 AM

RW

Rex And Mary Wisecarver posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to your family and the friends of Cruz.

January 23 at 6:31 AM



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TH

Tracy Hickman posted:

Wendy you and your family have all been in my thoughts and prayers. I never got a chance to know Cruz but I do remember the smile everyone talks about here. May all the memories help get you all through this difficult time.

January 23 at 6:05 AM

DG

Deborah Grimmatt posted:

So sorry for your loss, I don't know your son, but I know your sorrow for I lost a daughter who was 17. My prayer for you that the Holy Spirit give you comfort through this. Know that he will always be remeber by thoewho kewand loved him.

January 23 at 5:58 AM

KS

Kathy Bill Sterling posted:

So Sorry To here of your loss Thoughts and prayers Wendy and family

January 23 at 5:57 AM

LD

Lodema Dunaway posted:

im am sorry for ur loss

January 23 at 5:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss Our prayers are with you.

January 23 at 4:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss.Please know you are in our prayers.Bruce, Terrie and Travis Brown

January 23 at 4:05 AM



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JS

Jenny (Myers) Snode posted:

I am so sorry about your loss Wendy...May God be with you in this time of loss.

January 23 at 3:25 AM

LA

Lisa Amspaugh posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. We will surely miss Cruz at the Baseball Field this year. Love to you all Caleb Amspaugh and Family.

January 22 at 6:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Cruz, the classroom won't be the same without you. Your smile lit up the room, and I could listen to that wonderful laugh all day. I will miss you. Love and prayers to your family. Mrs. Stemm

January 22 at 6:35 PM

MM

Marlenea Malatesta posted:

Dear family of Cruz, I am a classmate of Cruz's and wish to send you my thoughts and prayers, he will be sadly missed but never forgotten. As he will still live on in each and everyone of our hearts. My God be with you in your time of grief and give you the strength to go on with a smile in his memory.

January 22 at 6:10 PM

AA

Ashley Adams posted:

~ Cruz~ i will miss ur smile!! And I will miss seeing u on club days seeing that smile!!! And seeing u laughing when the kids get caught for doing something wrong I will have ur love in my heart. I will miss u so much Cruz I love u so much:):):):)

January 22 at 5:16 PM

AA

Alesha Adams posted:

I will miss u Cruz:) You're smile always made my day:) I will always remember u... u have a special place in my heart:) I love u always:))

January 22 at 5:01 PM



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AA

Ashley Adams posted:

I will miss ur smile and ur laugh!! When I was upset u make me happy!!! Thanks for being a wonderful,caring person!! We will all miss u!! U were a great person to be around and I will miss u on clubs days seeing u smile!!!

January 22 at 4:58 PM

BW

Beau West posted:

Wendy, Dan & Family Know that Cruz inspired many people with his zest for life.You have lost a child but heaven has a new angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Beau & Family

January 22 at 4:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and Prayers going out to the family during this difficult time.Carissa Hoops

January 22 at 3:54 PM

LW

Lisa Wilson posted:

May God be with your family though this difficult time.

January 22 at 3:51 PM

SM

Shelley Mccarty posted:

Dear Devin, Carmen and Family,Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Also know that love does not die, the love you gave Cruz goes with him and the love he gave you will always be with you. May God bless you with good memories of your time with Cruz, good friends to support you in your grief and the comfort of His love. Love, Dave and Shelley McCarty

January 22 at 3:29 PM

MS

Marie Spang posted:

To The Family of Cruz RiveraMy Deepest SympathyMarie Spang

January 22 at 3:19 PM



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TB

Tommy Bennett posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

January 22 at 1:35 PM

DW

Diane And Fred Wolford posted:

So sorry for your loss Wendy. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

January 22 at 12:56 PM

HB

Helen Brooks posted:

Wendy and family sorry for your loss Heaven just recieved one beautiful angel

January 22 at 12:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will all miss Cruz on bowling days and Club day at the MVESC. He was always so excited and happy to be with the group. Cruz's friends from the BASICS class. Jan Collins, Jamie Price, Debbie Burke, Maryann Sawczuk. Devon, Brady, Laura, Nick V. Nick H. Shawn, Heidi, Megan, Marcus, Taylor, Jeramy and Katie.

January 22 at 7:49 AM

WS

Wendy Spang posted:

Wendy & Family. I am so very sorry for the loss of your amazing son. I've never seen anything but a smile on his face, no matter what kind of day he had. He was definately your gift from God. My heart goes out to you and your family.

January 22 at 7:15 AM

TC

Tascha Clark posted:

So sorry for your loss of Cruz. In our thoughts and prayers. Deb & Rod Gooden. Tascha & Mark Clark (wahl)

January 22 at 6:22 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear family of Cruz, I just want to SAY I'm so sorry to hear that Cruz passed away. I'm one of his friends from Tri Valley high school. I will miss him. Laura Hasten.

January 22 at 6:15 AM



Debbie Swingle posted:

Hi Wendy, I was shocked and saddened to hear about Cruz. He and his family will surely be in my thoughts and prayers. His wonderful smile will live forever through you. Sincerely, Debbie Swingle (former busdriver.)

January 22 at 5:47 AM



Ann Iden posted:

Wendy~ So sorry to hear about the death of your son. May his memories help comfort you. Sincerely ~ Ann Kendrick-Iden

January 22 at 3:05 AM



Pam Tracey posted:

I was Cruz's Make A Wish grantee. Cruz was an very special child.

January 22 at 2:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss Cruz on the ball field. He was such a happy young man. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jay, Katie, Makenna, and Cami Susil

January 22 at 2:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

I met Cruz at Camp Echoing Hill and loved his smile! He was a lot of fun to hang with in the snack shop! I'm gonna miss you little buddy! :)

January 22 at 12:33 AM



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CL

Cassandra Lambert posted:

He will be missed. Prayers for his family!

January 21 at 8:45 PM

MP

Mary Jane Peffer posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.

January 21 at 7:48 PM

MW

Mrs. Waaland posted:

Cruz had a smile that said more than any words ever could. I feel blessed to have known him at TVHS. He will be missed.

January 21 at 6:44 PM

PA

Pastor Ashley posted:

I remember him'... I ve a picture with him...summer 2011.

January 21 at 3:26 PM

MW

Mary Maestas & Sean Wakefield posted:

Cruz was in Sean's class at Hopewell. I remember the big smile he wore most of the time, made my day when I would visit the school. We will miss him on the baseball field! My prayers are with you all.

January 21 at 3:04 PM

PH

Pam Van Hemert posted:

The van Hemert family is sorry to hear of your loss. We loved caring for Cruz at camp.

January 21 at 2:31 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Cruz's smile and attitude have been inspirational to me since I met him. My life is better because I got to know him. Mr. Rotella

January 21 at 2:04 PM



Ty&Tiffany Llanes posted:

Cruz I never got to meet you but I heard story from your cousin Ty llanes. You will be greatly missed by Ty and all other people. Your dad and you together again love you buddy.

January 21 at 2:03 PM



Jerry Bowman posted:

SO SORRY>

January 21 at 2:01 PM



Tracy Neal posted:

Dear Rivera Family,As one of Cruz's teachers I wanted you to know what a joy he was every day. I always looked forward to his smile and his ornery sense of humor. He was always looking for ways to make us all laugh. He was so bright and sensitive to others and loved to be at school each day. If we all could live with the simple joy of life as he did the world would be a brighter place. Cruz touched the lives of so many. He will be deeply missed. Tracy Neal

January 21 at 1:18 PM



Mrs. Haines posted:

Cruz you will be greatly missed. We all have learned so much from you. You have taught me that no matter the obstacle you can over come it. My prayers are with your family.

January 21 at 1:01 PM



Gloria Medina posted:

Sorry about your loss Wendy.Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 21 at 12:02 PM



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JM

Jenny Miller-Mehaffey posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

January 21 at 11:50 AM

JM

Jim, Cassie, Matt And Jack Mclendon posted:

Porkchop-We will miss your smiling face at Miracle League. You were a joy and inspiration to be around and you will always hold a special place in our heart.

January 21 at 10:21 AM

HS

Heather (Roof) Stringer posted:

We will miss you Cruz.

January 21 at 8:21 AM

BS

Bob And Shirley (Eckelberry) Simmons posted:

Dear Rivera and Sherfy Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loved one's passing. May God be with you all during this time of sorrow. We wish to send to you all 'Our Deepest Condolences'.

January 21 at 8:03 AM

SG

Scott Conway And Girls posted:

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

January 21 at 7:15 AM

RF

Richard Furbee posted:

Dano, Wendy and family, sorry to hear of the loss of Cruz. Prayers and Love sent your way. You cousin, Rich, Trish and family

January 21 at 6:59 AM



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RF

Robert Furbee posted:

Dano and Wendy, sorry to hear about your loss. PrayersYour cousinRobert, Stacie and children

January 21 at 6:55 AM

MH

Michelle, Eric, Connor, Austin, And Ethan Helms posted:

We are so saddened by the loss of this precious angel! Thank you Cruz for sharing your smile and teaching us what's really important in life. May God comfort the family at this time.

January 21 at 6:53 AM

JH

John Hickman posted:

So sorry to hear about your loss. Did not ever get a chance to meet Cruz. But my prayers go out for your family.Love, Uncle John and Aunt Sharon

January 21 at 6:52 AM

JC

Judith Coulson posted:

Wendy, Dan and family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Cruz was an exception young man. My prayers for you all. Aunt judy

January 21 at 6:45 AM

MC

Missy Clemens posted:

You could always make me smile Cruz, I will miss you. Thanks for teaching me what "teaching" is all about.

January 21 at 6:19 AM

MB

Ms. Butler posted:

Cruz- You were the most lovable person, and I feel blessed that I got to spend 3 school years with you! You will be greatly missed, and I don't know what I will do not seeing your smiling face at school. Prayers to your family and friends through this difficult time.

January 21 at 6:15 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Wendy,Cruz was a special young man who brought smiles and joy to those who knew him. Rick & Christy Lacy, Dresden,Ohio

January 21 at 5:08 AM



Mrs. German posted:

Cruz, I was so blessed to have known you and spent everyday with you at school. You had the best laugh and smile. You will be missed by all.

January 21 at 5:02 AM



John & Bonnie Bryant posted:

Our thoughts and prayers for you and your family Devin.

January 21 at 4:57 AM



Michelle Hoskinson posted:

Sending love and prayers to you and your family Wendy.. Cruz was such an amazing kid who showed us all so much. I was so blessed to have him in preschool for a short time and to make me realize how precious life is.. He is a joy and will be missed by many..

January 21 at 4:34 AM



Brenda Hopper posted:

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 21 at 4:11 AM



Caren Mccoy posted:

Wendy and Family,Like many, Cruz will always hold a special place in my heart. He taught me more about communication than any textbook or professor could teach. May our good Lord wrap his arms around you during this difficult time.

January 21 at 4:05 AM



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KK

Kimberly King posted:

Wendy and Family: I am so sorry to hear this. I pray that the Lord wraps His loving arms around you and gives you strength during this difficult time.

January 21 at 3:32 AM

DT

Denise Timmons posted:

So sorry to hear about the loss of your angel. It's hard losing these precious angels before their time, but they are gifts from god. Please just remember his smile, laugh and the precious memories. Keep them close.

January 21 at 3:23 AM

JD

Judy Denham posted:

Sue, Wendy & family So sorry to read of your loss. may all your memories help you get thru this. keeping you all in my prayers Judy Denham

January 21 at 2:45 AM

DE

Doug Judy Elekes posted:

WENDY SO SOUREY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOS MA GOD BE WITH YOU ALL GOD BLESS

January 21 at 2:25 AM

MB

Merry Anne & Bobby posted:

No words can describe the empty place that is left in our family. Cruz was the happiest person I have ever known in spite of the hand that life delt him. He was here to teach us all what really matters in life. His life will never be forgotten. Prayers for all of the family and friends that prepare to say good by until the day we meet again.

January 21 at 1:05 AM

SC

Shelly & Barry (Sterling) Childress posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

January 21 at 12:49 AM



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LD

Lisa Davis posted:

Thoughts and prayers go to the entire family... Cruz always had that beautiful smile, and now he is the most beautiful angel with that smile looking over his family...

January 20 at 7:37 PM

TK

Tracy Kinneer posted:

Thinking of you in this time of loss. Heaven has gained a precious angel. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tracy Kinneer and family

January 20 at 4:49 PM

ME

Mary Eggleston posted:

So sorry for your loss. Cruz had a smile that will live forever. Gone but never forgotten. Prayers for the whole family.

January 20 at 4:40 PM

CS

Charles & Lisa Saylor posted:

May God be with you and all your family

January 20 at 4:34 PM

MJ

Melanie Johnson posted:

Thoughts and prayers go out to Cruz and his family.... Love you guys.. wish I could be there for you. Just remember you have friends and family here in NC if you need us...

January 20 at 4:02 PM

JK

Judy Kimble posted:

Wendy and Family, My heart is with you all. He stole my heart by back in preschool. Cruz was loved by all he met. He will be missed. God Bless Your Family. Judy Kimble

January 20 at 3:47 PM



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EC

Eddie & Nancy Campbell posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

January 20 at 2:37 PM

DK

Darlene Knight posted:

Lighting this candle for a young man that lit up the world with his smile. He will be remembered lovingly. Aunt Darlene

January 20 at 2:32 PM

MG

Melissa George posted:

to cruz's familyi am so very sorry to hear of the passing of cruz. sending prayer's your way.thinking of your family

January 20 at 2:25 PM

SV

Sherry Ross_Vaught posted:

Our prayers are with you as we say goodbye this this amazing young man.

January 20 at 2:25 PM

NH

Nancy Holmquist posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

January 20 at 1:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cruz by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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