



## Cody Kruse

July 28, 1990 - May 1, 2012

WATERLOO-Cody J. Kruse, 21, of Waterloo, formerly of Hudson, died Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

He was born July 28, 1990, the son of Stephanie R. Freeland in Waterloo. Cody graduated from Hudson High School in 2009, where he played football and helped with the food drive for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. He worked at Godfather's Pizza in Waterloo and Waverly and currently was employed at the Target Distribution Center in Cedar Falls.

Survived by his mother of Waterloo; maternal grandmother, Niceta (Rick) Sproul of Cedar Falls; maternal grandfather, Mike (Brenda) Freeland of Hudson; maternal great grandmother, Mary Freeland of Waterloo; maternal great grandmother, Marie Clark of Cedar Falls; aunts, Heather Freeland of Waterloo, Angie (Brian) Carmichael of Aplington, and Amanda Freeland of Hudson; and cousins; aunts; uncles, and friends.

Preceded by: paternal grandma, Nancy Kruse and maternal great grandfathers, Donald Clark and Vernon "Mick" Freeland.

Services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

Brandon (lil bro) and Mazie (lil sis) Gilfillan his cousins, and their mother, Heather Freeland (his second mom) played an important role in Cody's life.



# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Dear Stephanie,  
I'm so so sorry for the loss of your son. I pray god will give you strength, my heart breaks for you.  
Sincerely Lisa Heckenlively

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**Lisa Heckenlively** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I will be keeping you in my thoughts.

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**Micah Horvat** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RP

“ Hi,  
I don't know the family or Cody however I was compelled to send my condolences. I lost a teenage son 5 years ago and understand the loss you are feeling. May God help you to make it through the days to come.

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**Rhonda Pearce** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

G(

“ Stephanie,  
I was just made aware of your loss and I am so sorry to hear this. I think often of our "family" times back when we both worked at West High. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Gail

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**Gail Strommer (Anderson)** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CH

“ I just read today that Cody passed last May. I am sad to hear this. Cody was a bright, responsible, and kind young man. He was a pleasure to work with and always made the work day more entertaining. I am certain he will be missed by many. My condolences to the mother. You did a great job, you should be proud of the great young man that he was.

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Christy - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CM

“ I remember when I went to one of your parties.. You were such an outgoing person & you & Dana were so perfect. I remember you told me I hit like a man & to punch you, so I did, in your arm, you were so drunk. :p I was so obsessed with you little baby husky.. I loved watching him when we'd go dinking with Brandon & Ashlyn.. I will never forget you Cody. Ever. RIP guy.

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Cheyenne McGee - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

TK

“ i remember one time when cody wa sat my house for Christmas and me and patrick went down stairs to see presents and cody told us to go back to bed

when cody was like 19 and he came down to see us and we had gone fishing to gether and it was a tight squeeze in his truck

LOVE YOU BIG BROTHER  
LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER TORI KRUS E

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tori kruse - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I will never forget the year we spent together. We didn't always get along, but we were two peas in a pod, and I truly believe we were made for each other. You are everything to me Cody Kruse. I miss you so much, more than anyone can imagine. Losing you was the hardest thing I've ever had to go through, and ever will go through. You were the love of my life, my best friend, my strength, my EVERYTHING. I will never forget anything about us, good or bad. You have made such a great impact on my life, and I cannot thank you enough. All the things you've done for me, and for our relationship. I remember when we got Cujo, and when you'd come home from work, I'd be sitting in the backyard with Cujo, and you'd come home and say, "DADDY'S HOME, BIG BOY." &Then come up to me and kiss me. I wish we could've actually made you a daddy... I miss you so much, and love you so much more. ? Always and forever - Your baby girl.

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**Dana Williams** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. So sorry to hear about Cody. He will be missed.

*His neighbors on Rush st. Waterloo*

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May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Steph-  
My heart aches for you. Treasure your memories with Cody; no one can take those away from you. Give yourself time...it will never take the pain away but it will make it easier to live with. I am praying for God to give you strength.

*Pam*

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**Pam Hinders** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM