



Seth A. Nornhold

November 21, 2003 - July 10, 2020

Seth A. Nornhold, 16, of Mount Joy, passed away unexpectedly from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Richard T. and Kathy (Longenecker) Nornhold of Mount Joy.

Seth was a rising Junior at Donegal High School and was also enrolled to begin studies at Millersville University this fall. Seth had a love for music and was a dynamic drummer. His siblings and cousins were close to him and they enjoyed making jokes with one another and laughing. He was devoted to all the different music groups that he played for: The Donegal Marching Band, The Donegal Concert and Jazz Band, HollyBerry Drive, Tucker I'm Scared and the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren Ensembles. He was active in recording and writing new music. He loved to raise chickens. He liked to watch and root for the Philadelphia Eagles and was ecstatic that they were able to finally win a Superbowl! Seth loved his friends dearly and valued spending time with them, just hanging out, going to concerts, or performing concerts. Seth was active in church with the Tech Team and has been a part of keeping the church's livestream ministry active, both during normal times and especially during the Covid restrictions. He was fond of his pets, which included Eve the Collie Dog, Marshmallow the Cat and Marco Polo the Rooster. If you missed it, Seth was very passionate about drumming and music. He worked hard, he was kind and compassionate.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are two brothers, Percy and Liam Nornhold both of Mount Joy; a maternal grandmother, Peggy Longenecker of Mount Joy; and a paternal grandmother, Linda Nornhold of Elizabethtown.

Seth was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, William "Bill" Longenecker, and a paternal grandfather, Richard Nornhold Sr.

A life celebration service honoring Seth's life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 1 PM. The service will be invitation only, but will be simultaneously live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMQm-sxJv7yZQPw5h7OWXVw>. Due to restrictio

ns on crowd sizes the family has decided to postpone a reception, until a later date and details will follow. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are being directed to the Donegal Music Association and may be sent to Seth Nornhold Memorial, c/o Donegal Foundation, PO Box 495, Mount Joy, PA. 17552.

Comments



“ I wanted to share with you a few times that Seth caught my attention. First time that I met Seth, he was a new member of our church, and he was in either 5th or 6th grade and he was a typical 5th or 6th grader - floppy hair, on the search for something to engage him, or on the lookout for left-over treats in the Sr. High Room. He was a typical good natured kid that I was looking forward to coming to the Sr. High Sunday School that I was a part of. Seth first caught my attention during the "Highs and Lows" that we do every Sunday in the Sr. High class. It always involved drumming, music and band. He loved it. I remember him defending the drum line as physical activity to another student in the class. I could tell that he LOVED it, and would never let anyone, even good-naturedly, downplay what the drum line did. He was passionate. It was soon recognized that Seth had a skill set that could be put to use for the greater good during the Sunday School hour. His technical expertise, and his musical ability were shared with the greater congregation, and we missed him in Sunday School, but when I would see the drums set up for service, I knew that it was going to be special. That's the second time he grabbed my attention. I can't point to one performance over another, but when Seth was involved, he was giving it his best, and we were so lucky that he was willing to share that with the church. It was always exciting to watch Seth. I'd have to say that the time that he stood up to finish a TSO Christmas song was just the icing on the cake. He caught my attention. The last time that he caught my attention was the Sunday morning before the accident. We had been doing "virtual" Sunday Schools up to that point, and we felt it was time to get together, outside the church, socially distant and responsibly. I got there first, and was sitting in the grass by the Narthex, my back to the entrance-way. All of a sudden I heard music. Seth had just drove in, windows down, radio playing a 90's rock song, and when I saw it was Seth, it made me feel good. It made me 16 again enjoying some freedom, windows down, good music playing. He parked the car and started making his way into the church. He was coming my way, but as many teenagers do, he was trying to make his way into the door without engaging an adult. I have been enjoying the Youtube Sunday Service during the COVID time, and I wanted to tell him how much I appreciated his gifts and that he was willing to share them. I didn't let him in the door without telling him that. We had a nice conversation and he was on his way to set up for the Church service. Rich and Kathy, thank you for raising such an inquisitive, talented young man. Love to the Nornholds. I'm so glad that I got to know Seth.

Kevin Engle - August 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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July 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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Although we did not know Seth, we wish to express how sorry for your heart breaking loss. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you and your family at this very sad time.

Jim & Marlene Zuch - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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I met Seth last year at the Mount Joy Historical Society. I was VP/Secretary at the time and he was there with the APHistory Class at Donegal. The program for the evening was a woman Professor from Millersville University and she was going to speak about the US Constitution. There were about 15 young people in attendance. All of them looked really nice, no baseball hats or inappropriate tee shirts; they were polite, interested and asked questions. I'm sure their teacher was very proud of them, As were those of us in attendance. Before the program, a photo of the Class of 1948 was passed around to see if any members in attendance knew anyone in the photo. Someone from the audience asked "Gail, weren't you in that Class"...laughter followed. I told them I was in the FIRST Class from Donegal graduated in 1955, and still the BEST class! more laughter. After the program, this young man approached me and asked me if I knew "Helen McCurdy". I said, absolutely. She's on the reunion committee. He replied that she was his Aunt. We had such a pleasant conversation, told me his name was "Seth" and he also played drums in the band and my late husband, Ron, was a drummer in the DHS band and later played in dance bands for 28 years. Seth was engaging, and I thought "What a fine young man",. If our schools are turning out kids like him, we're in good shape for the future! I was shocked and saddened to read of his untimely death. I am so sorry for you precious loss. May you find some peace in your memories of him. I enjoyed meeting him , however brief .

Gail Hawthorne - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



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We wish to express our sympathies at this time. We are mourning with you. Gary and Janice Shenk

Gary and Janice Shenk - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts are heavy and as one person aptly said, tears are not enough...

Patricia Nornhold - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful tribute to Seth. My prayers are with you all as you grieve. May you be comforted by wonderful memories and by God's grace. With love, David Burchfield

David Burchfield - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Seth was a special kid- always willing to help. I was so thrilled when he stepped in and added a drum part to the DIS chorus last spring, of which his brother was a part of. My heart breaks for all of you and I will pray for your family. I will always remember him.

Hollie Mendenhall - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Seth when he came to preschool at Shining Stars. He was such a sweet boy with a wonderful smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Jody Truett - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Seth's class in the donegal school district, and had the honor of being in many classes with him. He had a smile that lit up the room. I am so so sorry for your loss and will be praying for strength for each and every one of you during this grieving process.

Faith Witmer - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Seth was always a lot of fun to have around. This marching band season will not be the same as the random sleepovers after football games or competition will not be the same with Seth gone. Rest easy my friend, you will be missed always

Melissa A. Bedi - July 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM