



## Blake Ryan Hunter

July 4, 1990 - January 23, 2016

Blake Hunter, 25, died on January 23, 2016 in Searcy Arkansas. He was born in Charlotte NC to his parents Dedra and Steve Hunter of Bentonville Arkansas. He has a sister Kalyn Hunter and a brother Chase Hunter both of Bentonville. Grandparents are Ralph and Shirley Hunter of Owasso Oklahoma, and George and Joy Oliver of Searcy Arkansas.

Blake loved family, travel, being on the stage and children. He had found ways to bring many of those together by teaching others whether it be in the classroom, traveling performance groups or with various stage productions. Most recently he was a teacher at Cross Pointe Academy in Searcy Arkansas, where he taught theatre and he had just been offered a future role teaching and training young performers for Broadway shows in New York.

While a student at Harding University he was actively involved in many of the music and theatre programs as a participant and most recently as a staff choreographer for the annual Spring Sing extravaganza and Homecoming productions. He was a member of TNT men's club, Zeta Rho Beau and the Pied Pipers, a traveling children's performing group. Blake participated in Spring Sing each year and was honored to be chosen as Spring Sing Host in 2014.

Blake graduated from Bentonville, Arkansas High School where he was a National Honor Student, a 4 year varsity letterman on the soccer team as well as a member of Chamber and Acapella Choirs. In addition he was involved in numerous theatre productions throughout High School. He was a member of

the Church of Christ and active in his church and youth group.

Blake traveled on several missionary trips to places like Chile, Mexico, Scotland and loved to impact the lives of those he touched.

A celebration of life will be at 1:30 on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the College Church of Christ. The family will receive guests after the service.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

Memorials may be made to Harding University Theatre Department, HU Box 12238, Searcy, Arkansas 72149

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ Steve, Dedra, Kalyn and Chase,

*There are no words that we can say to take away the pain, but our comfort comes from the Lord. Prayers for you all as you wake up everyday and do life. Prayers for peace, comfort and grace be yours. Blake touches many lives and although he touched ours at a younger age, it's evident by whats been said that he remained the same sweet, respectful, funny and talented young man that we knew all the years ago. Prayers go with you everyday!*

*Eddie and Susan Garza*

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**Eddie and Susan Garza** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

CC

“ We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers during this difficult time. God's love and grace are always with you, and we are praying that the light of God shines on you. Blake shared an extraordinary spirit which will continue to shine within all whom he met! Yours in Peace,  
*Jeff and Cindy Call*

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**Cindy Call** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LW

“ Steve, Dedra, Kalyn, and Chase,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Blake was such a stellar guy. Always had a smile on his face. So genuine, talented, funny, loyal and faithful. He was a great soccer teammate to Allen, and was so welcoming to Allen when we moved to Bentonville in 2004. We were so saddened to hear that Blake had been sick and passed away on Saturday. Our hearts are heavy, but we know that Blake is in Heaven now with our Lord and Savior.*

*Much love to you, and we will continue praying for you.*

*The Williams/Wootten Family  
Joe, Laynie, Sophie, Allen and Emily*

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**Laynie Williams** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

CL

“ Dedra, I can't find the words. I am so sorry for your loss. I can only pray that you feel the love that is going out to you. I know God will wrap you in his arms.

*"Go ye now in peace"*

*"Go rest high on that mountain"*

*Till we meet again Blake.*

*Love you Dedra, and family!*

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**Carol Gaw Laine** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ *Dedra and Steve, we are so shocked and sorry for your loss and the pain you are experiencing. Please know we love you guys and we have been praying for everyone in your family.*

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**Janell and Ed Cook** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JJ

“ *So sorry Steve and Dedra. Such a precious son. Words will never be enough. We've been praying for your family and that will continue. May God wrap his loving arms around your family and give you comfort.*

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**Jerry & Donna Johnson** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

CN

“ *Prayers for your family as you navigate this unbelievable grief. May God lead you to an eventual peace.*

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**Cheryl Wilburn Nelms** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LA

“ *Steve, Dedra, Kalyn, and Chase- Our hearts are broken for your family. You raised an amazing young man who loved the Lord, loved his family, loved his friends and loved to serve others! We all need to be more like Blake! May God continue to give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. We love you all!*

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**Larry and Laurie Armstrong** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

WB

“ Dear Steve and Dedra and family,  
Our hearts break for you in this tremendous loss. Though we haven't been in contact in a very long time, we share history with Blake and Aaron being little boys together at Bentonville Church of Christ, and with your great support to us in the adoption of our children. Our love and prayers go out to you that you may feel God's comfort and healing.

*Mark, Wilma, Aaron and Andrea Bagwell*

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**Wilma Bagwell** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

GA

“ Dear Steve and Dedra our hearts break for you. Please know that we are praying for you. Frank and Gail Tabler

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**Gail** - February 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM