

ANDREW “DREW” RYAN EVERSON



Andrew Ryan Everson was born on January 19, 1989 in Danbury, CT. Drew was a wonderful, precocious child growing up in various neighborhoods as the family moved to Mission Viejo, CA, St. Louis, MO, Parkland, FL and Greenville, SC. While attending Mauldin High School in Greenville, Drew had a wide variety of passionate interests: playing Varsity Football and Lacrosse, avidly competing with the Debate Team for four years, participating in Youth in Government, and playing cello in the Carolina Youth Symphony....ultimately performing with the orchestra at Carnegie Hall.

During his 3+ years at Duke University, Drew made it his mission to take advantage of all of the great opportunities that campus life offered. He joined the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity where he bonded with a wonderful group of fraternity brothers. He was a member of the Duke Debate Team and traveled with the team to world competitions in Ireland and Turkey. He helped coach

student-members of the East Chapel Hill High School Debate Team to pass along his expertise and passion about debate. He wrote and performed sketch comedy with the Inside Joke Troupe at Duke, working hard to make other people laugh. He also wrote a satire column for the student newspaper, *The Duke Chronicle*, and participated in various student government councils and committees. Despite this busy schedule, he managed to squeeze in enough time to achieve academic excellence with a 3.8 GPA. He was very excited about embarking on a career in Finance upon his graduation in May.

Finally, Drew loved Duke Basketball as a true Cameron Crazy and camped overnight to get front row seats before becoming a Line Monitor for the games. He had the good fortune to attend the 2010 Final Four and watch his beloved Blue Devils win the National Basketball Championship trophy.

Drew was truly a Renaissance man with passionate interests spanning sports, comedy, politics, public speaking, writing, finance, film and fashion. The fact that he would read Wikipedia for fun and to pass the time basically sums it up for him. Discussions with Drew were always energetic, challenging and enlightening....although you rarely ended a debate feeling like you had won.

Drew's final departing gift during this tragic time was to give the gift of life to others as an organ donor... so a piece of him will live on in many others who are desperately clinging to life.

Drew brought tremendous joy, laughter and love to his family and friends and we are all blessed to have known such a joyful, quirky and playful spirit. His personality, passion, humor, intelligence and zest for life will be truly missed and never replaced.