



## Tyler A. Butterfield

May 2, 1998 - October 26, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Tyler A. Butterfield, 20, of Lincoln, formerly of Norfolk will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at the First Christian Church in Norfolk with Tim DeFor officiating. Interment will be at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Tyler died Friday, October 26, 2018 as the result of a traffic accident in Lincoln, Nebraska. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Tyler was born on May 2, 1998 to Terry and Tammy (Young) Butterfield in Norfolk. He attended grade school at Bel-Air Elementary in Norfolk and then graduated from Norfolk High School in 2016. Tyler was currently a junior at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln majoring in Accounting.

Tyler Butterfield was an outstanding young man who was very passionate about the things he loved. While he was an avid fan of video games, Star Wars, and (yes) Legos, his greatest love was for his family and friends, Cornhusker football, music, and his cat "Whiskers". Tyler was a very talented musician who had an appreciation for all genres of music. He was self-taught on many musical instruments and even composed his own music. He played piano, drums, and trombone to name a few, but his most treasured instrument was his silver trumpet. Tyler took great pride in playing trumpet in the Cornhusker Marching Band and had a leadership role there. He was also in the UNL Big Red Express and Friday Night pep bands. While attending Norfolk High School, Tyler was involved in concert band, jazz band, and was a leader in the Pride of the Panthers Marching Band. He performed in All-State Band and various honor bands as well. Tyler set a high performance standard for himself and was an outstanding example for other students to follow. He was the recipient of the John Philip Sousa award his senior year (as well as many other music and academic awards throughout his high school career). In addition to Tyler's accomplishments in music, he was an exemplary student. He received many academic awards and had secured a constant spot on the Dean's List while attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Business majoring in accounting. Most of his activities while living in the dorm at UNL involved studying, spending time with his bandmates, and keeping in touch with friends and family through online gaming. It wasn't necessarily the gaming that was important but it was a way to

keep in touch with family and friends who were far away.

Tyler traveled home to Norfolk often to be with his mom and sister. When in town, he always made time to visit his grandparents and would often play his trumpet for them. On holidays, he, along with his sister, Taylor, and cousins, Kayla and Adam, provided many impromptu music performances for the family. Tyler would play his trumpet or piano while the others played their orchestra string instruments. The time and talent he shared gave his family great joy and many treasured memories.

Tyler earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 122 Norfolk in 2016. He continued to live his life as an outstanding example of everything an Eagle Scout stands for and lived each day by the scout oath and law. Tyler's dad passed away in 2017. Tyler overcame the difficulties and tragedies life can bring and still managed to be an outstanding young man living his life to the fullest and purposefully every day.

Tyler was a member of The National Honor Society, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the National Society of Leadership and Success, the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma National Academic Honor Societies, and was a member of the Honorary Band Fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi. He was a recipient of the David Scholarship, the Ronald James Rotherham Scholarship, and other scholarships while at UNL.

Tyler worked at the Norfolk Hy-Vee East store and, after his sophomore year in college, did a summer internship with the accounting firm of Sehi & Associates in Norfolk.

Tyler was an avid sports fan. While he was also a fan of the Detroit Lions and Golden State Warriors, his greatest pride and joy was his beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers. He was truly a Husker through and through.

Tyler had an easy way about him. He was not boisterous or rude. He was a loving, kind, caring, compassionate, and thoughtful young man with integrity, a subtle humor, and a quick wit. While smiling and posing for pictures was never his favorite activity, he always wore a real smile and could easily make you laugh. He was a delightful young man and beautiful human being who was dearly loved by family and friends and will be truly missed.

Survivors include his mother Tammy Butterfield of Norfolk, sister Taylor Butterfield of Norfolk, paternal grandparents Dean and Judy Butterfield of Norfolk, Maternal grandparents Gale and Elaine Young of Norfolk, Uncles Dan Young of Battle Creek, Stan Young of Battle Creek, Aunt Jeanie (Mitch) Kester of Norfolk, Uncle John Butterfield of California, cousins Nic (Nicole) Young and their daughter Adalyn, Kayla Kester, and Adam Kester, and his cat Whiskers.

Tyler was preceded in death by his father Terry Butterfield.

Pianist for the service will be Bill Miller and trumpeter for the service will be Dr. Darryl White.

Casket Bearers will be Adam Kester, Nic Young, Colin Wood, Dan Young, Stan Young, Mitch Kester, and John Butterfield.

Honorary casket bearers will be Tyler's fellow classmates, Boy Scout Troop 122, and the Nebraska Cornhusker Marching Band Members.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorials to be made to the family for a later designation.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue  
Norfolk, NE, 68701

**OCT  
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**Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St., Norfolk, NE, US, 68701

**OCT  
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**Service** 10:00AM

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First Christian Church - Norfolk  
1408 E Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE, US, 68701

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - October 30, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ So sorry Prayers

**Corinne** - November 16, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ I used to always be partnered with Tyler in elementary school - his last name started with the letter B and mine started with the letter A. I don't know what made me look him up after all these years, but I'm heartbroken to learn he's passed away. I remember him being a really sweet and quiet kid. My prayers go out to his family.

**anonymous** - November 15, 2019 at 12:10 AM



“ Tammy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I didnt make the connection that Tyler was your son until I talked to Pat G. at the Husker game this past Sat. I remember you bringing Tyler to our house when he was younger selling popcorn for scouts. He was a very polite nice young man whom I am sure you were very proud of. My condolences..Marv Walker

**Marv Walker** - November 19, 2018 at 02:48 PM

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“ Pam Weise lit a candle in memory of Tyler A. Butterfield



**Pam Weise** - November 05, 2018 at 09:56 AM

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“ I didn't know Tyler, however, I loved reading about all the great achievements Tyler acquired! I'm sending my sincere condolences for you and your family. I have also experienced the loss of a child and I feel your pain. I pray for peace and comfort for you. ~Sandy (Eddie) Murphy

**Sandy Murphy** - November 04, 2018 at 06:58 AM



“ I didn't know Tyler but from everything I have read and seen I think he was an outstanding young man at UNL and in Norfolk! He would have been someone to know and be friends with.

My sympathy to his family my heart aches for them.

Sincerely, Linda Hartmann

**Linda Hartmann** - November 05, 2018 at 11:33 AM

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“ My wife and I send our sincerest condolences. We did not know Tyler but were at Blue Blood brewery and greatly enjoyed the band's performance Friday night. We were sickened to hear of the accident. My wife has a video of part of the performance. If you want to have it please call Mike at 402-380-4290. Again we are so sorry for your loss.

**Mike Dohmen** - October 31, 2018 at 09:51 PM

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“ My sympathy to your family. Terrible thing and there are no words to ease your pain. But, know we are thinking of you and praying for you. Former CMB Guard mom.  
Charlotte Brotherson

**Charlotte Brotherson** - October 31, 2018 at 08:30 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy. It is not easy losing a child. May The Lord be with through this time and may He hold you all in His arms and comfort you. My love,prayers and thoughts, Julie Wingett

Julie K Wingett - October 31, 2018 at 01:20 PM

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“ Julie K Wingett lit a candle in memory of Tyler A. Butterfield



Julie K Wingett - October 31, 2018 at 12:15 PM

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“ Even as someone who never knew Tyler, I feel like I shared something with him as a fellow Husker fan. I've been deeply touched by all the wonderful things said about him, and am sorry I never got to know him. I pray God's blessings on his family and friends and all of those in the band who are missing him and hope they get the comfort they need and will forever cherish their memories of this wonderful young man.

Jim - October 31, 2018 at 11:06 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 30, 2018 at 01:56 PM

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“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - October 30, 2018 at 11:25 AM

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“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Tyler A. Butterfield.



October 29, 2018 at 10:40 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tyler A. Butterfield.



October 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM

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“ The first time I met him was his senior year at Norfolk High. He walked right up to my son and started talking scout stuff with him, then helped the girls with their freshman school tour. He was such a genuine kid. My son looked up to him, not a lot of guys will take time out of spending with friends to show the new kids around and give advice. He had so much promise. My heart bleeds for his family and friends. May please be with you all.



Mandy Martin - October 29, 2018 at 09:26 AM