



Evan James Boettler

October 17, 2007 - January 3, 2024

“In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous.”--Aristotle

Evan James Boettler, 16, of Aurora, passed away tragically at his home on Wednesday evening, January 3. He was a sophomore at Aurora High School. He was a passionate young man and outdoor activities took precedence over most others.

He had participated in school sports, track, basketball, wrestling, soccer, Youth Empowerment, and Student Council. His true heart loved the outdoors and his favorite place was on the front deck of a boat, paddling a kayak in search of the next big one or scouting the woods looking for the next big buck. Regardless of the activity, he always gave everything he had for success.

He is survived by his parents Brad and Kari (Teague) Boettler of the home; sister, Sikenan Boettler, and bonus brother, Valentino Rossi. Grandmother, Melisa Bowman, Aunt Julie (Jerry) Wendler, Uncle Tim (Angie) Boettler, Uncle Corey (Amanda) Boettler, Aunt

Krista Boettler, and
Aunt Kassie (Boo) Nixon. Cousins, Jill (Rudy) Garoutte, Gabrielle Boettler,
Keaton Smith,
Greysen Boettler, EJ McCray, Juliana Boettler, Benjamin Boettler, Gretchen
Boettler, Kaylann
Bowman, Addilynn Garoutte, Gracie Nixon, Baylor Garoutte, along with a host
of extended
families, friends, and acquaintances.

Evan never met a stranger. He believed in being kind, fair, respectful, and
supportive of others.
He believed in hard work and giving everything your best. He loved being a
Houn' Dawg and
enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandparents James and Cherryl (Ermeling)
Boettler, Alan
Teague, and great-grandparents John and Madge(Bowman) Burch, John and
Dee (Ermeling)
Nau and Edward "Babe" Ermeling.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 12th, at Aurora High
School. Services will
be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 13th, in the AHS gymnasium.

Memorial donations can be made to the Evan Boettler Fund in care of the
Community
Foundation of the Ozarks. Checks can be made to the Community Foundation
of the Ozarks
and write "Evan Boettler" in the memo. Donations can be dropped off at
Aurora High

School/YEP, Pettit Law Office, or First Independent Bank. Tentative plans call for the funds to be earmarked for local scholarships and events designed to support families and celebrate the outdoors as a lasting legacy to someone who made such a difference to others.

Donations can also be made directly to the Evan Boettler Fund using the link below and writing his name in the designated box.

https://cfozarks.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=11860&sorg_id=1002

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Aurora High School
Aurora, MO 65605

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Aurora High School
Aurora, MO 65605

Tribute Wall

ST

“ My heart is destroyed for his family and friends, I can't begin to imagine. I do, however, want to let you know his story is being shared here at Lincoln University by way of a training module for students to learn the harms of this type and how they are not alone, and they do have options. From a mom of a son to another, I am so sorry, but people will continue to speak his name for a very long time.



Sierra D Thomas - May 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM

AF

“ I loved to watch Evan play soccer. He gave everything to his team. He was true leader. He score a goal on his 16th birthday. That was one of the best days I can remember.

Adam Freitas - January 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM

BR

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to anyone touched by this tragic loss of precious life, my family has felt the sting of a similar situation, please know your in prayers.

Brenda - January 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM

AC

“ Evan was also so willing to help out when I struggled in math. He ways came in with a smile on his face no matter what day it was. He was funny and kind and he will definitely be missed. Prayers❤️

ashlyn campbell - January 08, 2024 at 12:46 PM

SB

“ We have known this loving family for a long time. In the back ground we have watched Evan grow up. What I remember most about Evan is no matter where you saw him he always had such a beautiful smile on his face. We are so sorry for your loss and cannot imagine the hole it has left in your family. Our prayers are with you in this difficult time. Scott and Rhonda Boatwright

Scott and Rhonda Boatwright - January 07, 2024 at 03:18 AM

HE

“ Evan many people praying for you .

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Heiko Gerold Ebbenga - January 07, 2024 at 02:14 AM

CF

“ Peace be with you, your families, and everyone who knew and loved Evan.

Catherine Maples Family - January 06, 2024 at 08:56 PM

MJ

“ I remember at the end of 8th grade year when you me and Carson would stay in the gym after school and always mess around. That was fun. Sorry I wasn't there for you when you needed it most. I wish I could turn back time but I can't. You taught me a big lesson that I'll remember forever, I just wish I didn't have to learn it the hard way. Love you bro. And to the Boettler Family, that includes you Val. If you ever need anything whether that be someone to talk to, someone to mow the lawn, anything, just tell me. If I was a better friend this would have never happen so I want to take as much responsibility as I can.
Mario

Mario Jimenez - January 06, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DR

Mario don't blame yourself. You being a friend probably helped him more than you realize. I'm a mother of a son who passed the same. Friends must never blame theirseelves. Glad you knew this remarkable young man and take what you have learned from him and carry on the positive side of life's experiences.

Debbie Gold Ribbing - January 09, 2024 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Very heartbreaking. I knew This family when they lived next door to us. I hope and pray I never know your pain. May your family have many blessings from above

The Huse family - January 06, 2024 at 03:56 PM