

Kolson Lee Havlik ^{614-R} 5-5-2022



Kolson Lee Havlik passed away early Thursday morning, April 28, 2022. He was 19 years old.

Kolson was born on July 31, 2002. As an energetic and funny kid, he brought his family so much joy! We were all blessed to watch the baby brother grow into a quick-witted, strong-willed, handsome young man. With Kolson growing to a little over six foot four inches tall, we were all looking up to him.

Kolson's early learning was bolstered by being introduced to Yugio and Pokemon cards. The desire to read and play those cards grew into one of Kolson's greatest joys - passing hours playing cards with his older brother Elijah and he supported Kolson's talent entering them in Magic tournaments.

In high school in Ames, Kolson enjoyed Photography and Science, and his English teacher saw the heart he put into his writing. Kolson grew to know that if he set his mind on something he was interested in, he could accomplish it.

Kolson started out on aggressive skates, transitioned to a scooter club and mastered BMX riding. Kolson could shred at the skate park and won awards. He was admired for his talent and athleticism. Kolson greatly enjoyed trips with his buddies to other skate parks too and was active in the campaign to build a new skate park in Grinnell.

Kolson liked to swim and his sister Angel would accompany him to the local pool with him learning new flips off the diving boards with friends.

Kolson enjoyed listening to alternative music and exploring unique types of music and songs with others.

Kolson recently worked at a grocery warehouse and prior to that at PurFoods. But Kolson's favorite job was efficiently running the busy soda fountain at Hickory Park, keeping a smile on the waitresses' faces!

Kolson bonded with his little sister Emma teaching her how to play Pokémon and watching anime. Kolson loved spending time teaching his nephew Ben how to play video games. Kolson's passion for video games eventually turned into writing reviews with the goal of creating YouTube content. Kolson invested in his own computer equipment for that endeavor and he aspired to a career in content creation. Kolson had a longer term goal of creating his own game with its focus on the fun of it!

Kolson loved animals and always gave our family pets a big greeting when he came home! Now, they are greeting him.

Kolson dreamed of travel in search of the perfect town and even considered going to Alaska!

Kolson was always quick to stand up for people when he heard others talking negatively and he followed his ideals about what he believed to be correct and just.

Kolson said he just needed to find his one person in life. In retrospect, each of us can see that at one time or another, we each were that person - the one he was giving his all.

Kolson wanted everything he did to be 100% of him. Kolson didn't aspire to greatness, he lived it.

Our beloved son, brother, and friend will be dearly missed. Kolson is survived by his mom, Tammy, dad, Joe, his big brothers and sisters, Andrew, Katie, Abe, Ellie, Klara, Elijah, and Angel, and his little sister, Emma. And Grandpa John.

A funeral will be held in Kolson's memory on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 4 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.