

June 19, 2010

Dear De Rego Family,

I met Duke when he came with his father to the gym at 4:30-5:00 AM. I was so impressed that this young man would get up so early and accompany his father to the gym when most other teenagers would opt to stay in bed for as long as possible.

Not only was he up that early sharing time with his father, he was always so upbeat, positive, and had a wide contagious smile that said he was happy to be there. He was polite and respectful and always had a warm greeting for me, even though he had only recently met me. If Duke could be that genuinely pleasant early in the morning, I believe he must have been a joy to be around at other times.

As the father of 3 adult children, I can only imagine the heartbreak you must be experiencing. Losing such a young vibrant boy with so much promise for the future is a tragedy and my heart goes out to you.

I pray that the Lord enfolds you in His loving arms and that the happy memories you shared with Duke bring you comfort in the days and months ahead. He is certainly an angel smiling from heaven.

Sincerely,



Mickey Leahey