



Tucker Rudd

August 13, 2007 - August 3, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

David Tucker Rudd, 16, passed away Saturday, August 3, 2024, in Southaven, MS. A visitation will be held in his honor, Friday, August 9, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a memorial service to follow at 5:00 p.m., all at Desoto Hills Baptist Church. Hunter Gore, David Burgess, and John Saygar will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is handling the arrangements.

Tucker was a strong-willed and passionate young man who loved listening to all genres of music. He was a dedicated baseball player, serving as a catcher and leader for his teammates. Tucker's teammates looked up to him not only for his skills on the field but also for his unwavering spirit. Despite being diagnosed with diabetes, he faced his journey with toughness and resilience.

At the age of 12, Tucker's teammates chose him to represent them in a home run derby. Even when his blood sugar dropped, he did not let it deter him from competing. His determination led to several accomplishments in baseball, including being selected as the MVP as a 13-year-old, at the World Series in Dallas, where he hit the winning run.

Off the field, Tucker was known for his kindness and his willingness to mentor

younger athletes and even children who were not involved in sports. He enjoyed teaching his little brother new things and cherished the time spent with his family.

Tucker's love for his family was evident in everything he did. He once asked Santa for an iPhone, an iPad, and a baby sister. After about two years, his wish came true when he received his beloved sister, Tinley Kate. His sweet spirit will definitely be missed by all!

Tucker is survived by his parents, Tyler and Tarah Rudd of Olive Branch, MS; siblings, Tanner Lee and Tinley Kate Rudd; grandparents, David (Tess) Rudd of Jackson, TN, and Dennis (Margie) Daniel of Olive Branch; aunts and uncles, Susanna Rudd, Blake (Sarah) Rudd, and Kasey (Brian) Norrod; cousins, Chloe and Josh Rudd, and Tyson and Colton Krutz; many extended family members; and his beloved baseball friends and families.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Micki Greer; and uncle, Bubba Sipes.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Tucker Rudd are strongly encourage to be made to Desoto Central Baseball Booster Club (www.jagbaseball.com).

Expressions of condolences may be left on Tucker Rudd's Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhomesh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

DeSoto Hills Baptist Church
4680 Getwell Road
Southaven, MS 38672

Memorial Service

AUG 9. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Southaven, MS 38672

Tribute Wall

“ *im so very sorry that this has happened to you i cant imagine how you must feel i pray for you and your family during this hard time i did not know him personally but i met him at the bathroom at the soccer game i made this song for him*

Chasing Dreams in the Sky

(Verse 1)

*Tucker, I never knew you,
But I felt the sting today.
Saw your smile in the bleachers,
Now it just won't fade away.
You swung for the fences,
Chasing dreams with every play,
Under those bright stadium lights,
Now you're shining far away.*

(Chorus)

*Up in heaven, you're happy,
Playing ball in the sky.
I pray your family finds peace,
And lifts their hearts up high.
It's not forever, just a journey,
We'll hold you in our hearts.
Tucker, you were a legend,
Even though we're worlds apart.*

(Verse 2)

*I remember those summer nights,
Us laughing under stars,
You told me we'd be all stars,
Like we were born to go far.
In that dusty old dugout,
You shared your dreams with pride,
Now I sit here missing you,
With tears I cannot hide.*

(Chorus)

*Up in heaven, you're happy,
Playing ball in the sky.
I pray your family finds peace,
And lifts their hearts up high.
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Tucker, you were a legend,
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*(Bridge)
So here's to the memories,
Every laugh, every cheer,
I'll wear your jersey with honor,
You'll always be right here.
When the game's on the line,
I'll remember your name,
You showed us all how*

unknown - August 28, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MO

“ *tucker was the sweetest person ever, every time i'd see him and i myself was in a bad mood tucker would brighten any dark room and never failed to put a smile on faces. missed by so many but never forgotten we all love u tucker ;,).*

morgan - August 12, 2024 at 03:21 PM

DS

“ *we love you tucker<3 not a day we don't think about you.!*

Desoto Central High Seniors - August 09, 2024 at 12:13 PM

PW

“ Dear Tarah and Rudd Family, I did not know Tucker directly, however my heart is broken for you all as if I did. We have been, and will continue to pray for your family and keep you all in our thoughts. My 16-year old daughter that attends Briarcrest has several friends there that knew your son. By all accounts he was an exceptional person and ball player. As a father of two travel ball sons myself, we will certainly be donating to the Desoto Central Baseball Booster Club in Tucker's honor. I hope this message makes its way to you someday.

Good Bless You All,

Patrick Wredling and Family

Patrick Wredling - August 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TR

Thank you so much Patrick!!

Tarah Rudd - August 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM

“ Who was Tucker? I really don't know because I didn't know Tucker long at all! He was my employee this summer. The boy said 5 words to me, at the most all summer. Tucker was really quiet, keeping his head down, doing his work. This young man was the only one I never had to yell at. Every time I looked around to make sure the guys were staying busy, Tucker never disappointed! I don't know how many times I screamed at the other boys, "Why can't you be like Tucker!" He was always staying busy!

I started telling the guys, "Out of all of you, Tucker is the first one I would take WAR with me!", because they knew me and how I worked, they knew exactly what I meant by that.

The most Tucker spoke to me was the last day he worked, which unfortunately, was 2 days before we lost him. As we are walking out of the building he was explaining his school schedule, asking me if it was okay for him come and work half days the second half of the school year. His mornings were free, classes were in the afternoon, and then baseball after that. I told him I would love to have him whenever he was available to work. This tells me that regardless of the demanding nature of our work, he enjoyed the unity and brotherhood we all shared.

The other day I was at a venue listening to Tennessee Whiskey, a Chris Stapleton cover band. When they started singing "Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd, I broke down crying, thinking of you Tucker! That was how I saw you, A SIMPLE MAN!!

Sorry for the story I'm sharing, but I feel it is important that everyone knows the kind of impact this young man had on me in a very short period of time. He will be with me for years to come. I say this not only because of the young man he was, but because when I was first introduced to him, I said "That's an easy name to remember, I have a cat named Tucker." So, every time I talk to my Tucker, I will always think of you, MY MAN!!

Moving forward in business, I will keep your memory alive by coining the phrase "There's a Tucker" to all those employees that bring it every day, just like you did!

I LOVE YOU, MY MAN!

*John Sabel
Sabel Construction*

John E Sabel - August 09, 2024 at 08:33 AM

TR

I love This!! He admired you and wanted the opportunity to work for you any chance he got. He had high hopes after graduation to cont his journey with you and work his way up the ladder. Thank you for being a great role model for him and your kind words. The kid was the most determined kid I know!!

Tarah Rudd - August 11, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tucker Rudd.*



August 08, 2024 at 06:17 PM

TK

“ *Trevor and Trisha Sphinx - Kentucky purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tucker Rudd.*



Trevor and Trisha Sphinx - Kentucky - August 08, 2024 at 11:27 AM

CR

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the tragic loss of Tucker. I was your neighbor in Peabody Square, and I remember when he was born. He must have been a special young man with kindness for everyone. May God hold his family in His loving arms and give you comfort. Celia Ridley

Celia Ridley - August 07, 2024 at 07:46 PM

DS

“ I'm thinking of all the Rudd's in this time of mourning and sending you hope for the future. Nothing can prepare you for such a sudden and unexpected loss. I hope in time you'll find peace and comfort in each other.



Dan Shimko - August 07, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Tucker Rudd.



August 07, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SN

“ STEVE NORROD sent a virtual gift in memory of Tucker Rudd



STEVE NORROD - August 07, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DP

“ Our family is sending out prayers in abundance and hoping that constant loving and precious memories flood your family's thoughts daily.

Thad, Debbie, JT, and Abby □

Debbie Pruwtt - August 07, 2024 at 11:44 AM

DW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.
Much love to you all, Dusty & Family.

I'm home, Dancing among the stars, I feel your heavy heart from afar, I see a thousand tears you cry, Cry if you must but remember to smile, I wish not to be a sad thought, I long to be a memory of glory, For my short life is my precious story, To most, it might not seem a lot, To me, it's everything I've got, The life before we had to part, How I danced to the beat of your heart, There's so much I didn't get to see, I pray you'll be my eyes for me, As each new day begins to start, Approach it with an open heart, As though your very eyes are mine, See things as though it's the first time, See awe and wonder in all that be, And when you do, think of me, Then I will see the wonders too, By living through the eyes of you.



Dusty Aileen White - August 07, 2024 at 10:16 AM

JY

“ Julie Marie Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Tucker Rudd



Julie Marie Young - August 07, 2024 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ Clark Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tucker Rudd.



Clark Family - August 06, 2024 at 08:33 PM

LJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. I know what it feels like. Have faith in God and be strong. Hold onto each other and accept help from others. There are angels all around you.



Larry Johnson - August 06, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JY

I never met Tucker, but I have known his dad, Tyler, for many years as he was one of my childhood friends. It is clear to see what a special person Tucker was to everyone he knew and the impact that his short life had on the community that he was a part of. There are no words to be spoken that can ease this pain. My prayer is that the Lord will wrap you all up tight in His arms and that He will wipe away your tears.

Julie Marie Young - August 06, 2024 at 03:00 PM

AA

I only know a friend of the family and saw this on Facebook. I just wanted to tell all of you that I'm so very sorry for your loss and I'm praying for all of you.

Anne Avery - August 06, 2024 at 08:12 PM