



Caleb Joel Townsend

August 26, 2005 - August 17, 2024

Caleb Joel Townsend, 18, of Evansville, passed away at his home on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

Caleb was a senior at Reitz High School, where he was a passionate member of the Honors Choir. He competed as a singer and had a powerful, distinctive, bass voice that could be heard over the others in the choir. Caleb loved everyone, never met a stranger and was a great hugger. He enjoyed arm wrestling, weight lifting and fitness. Caleb was tenacious in everything he did.

Surviving Caleb are his mother, Wendy (Bradford) Townsend; father, Lonnie Townsend; brothers, Lonnie Wayne Townsend, II, Ezekiel and Morley Townsend, Gabriel Townsend and Noah Townsend; grandparents, Carrie Bradford and Lonnie W. and Diane Townsend. Also surviving Caleb are an uncle, Bret Townsend; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Caleb was preceded in death by his grandfather, Homer T. Bradford.

Funeral services for Caleb will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Pierre Funeral Home, Pastor HT Bradford officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 4:00 PM on Saturday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Caleb Joel Townsend*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 22, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Caleb Joel Townsend*



Pierre Funeral Home - August 22, 2024 at 05:03 PM

IB

“ *I will never forget those bear hugs he would give everyone. I think we all could use one.*



Isaac Bevers - December 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM

MW

“ August 10th 2025
We all graduated a long time ago..My life is still going forward but there hasn't been a day when I don't think about Caleb even though he wasn't there physically I felt his spirit be with me and the others at the graduation and with his loving warm smile and I felt happy again. Caleb will never be forgotten in my life and whenever it's my time I'll be knowing there is something beautiful waiting for me at the gates with his open arms with a big smile on his face. Caleb I miss you dearly everyday and I'll make sure to live my life the way you always wanted me to have.. From your best friend ☐



Megan Whitaker - August 10, 2025 at 03:58 AM

FF

“ From Caleb and Noah's friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.



From Caleb and Noah's friends - August 24, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.



August 23, 2024 at 07:37 PM

CD

“ Clark and Danny purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.



Clark and Danny - August 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM

TA

“ Toyota, Trim 1 Middle, West Assembly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.



Toyota, Trim 1 Middle, West Assembly - August 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM

TD

“ The Townsends, Browns, and D'Mellows purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.



The Townsends, Browns, and D'Mellows - August 22, 2024 at 10:12 AM

TD

“ The Townsends, Browns, and D'Mellows planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caleb Joel Townsend.

The Townsends, Browns, and D'Mellows - August 22, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.*



August 22, 2024 at 02:58 AM



“ *a fellow caregiver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caleb Joel Townsend.*

a fellow caregiver - August 22, 2024 at 02:58 AM



“ *Caleb felt making people feel loved was the most important thing he could do in life. He greeted everyone with his famous warm hugs. Caleb also loved wearing his favorite overalls as all of you who knew him witnessed. If you have overalls and are coming to his service wear them with joy like he did!*

Sherri Brown - August 21, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.*



August 20, 2024 at 07:05 PM

MW

“ I was a very close friend to Caleb.. I wish him the best moving forward into the afterlife and I send love and comfort to his family. Caleb was always so nice to me and always walked with me and give me those tight hugs that I loved..It was so difficult for me to know that he's gone..and it's going to continue being so hard for me..but just know Caleb's family I will always support you and cherish you for bringing someone so loving and caring into this world. Thank you so much.. - Megan Ruth Whitaker



Megan Whitaker - August 20, 2024 at 05:05 PM

SB

Thank you so much. Those hugs were the best and he loved making people happy! Aunt Sherri

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 06:00 PM

SW

We always saw Caleb out and about. Years ago when our daughter was in grade school at Cynthia heights my wife and I nicknamed Caleb "the runner" because we simply didn't know his name and every time we saw him in the neighborhood he was always running somewhere 😊 He sometimes walked Megan to the car from time to time in high school they were very close friends and he seemed like such a great kid he seemed to take care of Megan. I'm one of those dads that even Megan at her age right now I don't like to think about dating and I don't like to think about anything of the sorts I guess I'm an overprotective father that loves his daughter so much but she revealed to me and her mother earlier today that Caleb had asked her about a week ago to go to their senior prom together as friends. And to be honest I wouldn't have wanted her to go with anyone in the world other than Caleb he was such a good heart and a good soul such a very kind-hearted young man much too young to be gone from this world so very soon. He is in heaven now smiling down on all those who he loved and all of those who loved him. My heart as a parent goes out to his parents and I wish them peace and hope that they know that their son is in heaven now with the Lord watching over him. We all love you Caleb...

Sam & Bonnie Whitaker - August 21, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BM

“ Caleb was a sweet young man with a kind soul. Always polite and caring about others feelings. He was always very respectful every time I was around him. I would have to make him come make a plate for himself when dinner was ready because he didn't want to be a burden in case I hadn't made enough food for everyone. But when I made tacos I always made sure I made enough to feed a small army because he loved them. He cared deeply for my granddaughter Elisabeth and was protective of her and her feelings. Caleb became a part of my family and I am glad that I got to know him. He will be greatly missed by this grandma Bambi and I will carry his memory in my heart forever. Rest easy Caleb. Love you, Grandma Bambi

Bambi Mitchell - August 20, 2024 at 03:13 PM

EG

“ He had such a kind soul and a kind heart. He was always trying to make others happier and always trying to help out when he could. You never realize how precious life is until someone you know inside and out leaves. I wish he could still be here, spreading smiles through his laughter, singing for the choir, and caring for and cheering up his friends. I already miss the randomness and weirdness we shared, and I miss being able to tell him all the stupid little details of my day. He was always there for people, trying to help those in need. For the nearly 2 years I was with him on and off, he was my everything. I wish I still had the time to tell him how much he changed my life. It hurts, to have someone who knew you so well just disappear. I can't imagine what his family is going through. I'm sending best wishes and sorry for your guys' loss.

Elisabeth Goodwin - August 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KB

“ Caleb was not just a choir kid he was a friend a son and a amazing friend I remember meeting him for the first time and seeing his goofy smile and his laugh he was such a great friend and will always be remembered I love you man and I know your smiling down at us



Kaleb Baer-Brown - August 20, 2024 at 10:48 AM

SB

That smile! Thank you! Yes he is smiling down I think!

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM

AV

“ Ava Kelley~He was the sweetest and nicest person. He was in the same choir class as me for 2 years and we have known each other since middle school. i went to LBL with him in 6th grade and had my 8th grade dance with him. He always had a way to make people laugh. his laugh was the best and funniest of all. much love to his family and sending all the prayers!!

Ava - August 20, 2024 at 10:43 AM

JE

Sending love & prayers that God will help Caleb's family & friends find peace and comfort in the joy he brought to them in the short time he was here.

Jessica - August 20, 2024 at 11:43 AM

SB

Thank you so much! He was unique and such a great guy!

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ *I love you buddy, I wish I could tell you one last time.*

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:37 AM

SB

He knew we all loved him, I think he still knows

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

AN

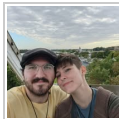
“ *I never was Caleb’s “best friend” but we had did weight lifting together in middle school he would always give me advice just about anything in general. He was in my last period class this year and we would be in a group. I hope your doing okay up there*

Anonymous - August 19, 2024 at 11:45 PM

SB

Thank you for wishing him well. He had faith and I believe he is ok.

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 09:10 AM



Thank you

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Caleb Joel Townsend.*



August 19, 2024 at 09:23 PM

DA

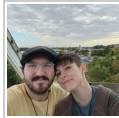
“ Caleb was in choir with me, he was one of the other basses. He always had the biggest heart and was always willing to talk with you about anything. He was so empathetic and understanding. In the end I think we should all be a bit more like Caleb.

David - August 19, 2024 at 08:45 PM

SB

The best way we can all honor and remember Caleb is to have a bigger heart and care about everyone like he did. Hug more people for him! Thank you for your kind words! Sherri Brown, his aunt

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 09:14 AM



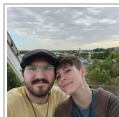
Thank you, Caleb would appreciate you saying something

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:31 AM

AM

“ Caleb was like family to my husband and I. His father Lonnie and Caleb, both welcomed us, and brought so much joy to our home. Caleb always knew how to make us laugh and smile. Having him over was always the best times. All the Uno nights, video games, everything was always so fun. Praying for the family.

Ansley McNeil - August 19, 2024 at 08:36 PM



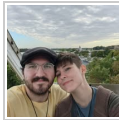
Thank you, Caleb had so much love to give to the world

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:32 AM

EH

“ I knew Caleb through the EVSC honors choir program and he had always been very kind to me. During the Chicago trip in my freshman year he had always made sure that everyone in our group felt included. I regret that we weren't able to stay in touch outside of honors choir. May Caleb rest in peace and to those who were closest to him, I am truly sorry for your loss.

Evan Hardin - August 19, 2024 at 08:31 PM



Thank you for your condolences.

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SB

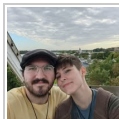
Thank you! He was kind to everyone!

Sherri Brown - August 21, 2024 at 03:26 PM

ZO

“ I wasn't close to Caleb or his father, as close to him as my sister and her husband. I spoke briefly to him on different occasions when they came to our home to see my sister and her husband. Although I didn't get the chance to know him as well, he will still be remembered in my heart. I remember his laugh, and his positive attitude, and just being a happy person in those few interactions. Sending prayers to his family.

Zoe - August 19, 2024 at 08:26 PM



Thank you

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:33 AM

SB

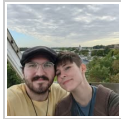
Thank you

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 10:04 AM

KW

“ Caleb was in my English class last semester and this year. He was also so kind, saying good morning every day and asking how my weekend was every Monday. He was always smiling and nice to everyone he talked to. He was a good student, and a great person. I hope you're resting well.

Karah Wilson - August 19, 2024 at 07:40 PM



Thank you

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:34 AM

RC

“ He was my classmate and boyfriend in middle school. He was always so sweet. He was the kind of person to get you gifts without even asking, and as I was in choir with him in my sophomore year I can agree his voice was very distinct. It had potential to become known all across the world. Even though we were not on best terms near the end I miss him dearly. I'm sending the best to his family.

Rayn Carnahan - August 19, 2024 at 06:03 PM



Thank you

Ezekiel Townsend - August 20, 2024 at 09:35 AM

SB

Thank you , no words can say how much we will miss him.

Sherri Brown - August 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM