



Joshua Daniel Crites

October 4, 1982 - August 17, 2007

Joshua Daniel Crites was born October 4, 1982 to John and Teresa Crites in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He passed away in a tragic car accident August 17, 2007 north of Lindsay at the age of 24.

Josh never met a stranger and was liked by everyone who knew him. He could always bring a smile to everyone's face. Josh loved to ride his motorcycle, running, and being with his friends and family. He lived every day to the fullest. He overcame a rare form of cancer in 2004.

Josh was a member of the National Guard Reserve and was currently on active duty and awaiting the time he would leave for Iraq which he was looking forward to. He considered his unit his family.

Josh is survived by his father and stepmother John and Beverly Crites, and his maternal grandmother, Betty Estep. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law Misty and Robert Whitworth, his brothers Jacob Crites, Dustin White, and Claude Kelly, his nieces and nephews, Kurissa and Klayton Kenzlee Whitewood, Chelse, Kyle and D. J. White, one Aunt, Linda Simmons and husband David, Cousins, Rickey and Stephanie Karns and children, Mark and Angela Karns and children Adam Cannon. He is preceded in death by his mother Teresa Crites. His paternal grandparents, John and Mary Crites, his maternal grandfathers, Archie Cannon and Delmer Estep and one uncle Steve

Cannon. Services for Josh will be held on Monday August 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

GR

“*Dustin and families, I am so sorry for your loss. josh was the most wonderful person i know. No matter what he seemed to have a smile for everyone and could bring a smile to anyones face. He was so very kind. My heart goes out to you all. Dustin if there is anything you need let me know. I will keep all of you in my prayers*

Ginny Wescott Reeb - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“*Misty, I'm so sorry for your lost and I know that he will be missed. You and Robert did an awesome job taking your two brothers in and giving them a loving home. Cherish those moments and thank god for giving you that special time together. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dianna Hurley - September 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BT

“*Misty and family--

I am so sorry for the loss of Josh. He was a great guy who touched many people in many ways. You were such a good role model for him and I know you guys will miss him dearly as well as many others. Hang in there and turn to God and he will help you always. God Bless you all!!!*

Brandon & Becky Thomas - August 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“*I'm sorry for your loss. Josh was a great guy. Your family will be in our prayers.*

Kevin and Rachel Jones - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Beverly & John, Mom and I want you to know that you are both in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything at all just let us know. We love you !

Tracey (Williams) Jordan & Alisha Galaviz - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am truly sorry for the loss of your son, and one of America's True HEROES. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry & Denise Slack - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Hey John I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know your son Josh, but it sure sounds like you raised a very wonderful young man. My thoughts and prayers be with you and your family.

Carol Self - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Josh was the best friend anyone could ever ask for. He could always make me laugh when I was feeling down. We had some really good memories together and he will be forever in my heart. He always took care of friends and family before himself. He was courageous and strong for his country and we couldn't have asked for a better person to fight for us. The world has lost a great man. He will be greatly missed. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kasidi Pack - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Misty I am so sorry to here about your loss. Our prayers are with you everyday.

Sharyn Baker and Mildred Dickinson - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We are all saddened by the loss of Josh. He was a great friend anybody could ever hope for. He always had a smile, and if you were down he could always lift you back up. I moved away from Lindsay after we graduated and he was the only friend from school who ever came to visit me. I was living in California when I got a phone call about his cancer. I just cried and cried. I moved back to Lindsay later that year and saw him in town. He was always in such great spirits every time I saw him. He did not let anything get him down. He was always such a happy go lucky person and he will be missed so much! To everyone in Josh's family, I never met you, but you will be in my prayers.

Ashley Burrell-Lamb - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I would like to leave my regard to the family, I would like to say Josh was a really good person, and a great friend i will always miss.

Chad Snow - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ josh was a great guy that always had a smile on his face. He was a good friend of mine and well be greatly missed. my heart and prayers go out to his family and friends

Jeremy Brown - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

S1

“ On behalf of the families of Charlie Company, we are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you need anything please feel free to call me. You can reach me by calling the armory. May the Lord wrap you and your family in his arms.

Sara Gore - Family Readiness Group C. CO. 1-180 - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Although I had not seen my nephew, Josh, since he was a small boy (when we lost Teresa), I had the opportunity to share some emails with him in which he sent me a photo of his motorcycle. I sent him photos of mine. He had grown into a man with the character and dignity a parent could be proud of. It takes a lot of courage to walk through the challenges that he overcame. And he still proceeded to serve his country. I will always remember him as a baby with his bright blue eyes, long eyelashes and a smile that took up half his face! My son, Josh's cousin, Adam Cannon, was blessed to have met him again a few years ago, after playing together as babies, almost 25 years ago. We are extremely saddened and our hearts hurt with the loss. I am comforted by all the love that I read on this page. To Misty, Linda Ricky, Mark, Jacob and John: Our prayers and love are with you as we mourn the loss of our special boy. Although we are so sad he has died, we are very grateful he lived.

Debbie(Cannon) Javaheri - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. There are not enough words to explain how kind Josh was. The world has lost a great man. He was a true hero. I will never forget that wonderful smile of his.

Amy Butcher - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To the family... I actually didn't know any of you except for Jake, I know how much Josh loved you and wanted to be a good example for you. He always wanted you to have nice things and to be a good person. Jake your brother will waiting for you...Misty, I never actually met you but I know how much Josh loved and appreciated you. Once, in 2003 you and your husband were out of town and Josh decided we would have a Valentine's Day get together at your house...things as you know didn't turn out that well for us under age party-ers but there were three of us lucky enough to escape the long hand of the law, Josh, myself and James stayed up all night picking up and reliving the action. Of all that had gone on, the only thing that Josh was worried about was what you would think and say, I can't remember his exact words but I remember he told me something that made me feel like you were it to him. The provider and protector of this boy and he loved you like crazy. I know you should hear these types of stories when someone is still alive and you can tell them how much you love them back, but Josh knew how much you loved him. I just hope he knew just how much EVERYONE loved him...I am sad for our loss but like the preacher said today, I know heaven is celebrating their precious gain. I love you Josh Crites and will ALWAYS remember you.

Brittany Mills - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Hey John, Sorry to hear about Josh. Keep your head up, luv ya brother. Curtis

Curtis Self - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I remember running cross-country with Josh. He was always so encouraging to his teammates, and I don't think I ever saw him without a smile! I will be keeping your family in my prayers.

Jamie Kemerling-Clinesmith - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To josh's Family; he was a amazing man that stood up for everything he belived in! His smile, love, and courage will never be forgotten. All my prayers to you

Mallorie White - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ hey eveyone i am sorry about the death of josh he was a good friend and fun to work with god with all of us and he is in everyone heart

joseph hines - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ John, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sometimes life is just not fair.

Sam & Linda McMillen - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Beverly & John just wanting to let u know I have a support group going on here in lindsay on Thursday eveings @ 7 if u would like to join call me out here @ the motel, or u can call Tammi @ kblp & we can give u the address. We r a loveing group & try & help everyone if you need to talk call one of us. God Bless Ya'll

Carol Romine - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Beverly, & John My Thoughts & Prayers go out to ya'll, I Pray that our Precious Lord keep u wrapped in his loving arms @ this time. Josh will be greatly missed by all who had the privilage to know him.

Carol Romine - August 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ BEVERLY AND JOHN MY HEART AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAIMLY . HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH TO BE SO YOUNG I WILL BE THINKING OF YALL

patty baird holmes - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ John & Bev, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Josh will be greatly missed.

Heath & Lissa Payne - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I knew Josh from Velma Schools and Lindsay Schools as we happened to attend both together. At both he always had a smile on his face and managed to put a smile on yours. He was a very nice and sweet guy. He will be missed greatly!

Misty Werhan-Griffeberg - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Words cannot describe how saddened I am of Josh's untimely passing. He was nothing short of amazing. He was a person who always had a kind word to say and could cheer your heart, no matter how heavy it may be. He was one of the least judgmental people I have ever known and he always had a smile on his face! He was truly one of God's children. To the family, please remember that there are things in this earthly world that we are not to understand. We may mourn our loss, but heaven is rejoicing it's gain! My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.

Traci Gayle Mullins - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ josh is going to be miss by everyone that knew him. i'm sorry i cant make it to the funeral but my prayers are with the family.

becky watson - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ we are so sorry about the passing of josh. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

marc and sheila little - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I would like to send my greatest sympathy to your family. Josh always had a smile on his face, and a laugh that was addictive. I will never forget all the times he would stroll into class and have to be told to settle down because he was too energetic. He will be missed; and I will never forget him. He went through many battles, and I couldn't think of a better person to be beside on the Senior plaque that will forever hang in Lindsay High. Class of 2002 has lost a hero! His courage and love for his country will never be forgotten.

Justin Davis - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so saddened to hear about Josh. He was a wonderful and caring young man. He always had a smile and a kind word. May God bless your family, and carry you thru the days ahead. He will be deeply missed.

The Highsmith Family - August 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I didn't know this young man personally, but I knew of him and his story of survival. I must say that it saddens me to see such a young life taken from someone who had to fight so hard to keep it. Your family is in the prayers of so many people.

(Author Not Available) - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Josh was such an amazing person, and the best friend anyone could ask for. He always had a smile on his face, and loved to laugh and joke around. He was a great person to know and work with. we will all miss him very much. You are in our prayers

holly langford holland - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Josh was an amazing person that had the ability to put smiles on anybody's face. He will be missed and we will keep his family in our prayers

Michael Knapp - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ to the crites and whitworth family josh was an amazing young man he battled the cancer and beat it and i admire his courage he had and was going to go defend our country he will be missed so much by our family misty and kurrissa if you need anything let us know we love you guys

the waite family - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ josh was the best all around guy. he was always there for you if you needed him no matter what. he was greatly love and will be missed by all. he will always be with with each of us everyday....IN OUR HEARTS.

melissa slay randol - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Josh was an amazing person. He always had a smile on his face no matter what. He always had a kind thing to say. It breaks my heart that someone such as Josh was taken to soon. He will forever be in my heart and in the hearts of those that touched. My prayers go out to you all. God Bless.

Randi Shahan - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Hey everyone i am so sorry about the death of Josh he was real good friend of mine and ill miss him dearly

i remeber him always going out of his way to talk to me all the time.

Rebecca Guthrie - August 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ My regards to the family and friends of Josh. He really was an amazing person that will always be remembered by me and my family. His kindness and good spirit touched so many lives. He was so kind and happy and always took time to listen to people around him. He never held a grudge and always found the good in others. He appreciated life and worked hard to better himself in every way. I cannot say enough to emphasize the wonderful life that he led. He will be missed.

Teresa Teran - August 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Beverly and John I am thinking about you guys and if you need anything please call. I Love Yall!* ”

Sue White - August 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM