



## Robert Randal "Robby" Schulz

November 4, 2004 - August 26, 2020

Robert Randal ("Robby") Schulz, beloved son, brother, student, and friend, was suddenly and tragically taken from us on August 26, 2020, when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle. Robby was a sophomore at Kell High School. His principal, Dr. Peter Giles, described Robby as "a young man who was very bright, had a huge heart, and he could always find a way to make you smile and laugh."

Robby was born in Sandy Springs, Georgia on November 4, 2004, son of James Randolph Schulz and Alexandra Jean Ennever, and twin brother of Elizabeth Ann ("Lizzy") Schulz, and brother of Nicholas Joseph Schulz and Derek James Schulz.

Robby was baptized at St. Anne's Episcopal Church and attended St. Anne's Day School and Mt. Zion United Methodist Church pre-kindergarten before enrolling in Timber Ridge Elementary School.

While at Timber Ridge, Robby joined Cub Scout Pack 795 and loved to go on camping trips to the state parks, make soapbox derby cars, and sell popcorn. He was in Troop 713 for Boy Scouts.

Robby attended Hightower Trail Middle School. Hightower's principal, Mrs. Laura Montgomery fondly remembered him, "Robby was such a special kid to me – one of the students I will always remember having had the opportunity with which to work. His sense of humor, his love for the world and other students always stood out above his other daily concerns. He was a gift to us all, helped us to grow as educators and will be missed. Know that he was loved here and he made us better people.

I remember Robby his first year at Hightower. He would come to my office to share with me his favorite characters from his internet show. He was so animated when he spoke about the show. We could talk forever about each character and their special traits. He would also stop by to tell us all a joke. He always had a smile and a true fondness for others."

In 6th grade Robby had Mrs. Penny Chasko for math. She loved some of Robby's sayings and his quick wit. In 7th grade he had Mrs. Jennings. She says, "It was pretty amazing getting to know Robby in 7th grade. Between science and math class we all knew how exceptionally bright he was but he was also making us laugh all the time. Somehow when I think of Robby, I think of 'egg puns.' He would seek out Ms. Thomas and me just to tell

us his latest pun. I retired this year and I have a picture of him in my memory book! Robby lived life his way and I was glad I was a part of it.”

Mrs. Andrea Cilluffo taught Robby during her first year as a teacher at Hightower , for science and Social Studies. “There was never a dull moment when Robby was in class. He made you laugh even when you didn’t want to. Robby was oblivious to the things that most middle schoolers care about, but he loved technology. To say that Robby was just Robby would be an understatement for he was much more than that. Robby taught me a lot in that year and the 2 years that followed. He taught me compassion and that it was okay to be different. He taught me to teach from the heart because words were just words and sometimes words just didn’t explain what the heart could. Robby made me a better teacher and a better human. I still have a letter Robby typed me at the end of that year because you couldn’t read his handwriting, it stated that I was his favorite because I cared. The best part was that he signed it in his handwriting. That letter is still on my fridge all these years later, where it will remain until I can take it down. Thank you for sharing Robby with me.”

Another teacher recalls: “Thinking of Robby brings a smile to my face. He is a student I will always remember. I fondly remember his love of snack time. A juice box and a granola bar is still the best way to start math class. Robby was very creative and I remember his attention to detail when making his origami creations. Most of all, Robby's smile, quick wit and willingness to share a joke at any time, but especially at the time when you needed it most, is the legacy of Robby that I will always embrace.”

Robby was the very first student that Mrs. Westerman saw during her first year as a School Counselor. She says, “He was one of kind and always made me smile so big when I saw him. Whenever Robby was having a hard time, Mrs. Stephens would bring him to me and we would practice bubble breathing together until he calmed down. He brought me so much joy and didn’t even know it. Robby also participated in my study skills class, I just loved seeing him each day because he would always greet me with a smile and leave me with a, ‘Have an EGG-cellent day Mrs. Westerman.’ During that class we had many laughs as we would share jokes together. When Robby moved into 8th grade I continued to work with him closely. I will never forget that one day, he said I was his best friend as we literally skipped down the hallway.”

In 8th grade Robby had Mrs. Stephanie Stoltz for math. She remembers Robby “was such a funny kid. Although he liked to try to get away with not always doing his work, he was a bright student mathematically. I enjoyed teaching him and loved when he was confident with his answers. He liked to make the other students and his teacher laugh. I always wanted the best for him.”

The teacher who spent the most time with Robby at Hightower was Dr. Tabitha Owens. “Robby was a student in my sixth grade class and then later in my eighth grade English class. Robby made it perfectly clear English wasn’t his favorite subject. He just wasn’t a

fan of writing, but Robby always had something only he could contribute to our class. His smile and humor brought much joy to the class and made up for his strong dislike of writing.

‘Dr. Owens, I can’t write my real thoughts down! If I do, someone might steal my genius ideas!’ How could I argue with that? Robby was an original, one in a million! More times than not he had me wondering who was the teacher and who was the student. Robby taught me quite a bit about perspective, and these lessons I’ll never forget. To say I’m grateful to have known Robby is greatly understated. Rest In Peace, little genius. You will never be forgotten!”

After Robby finished Hightower, we selected Kell High School for him because of one teacher, Mrs. Margaret Griffin, who has a unique ability to bring out the best in students like Robby. She worked with Robby every day during the school year and over the summer. “As a teacher, all of your students hold a special place in your heart, every now and then, there are students who steal your heart. Robby was that student for me. He was bright, full of humor and mischief but most importantly, he had a beautiful spirit. Robby consistently made my day because he always found a way to make me laugh and smile. I will miss my boy.”

Ms. Margo Baker, Robby’s reading teacher at Kell, remembered him, “Robby absolutely lit up the classroom. He was a keen reader, full of enthusiasm and curiosity. His brightness will be deeply missed.”

While at Kell, Robby enjoyed attending the Dungeons & Dragons club. Mr. Douglas LaVigne, the faculty sponsor of the club, remembered Robby: “Robby was the most enthusiastic and energetic member of our Dungeons & Dragons club. Robby came in each meeting ready to play and was always digging through his books to find just the right combination of rules when seeking out adventure. Robby was a kind soul and I will fondly remember his eruptions of delight when he cast just the right spell to save the day.”

Robby was also loved at Hillside. His therapist, Kate O’Lone, provides this drawing of Robby by one of his peers.

(Picture on Tribute Wall)

Kate remembers Robby as “so full of personality, energy and utterly unique. I’ll never forget how he introduced himself with his full name, every day during group check in. I’ll never forget him asking peers to ‘rendezvous at the big chicken’. I’ll never forget when he dabbled so energetically he knocked my phone right out of my hand. I’ll never forget when I told the milieu to ‘get their wiggles out’ and Robby got on the ground and wiggled like a worm. He was himself every day and that was the most enjoyable thing about being around him. He left a My Little Pony stamp on my heart.”

Robby is survived by his parents, Jim and Alex Schulz, his brothers, Nick and Derek

Schulz, their spouses, Lauren Rustowicz and Masako Otsuki, and his twin sister, Lizzy Schulz and his grandmothers Patricia Ennever and Margaret McFarlan Schulz and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home on the Square in Marietta at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 with the Rev. Robert Certain officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. During the current pandemic and for the safety of the family, we ask that all visitors wear masks and keep their visits brief while not mingling with other visitors. The team at the funeral home will be there to direct all guests as they arrive.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to Team Robby, Hillside or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Team Robby was set up by Robby's older brother Nick in his memory. Team Robby's goal is to raise money for autism research and to provide a scholarship for an autistic student to attend college. Please follow the link below to see more details and make a donation.

<https://support.researchautism.org/VirtualRaces/teamrobbly>

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home** - September 03 at 09:41 AM

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“ I am so sorry to just hear of this tragic loss. Loved seeing Robby as a baby and still remember him lighting up the room! My heart & prayers go out to the Schulz family.  
Debbie Pike

**Debbie Pike** - September 08 at 02:38 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of this tragic loss of such a sweet boy. Robby was in PE with me and Mr. D at Timber Ridge and was always putting a smile on our faces. His soul was truly pure and he will be missed by all and I pray for his sweet family...God bless you all.

**Sue Ann Carroll** - September 08 at 01:21 PM

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“ I had the privilege of being Robby's SLP during his three years at Hightower. We had so many good times together. He always put a smile on my face! I will miss him. My condolences to the family.

**Amy Moor** - September 05 at 06:42 PM

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“ To the family and friends of Robby, this has broken my heart since it happened, I was the first person on the scene witnessing the entire thing, I want you to know that I stayed with him and held his hand and refused to leave his side until the ambulance arrived. I play the event over and over in my head and it breaks my heart for such a tragic accident to happen to anyone. He is in my heart forever. I am so sorry for your loss.

**Andrew Farrington-Mealor** - September 03 at 02:19 PM



“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schulz and family,  
I did not know your son. However, as a former middle school teacher then high school administrator when I read about Robby in the paper it reminded me of many students I was honored to know over the years who had the traits and attributes described by his former teachers and administrators. Your sense of loss must be overwhelming at this time. As the years pass I pray the bitterness of this moment in time and the thoughts of "what should have been" will be overcome by the joyful memories you have of Robby although they are far too few. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian church, may "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."  
Sincerest condolences,  
Rusty Hill, former Cobb educator, retired

**Rusty Hill** - September 02 at 05:21 PM



“ Dearest family and dear sister, Lizzie, My heart is breaking as I learn of this tragic accident, tragic for all of us who knew and loved Robbie. He was such a bright spot in our Christian Formation classes and his ability to share his talents affected all of the other children. Sending you love. Becky Beal, director of Children and Young Families, St. Catherine's Episcopal church.

**Becky Beal** - September 26 at 09:11 AM



“ I was privileged to work with Robby in 3rd grade at Timber Ridge. He had a way of brightening my day with his stories and humor. Robby always had a special twinkle in his eyes. His quick wit and curiosity made him a joy to teach. He is truly one of those students who will always have a special and memorable place in my heart! Praying that over time his memories will bring you comfort and smiles.

**Stacy Yarus** - September 01 at 09:16 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to your family. We are so sorry about Robby. Please let Marty and I know if we can help you in any way. Robby's grandmother, with whom I worked at Lockheed, spoke often and affectionately of Robby. You will be in our prayers during this difficult time. We regret that we will not be able to come to the visitation or attend the service; I am recovering from Covid. Marty and I have been in isolation/quarantine. Love, Carol & Marty O'Toole

**Carol O'Toole** - September 01 at 08:14 PM

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“ Beth Carlisle and Family Psalms 147:3 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Randal "Robby" Schulz.



Beth Carlisle and Family Psalms 147:3 - September 01 at 05:39 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to your family. I had the privilege of teaching Robby throughout elementary school. Robby always made me smile with his wit and thoughtfulness. He had a way with words for sure. We shared a special bond together as well as a birthday. The world was a better place because he was in it. Rest In Peace sweet boy You will be greatly missed.

Vicki Mason O'Connor - September 01 at 01:41 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Randal "Robby" Schulz.



September 01 at 10:07 AM

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“ I was Robby's math teacher in 7th grade. Robby was such a special young man with a zest for life. Every time I saw him in the hallway he made me smile. Always wishing me an EGGcellent day. He was so incredibly smart and kind. He made me a better person by being in my class. I hope his family will use all the wonderful memories to help them get through this incredibly hard time. I will be praying for your family.

Teresa Mullaney - September 01 at 09:25 AM

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“ Robby had an energy that was good, and boundless. A true Renaissance Man. Love to his family. Tommy Davis



“ I am so sorry for your loss. As a parent of one of his classmates, I just want you to know how thoughtful Robbie was to my son. My son has a little trouble making friends, but Robbie talked to him everyday last year at lunch and they would talk about science. Robbie did something that other students were hesitant to do.....simply be a nice person and not judge. I am sending prayers of comfort your way and you will be in my thoughts. Yvonne Grant

Yvonne Grant - September 01 at 01:02 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. I am blessed to have known Robby. His laughter, smile, quick wit and genuine care for others is forever etched fondly in my memory. Rest In Peace, Robby. In Sympathy, Mrs. Penny Chasko

Penny Chasko - August 31 at 09:52 PM

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“ Your Resurgens Surgery Center Family purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Robert Randal "Robby" Schulz.



Your Resurgens Surgery Center Family - August 31 at 12:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album His therapist, Kate O'Lone, provides this drawing of Robby by one of his peers.



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - August 31 at 07:12 AM