



## Erik Vaughn Hensley

July 24, 1987 - July 26, 2017

Erik Hensley, a resident of Tulsa, passed away on July 26, 2017 at the age of 30. Erik was born in Oklahoma City on July 24, 1987 and graduated from Tulsa Union High School in 2006. Erik loved to travel, especially with his close friends who he considered family. He had a great appreciation for different cultures and the artifacts of his travels lined his shelves. He found joy in the smallest of things like going out to garage sales, participating in nightly Jeopardy, watching OKC Thunder, and the Friday pizza ritual with his closest confidants. He held many roles but one of his fondest was being an uncle. The bond between Erik and Easton was extraordinary. They shared many memories including their most recent adventure to Disney World. Erik also adored his loving sister Sarah, who was the best sister he could have had. Erik loved his family and was a devoted uncle. Erik was a selfless, empathetic person and was genuinely happy for the success of others. His infectious smile will be missed by all. Erik had a love for life and radiated with positivity that will be missed by all the lives he touched. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Jay Hensley and his grandparents, William and Ruby Boatwright. Survivors include his parents, Mike and Debbie Hensley; sister, Sarah Hensley; nephew, Easton Hensley; grandmother, Willa Hensley; closest friends and travel partners Trent Raleigh, Lou Gonsalves, and Al Armstrong; and many other close friends and numerous other family members. Services are pending at this time. Friends may send their condolences to <http://www.floralhaven.com> In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Muscular Dystrophy Association at <http://www.mda.org>

# Comments

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“ Debbie, I am so sorry about your son's passing. I remember Sara and Erik from Union schools, and you & I were in PTA together. Everyone loved Erik, and he seemed to live life to it's fullest every day, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Marcia Wright

Marcia Wright - August 10, 2017 at 10:27 AM

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“ Dear Erik, Thank you for all the adventures you took us on. You were always up for something new & exciting, never mind the danger, like soaring high above the Sea of Cortez on a motorized hang-glider, cruising up the coast on a 4-wheeler, riding a jet-ski out to the Cabo Arch and even braving 8-Mile Road late at night. Thank you too for all the Cabo Nights we shared. We'll always remember the Senior Trip antics at Cabo Wabo & The Giggling Marlin. You always charmed the pretty señoritas with your sparkling eyes! But thank you most of all for teaching us how to be brave in the face of adversity and for your infectious smile & sense of humor that always seemed to melt our hearts. We'll always love you, Buddy. Adios Enrique .... till we meet again. Allie & Deb

All & Debby Armstrong - August 06, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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All & Debby Armstrong - August 06, 2017 at 03:11 PM

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“ Mike and Deb, So sorry to hear about Erik. He was always such a pleasure to be around. What a smile! We'll miss him and our prayers are with you. Love you guys, Kurt and Connie

**Kurt and Connie Branstetter** - July 30, 2017 at 02:56 PM

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“ I had the honor of having Erik as one of my students. He was so sincere, thoughtful and a sweet friend to everyone he came in contact with. He was such a lucky guy to have an amazing family!!! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Mrs. Jan McDonald

**Jan McDonald** - July 30, 2017 at 02:29 PM

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“ Erik's smile lit up a room. He was such an amazing young man and his camp family will greatly miss him. Shine on sweet star! – Happy and Jamie Griffin

**Jamie Griffin** - July 28, 2017 at 09:48 PM

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“ Erik was an amazing person and friend to be around. He always had a smile on his face and he'll be missed so very much. You all are in my prayers!! Love- Adrian & Jennifer Cruz

**Jennifer Cruz** - July 28, 2017 at 08:32 PM

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“ I cannot express the joy Erik brought to our family. His continued smile encouraged me every time we were together. He truly was such a light in this world. We love you all and pray for healing and strength. Love The Evans Monte, Laura, Grace, Lynnsey and Peyton

**Laura Evans** - July 28, 2017 at 04:04 PM