

## Brendyn Ryan Stump

Brendyn Ryan Stump, of Akron, sadly passed away at 4:48 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, at the young age of 16. Brendyn was critically injured Saturday, May 15, 2021, when the vehicle he was driving, crashed into a utility pole along Ind. 14 at the Packerton Road intersection in Kosciusko County. His beautiful soul is now at home with HIS Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, where he will forever be in the presence of glory!



He was born on Aug. 20, 2004, in Columbia City, to proud parents Kristie Daire Culp and Cy Daniel Stump. Since the day he was born, he was always full of so much energy, hugs, smiles and love!

Brendyn LOVED GOD FIRST and he always loved his family. His #1 passion in life was basketball! He loved all sports ... baseball, football and even ping pong. Basically, if Brendyn knew there was a ball involved, he was there playing. He could spend hours playing video games but he always made time to go kayaking with his mom and spending time with family. He was a joy to be around, and he had plenty of cousins to spend time with. Everyone knew Brendyn had one particular fondness .... who could forget his obsession with SHOES!

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Brendyn wasn't just about all sports, he was also a very intelligent young man and made the top 10 academically in his freshman class, with a current GPA of 3.9. He was an honor roll student and he had a keen mind for mathematics. He would excel at just about everything he would put his sharp mind to. Brendyn's good attitude and likable personality both helped make him as popular at school as he was in the community. In his short 16 years on this earth, he left a huge footprint on the hearts of those he loved. He had so many friends and family that loved and cared for Brendyn that he will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

He will be lovingly remembered by his mother, Kristie Culp, Akron; father, Cy Stump, Pierceton; and his sister, Adaira Malott, Akron. Also surviving are his grandparents: Tom and Cathy Culp, Fulton; Matt and Theresia Stickler, Rochester; Pat and Joe Stump, Pierceton; great-grandparents: Betty Culp Troyer, Macy; Jeff and Julie Beattie, Rochester; Donna J. Ross, Warsaw; aunts: Brandy Culp, Pierceton; Elaine Smith, Pierceton; Elizabeth Stump, Pierceton; uncle, Ryan (Peggy) Culp, Rochester; and his cousins: James Duncan Jr., Jarrett and Jordan Duncan, Sawyer Culp, Carter and Laynie Dugan, Skylar Smith, Ethan, Jaxsyn and Lillian Stump, Adreona and Noe Ybarra.

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He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents: Paul Culp and Loretta and William Stump.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 and 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 23 at Tippecanoe Valley High School, 8345 Ind. 19, Akron. Brendyn's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 24 at Warsaw Community Church, 1855 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Pastor Jeff Pfeifer. A graveside service will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

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Memorial donations in Brendyn's memory may be directed to help a fellow Tippecanoe Valley student Dillon Prater with his medical expenses. Checks can be made out to Tippecanoe Valley High School, 8343 SR 19, Akron, IN 46911 and in the memo line please write Medical Expense Fund for Dillon Prater.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

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