



Maxwell R. Gruver

January 27, 1999 - September 14, 2017

Max Gruver of Roswell, Georgia passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2017. Max is survived by his mother Rae Ann, father Stephen, younger brother Alex, younger sister Lily Kate, grandmother Charlene Feldner and grandfather Eugene Gruver. Max is also survived by his adoring cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. A recent graduate of Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Max was a freshman at Louisiana State University majoring in political journalism.

Max was a kind and generous young man who was deeply loved by his friends and family. He loved sports with a passion, even coaching his little sister's basketball team. He was a published sports writer at www.defpen.com and thewinningtake.com. Max was so excited to begin preparing for his career in journalism at LSU, and had already made a new home in Louisiana.

A viewing will be held at St. Peter Chanel in Roswell, GA on Monday, September 18th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The funeral Mass will be held at the church at 10am on Tuesday, September 19th with a reception to follow. A private interment will take place at Green Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Max Gruver Scholarship Fund at Blessed Trinity High School and Queen of Angels Catholic School at: <https://cfnga.org/how-to-give/donate-now4.php?BBFund=1124&BBHideOtherFunds=1> and/or <https://cfnga.org/how-to-give/donate-now4.php?BBFund=1129&BBHideOtherF>

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Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Love and prayers to all the family and friends of Max, so sorry for your loss and thinking of you all. God Bless You.



JM - May 22, 2025 at 03:28 AM



“ Maxwell R. Gruver

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

RE

“ Gruver family please know that you are in the hearts and minds of others. We are absolutely sickened by the loss of your beautiful boy Max. He was a gem to society and this is a loss for the world. His spirit has touched many lives and he is positively influencing strangers. We mourn with you and will carry Max's legacy forward.

Rebecca - October 30, 2017 at 04:35 PM

AG

“ My heart is broken. There are no words. I so enjoyed him when in was in my class and he will be greatly missed.

Ann Gammon - October 12, 2017 at 11:40 AM

AG

“ *Ann Gammon lit a candle in memory of Maxwell R. Gruver*



Ann Gammon - October 12, 2017 at 11:39 AM

EM

“ *My heart breaks for the Gruver and extended family for their loss of Max. Prayers for the family since we heard of his passing and continued prayers for healing and peace. God Bless.*

Erik Miller - September 27, 2017 at 12:27 AM

DI

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Maxwell. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing him or your family but as I read this story and see his picture I am filled with sadness. I have three boys myself around is age and this is heartbreaking. He sounds like a young man who had so much to give and look forward to. Prayers for your family at this sad time.*

Denise Trejo, Fort Madison, Iowa - September 24, 2017 at 01:03 AM

DG

“ *I just heard about Max yesterday and I am so saddened by this news. You probably won't remember me but I worked with Mrs. Goin in Max's 4 year old preschool class. He was such a sweet, funny little guy then and although I was not lucky enough to know Max later in life I am sure he stayed that way. He was a joy! I am praying for your family. Mrs. Green*

debbie green - September 23, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ you don't know me but I'm heartbroken for your family over this tragic loss. My daughter transferred to LSU this year. She too has been so excited to start this new chapter of her life. I can't express enough how saddened I am for you. I suffered a terrible loss this summer myself as my mom was killed in a car accident by a negligent driver. Please know that I am praying for you and your family all the way in Pennsylvania!! I'm sure Max was an amazing young man!! Don't lose your faith!! God IS beside you in your grief!

Kelly Rapley

Kelly Rapley - September 20, 2017 at 10:08 PM

AD

“ Our family is so saddened and heartbroken for your loss . Although we had never met your son , (our daughter is a freshmen at LSU) his death has definitely impacted us . After learning of Max's death , we have prayed for your strength and faith to help you get through each day .

We can not imagine your pain and we as a family truly wish that each day becomes a bit easier ... May God grant you the strength you need to guide you through this most difficult time .

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincerely ,
Bob, Ashley , & Anna Dartez
Lafayette LA*

Ashley Dartez - September 20, 2017 at 09:58 PM

EH

“ *Max is a beautiful kid who touched my family's life while coaching my kids two years ago. I have yet to meet a such a selfless, kind and caring teenager, gifted with the ability to manage, humor and MOVE little kids AND speak respectfully and confidently with grownups. What a delightful kid! Athletic, smart, hilarious. My family's prayers are with the Gruvers. Thank you for sharing him with so many. Both of my sons are better people for having known him.*

Eric Henderson - September 20, 2017 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ *Max was on our summer 2015 baseball team at Wills Park. He loved the game and was simply a joy to be around. My son, Kevin and I had the opportunity to coach Max and to get to know him. He was a wonderful kid who was caring, thoughtful and kind to others. We were champions that summer. Our deepest condolences thoughts and prayers are with the Gruver family. You're a champ Max, gonna miss you!
Mike, Joan, Kevin and Kyle Castellano*

Joan Castellano - September 20, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *raeAnn and Stephen*

i don't know you as i'm from alexandria,la but have just read of the senseless death of your son Max and as a mother all can say is may the loving hands of god and his infamous wisdom to wish we do not understand sustain you both for all eternity and until you are reunited with max in heaven.

nancy winstead

Nancy Winstead - September 19, 2017 at 08:57 PM

KH

I do not know you nor did I know your son but my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry and I pray that your faith will be of comfort to you during this most difficult time. KH Baton Rouge,La.

Katherine Hannie - September 20, 2017 at 06:51 PM



Elizabeth
Watson

“ *My deepest sympathy to you RaeAnn and your beautiful family for the loss of your precious son Max. We are all so deeply affected by his loss and your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Elizabeth Watson - September 19, 2017 at 04:17 PM

DF

“ *To the entire Gruver family, we are praying that God will heal your broken hearts in a way that only He can. We will cherish always the memories Max and RJ made as friends back in their Sweet Apple days!*

With love,

Ron &Dena, RJ, Adam, & Jasmine Frierson

Dena Frierson - September 19, 2017 at 10:54 AM

RJ

“ *Our hearts are completely broken and devastated. Max was a beautiful, compassionate and talented boy. There are many grieving with you who have been affected by this tragic loss. You are all greatly on our minds and in our hearts. Max's love, spirit and essence will always live on. Or community is praying for you all and sending you thoughts of comfort and healing.*

RJ - September 19, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 19, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ *We continue to pray for God's comfort and peace for all of you. We know no words could fill the void or heal your hearts. Our sincerest sympathies for you all. Please know that you are continued to be surrounded by love.*

Tim, Leslie, Cole and Allison Campbell, Mooresville, NC

Leslie Campbell - September 19, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of your son, Max. The Castillo Family, Slidell Louisiana*

Ronda Castillo - September 19, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ *I know no words that can heal your heart or fill the void and my heart aches for your loss. I pray that you feel the presence of God and may that presence bring comfort to you.*

*Robert, Debra and Robyn Dow
Baton Rouge, LA*

Debra Dow - September 19, 2017 at 12:17 AM

BF

“ I had the pleasure of coaching Max a couple seasons at Wills Park. A great kid who loved the game and did everything we asked of him without hesitation.

From our family to yours, please accept our deepest condolences as we keep Max and the entire Gruver family in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian Dougherty & famiy - September 18, 2017 at 11:32 PM

MC

They say our purpose in life will be revealed. Max's loss, painful as it is, has already saved young adults lives at college and elsewhere just in the past few days. I assume the Gruver family will carry that purpose and message forward helping others so they may learn from this tough and extremely painful loss. And yes, Max was a helluva competitor on the baseball field. Never quit and he never gave up. Fly high Max! Mark Conroy

mark conroy - September 19, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.



September 18, 2017 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *Jim's Friends at Cherry Blue* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.



Jim's Friends at Cherry Blue - September 18, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *The Thielen Family (Third Fl. Friends of Jim) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



The Thielen Family (Third Fl. Friends of Jim) - September 18, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Max sounded so talented and friendly with life cut too short. I only know him through my GA family, Jeremy & Ben Smith, but you are all in my prayers. God bless you & give you peace, comfort & healing.*



carole anderson - September 18, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Jenny T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



Jenny T. - September 18, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Peace and Love, Chris, Ronna, Griffin & Luke Davis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



Peace and Love, Chris, Ronna, Griffin & Luke Davis -
September 18, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *John Ryan and family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



John Ryan and family - September 18, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *I remember Max and Spencer playing baseball on the same team at Wills Park, not long ago.
No words can describe heart ache for you, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. My you find comfort in our faith. Jesus and Mary wrap your loving arms around the Gruver Family. Deepest Condolences.*

Kim, Russ, Gavin and Spencer Hayes

Kim - September 18, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.*



September 18, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ *To Rae Ann & family:
My deepest condolences for the sudden loss of your beloved son,
Maxwell.
Heaven opens their gates and arms to welcome Max home to his
heavenly father &
holy family.*

*May he rest in eternal love & peace.
I am praying for your comfort & strength to endure this deep loss.*

Deepest sympathy,

*Linda D. Garland
Milton, GA*

Linda D. Garland - September 17, 2017 at 05:46 PM



My Dear Rae Ann and family, I am so full of sorrow for your family . I cannot think of anything worse than the loss of your child . Rae Ann it has been many years since our friendship in Miami. My heart goes out to you in these very difficult times . Love to you and your family. Ms. Kolodziejczak

Patti Kolodziejczak - November 07, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maxwell R. Gruver.* ”



September 17, 2017 at 05:44 PM