



## Drake Norman

May 16, 1998 - March 7, 2022

Drake Alexander Norman, 23, of Huntersville, lost his battle with mental illness on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Drake graduated from Lake Norman High School, class of 2016. He attended University of South Carolina

Upstate and worked in retail sales. Drake was a member of University City United Methodist Church and later Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church where he was active in the youth group and loved meeting others on many youth missions trips.

Drake loved music and spending time with his grandmothers. He had a special passion for senior adults and people with special needs.

Drake is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Carlos and Doris Cothran, and his paternal grandfather, Hurnden Norman, Jr.

Drake is survived by his parents, John and Melissa Norman; a brother, Ben Norman, a sister, Caroline Norman, and his beloved paternal grandmother, Loretta Norman, all of Mooresville, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral will be a private family service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), c/o St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204, [www.namicharlotte.org](http://www.namicharlotte.org); or Mental Health America of Central Carolinas, 3701 Latrobe Drive, Suite 140, Charlotte, NC 28211, ([mhaofcc.org](http://mhaofcc.org)).

Online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com).

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Oh I am so sorry to everyone affected by this. My prayers are with you all! Drake was such a nice person to me. I remember when I said I was moving high schools he prayed for my safe adventures. Now all I can do is pray for you all. I've had safe adventures since and now may he bless all of you with safety and well being as well. Much love!



Annaliese White - March 30 at 07:06 PM



“ Not sure if Mr & Mrs Norman read this but I know this is not the way it should be asked but I gave Drake a volcano essential oil bracelet if it would be possible to have it back I would greatly appreciate it, he meant so much to me I wish he and I met again but couldn't because of 2 surgeries. I am sorry for your loss I pray he is at peace.

Sue Smuda - March 27 at 12:07 PM



“ Oh Drake you knew how much you leaned to me and how much I love you. I am going to miss you every day. You made me laugh and how we would quote movies “Pink is my signature on color”. You left me my partner in crime! I have so many memories to keep with me especially your birthday celebration. Enjoy your talks with Princess Margaret I know she was one of the first people you searched for when you arrived. I pray you are at peace and I love you to pieces💔💔💔🥂💔💔💔🌟



Sue Smuda - March 27 at 11:35 AM



“ *My heart hurts over this so bad. Drake was one of the very very few people that took me under their wing and accepted me for me in high school. We had grown up together in Sunday school class as kids, but lost touch over the years when I moved out to Colorado. However, when I moved back, so much had changed in my life— but Drake remained one thing that hadn’t, and was constant, and for that reason very familiar and comforting. I moved back as a hardcore Colorado-turned hippie of sorts— southern accent watered down, Birkenstocks and socks, etc. Nothing about me was even remotely similar, but Drake welcomed me and accepted me with open arms. It was almost as if we were able to pick up right off from where we left— everything had changed, but nothing, at the same time. Drake was still his fun loving, hysterical self. I used to eat lunch in the bathroom stalls some days, and just cry over not fitting in. However, Drake always managed to make me laugh deep hard belly laughs on those days. Needless to say, he was a phenomenal person— and an even better companion.*

*My heart is absolutely breaking over this, and his family is in my prayers wholeheartedly.*

*Mental health MATTERS. This is something very near and dear to my heart, that hits really close to home. You literally never ever know what someone is going through, so we must be kind to everyone we cross paths with— period. You matter and have worth and value, no matter what your mind is telling you in that moment. 💔*

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**Maggie Boyd** - March 15 at 10:28 AM

RH

“ *I can’t even put into words the impact Drake had. I was a first year teacher when I met him and he always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. He made me smile and laugh every day. He had a big heart and was there for everyone. He was an incredible human being and the world will not be the same without him. My sincerest condolences for the Norman family. Drake will be missed by so many.*

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**Raven Hayes** - March 13 at 07:48 PM

TC

“ Drake was one of the most authentic people I've ever met. I first met him in 6th grade Language Arts but really got to know him in high school through the Youth Group at WCUMC. I will always cherish the memories of working with him on mission trips, volunteering at VBS with him, and even just the simple phone calls to stay in touch. He was a genuine, driven individual who devoted himself to his faith and strived to live each moment to its fullest. He was a great friend and I'm so glad I was able to know him. My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.

Trey Corriher - March 11 at 09:55 PM

DW

“ My sincere condolences to Drake's family. I was Drake's high school agriculture teacher, and I just adored him! He was a light in every day, and I always looked forward to seeing him and listening to his stories about his grandmother (who he adored!) My prayers to you all!  
Dana Wise

Dana Wise - March 11 at 08:55 PM

AS

“ My family and I are so so sorry for your loss. We loved Drake very much. John and I will treasure our memories of mission trips with Drake through the years. Drake made every trip so much fun, and every day with him was a blessing. God bless you all.

Ann Siebert - March 10 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Drake Norman.



March 10 at 03:07 PM

NB

“ My thoughts and prays are with Drake's family and friends. I was Drake's fifth grade teacher. I have fond memories of Drake having lunch with me most days. He loved to share his thoughts. He was always a great helper in the classroom. I am deeply saddened about your loss. Nancy Banister

Nancy Banister - March 10 at 09:08 AM

KS

“ My biggest condolences to the Norman family. Drake was such a light to so many. I still remember all the people he impacted on the mission trips we went on together. You, and Drake, will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathryn Sharpe - March 09 at 10:08 PM

JP

“ John & Melissa, so sorry to hear of your heart breaking loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts & prayers.  
Jim&Carolyn Price ( Paula's parents)

jim & Carolyn Price - March 09 at 08:38 PM

EB

“ Drake, you were like my baby brother I never got. I can't believe this. I'm so sorry you felt alone, and I wish you would have reached out to me. I just spoke to you a few days ago. The kids will miss "uncle Drake". I don't have the heart to tell them you're gone. We got so close when you were in Spartanburg and we worked together at Penny's. I'm heartbroken that we grew apart after my wedding, but I'm still honored that you were our best man. We love you dearly. I have so many photos, but here are just a few.

To the family, I know that nothing I say will ever bring you comfort, as I have also lost a brother in the same manor. I am so sorry for this loss, and I pray you find comfort and know how loved Drake was by those around you. May God bring you comfort and peace in this trying time.



Elisha Boettcher - March 09 at 03:37 PM

MH

“ Sweet Drake - you were so special to me and to Morgan. You brought smiles to our faces and made us laugh. In this picture it was YOUR idea to go grab some milkshakes so, after VBS, that is what we did. I think we closed the place down just sitting outside getting brain freeze and talking. You were the one person who helped Morgan feel welcome at WCUMC - you always made it a point to speak to her and help her feel comfortable. As a mom I'll always appreciate that about you. What a beautiful heart and soul you have. We love you and will miss you. ~  
Monica and Morgan Humpal



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**Monica Humpal** - March 09 at 03:03 PM