



Steven E. T. Carey

Died Age 25

OxyContin & Xanax

Steven E. T. Carey was the youngest of four boys, born in Delray Beach, Florida on April 6, 1976 where he grew up. Steven had many friends and loved his family dearly. He was very popular and always had our attention. He loved sports, especially basketball and soccer. He loved music and was an accomplished drummer. He liked to cook and enjoyed get-togethers with his family. Steven died November 1, 2001. Some days it feels like yesterday.

Steven died of an overdose of a combination of prescription pills: OxyContin and Xanax. When he took his last breath he was only twenty-five years old.

Steven was sixteen at the time he started to experiment with marijuana. His drug use became evident over time. We tried to get him to come face-to-face with his addiction to these prescription drugs. "I'm fine, leave me alone," he'd yell, and I did until I got up the strength to come at him again and again. He'd deny any problems. People caught up with drugs have



no compassion for anyone, only where their next fix is coming from. They left my son, Steve, laying dead on a cold floor in a filthy apartment for approximately 12 hours before calling for help. It only bought them time to try to protect themselves from the consequences. They went as far as to use Steven's truck to remove all the evidence from their apartment.

Steven will never get married; never have children; never become a professional musician.

Steven now lives here in my heart. Sometimes my heart is dull with the pain of missing my youngest son. Sometimes my heart aches for just another chance. And, sometimes through daily prayer, and seeking the Lord, The Healer of All, my heart smiles again, remembering what a good loving son he was and always will be. Whatever challenge life might bring, GOD is always faithful.

~ Maryann

Carey

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