



# Jared L. Dever

## Died Age 26

### Oxycodone

My son, Jared Dever, age 26, from Minford, Ohio, was found deceased on January 1, 2005. The cause of death was listed as an accidental overdose of oxycodone.

Jared was an avid athlete, who had attended Malone College in Canton, Ohio and excelled in baseball. In fact, it was a major disappointment for him when he was not drafted in 2001, after working so hard to achieve his dream. After that, he had a hard time trying to decide what else to do with his future.

He was two classes short of obtaining his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education/Athletic Training and just gave up on getting those classes completed. He tried working at various jobs. He would have good times but then it would always seem that something would happen to bring him down again.

Even through all of this, until Christmas of 2005, I never thought that he would have anything to do with drugs such as these. I know that at one time or another he had experimented with marijuana but other than this, there was never any indication of anything else.

In the investigation of his death, although it was never confirmed, a shred of doubt was presented that his death could have been prevented. It was stated someone had put something in his drink. We have confirmed that he had taken sips

from his drink and that he stated it did not taste right. We have tried to find out what really happened that night but those who were present will not help.

This has been devastating to me and my family, as Jared was a young man who had everything to live for; a person who was loved by everyone around him; and who could have been anything he wanted to be.

A part of my heart was taken on that day, and it will never be replaced. I have my precious daughter, Megan, who I have to go on for, as well as my loving husband, Doug, but each and every day, it takes all that I have to continue on for them.

I often see young men who walk like Jared, or who drive trucks like his, and I keep hoping that it's Jared and that I'll awake from this dream—but it never happens.

My goal now is to continue working on getting enough evidence to put the drug dealers, who are providing this poison to our precious children, out of business. In Jared's memory, I will continue pursuing all that I can to do this. He was loved more than he would ever know and is missed each and every day. To my precious son, Jared, I love you and miss you dearly.



~ Anita McGinnis

*Remembering Lost Promise*