



Michael John DiGiantomaso

Died Age 23

Drug Overdose

8/21/80-5/15/04

My son Michael was 23 years old when he died from an overdose on May 15, 2004. He left behind a family that loved him and a mother whose heart is shattered.

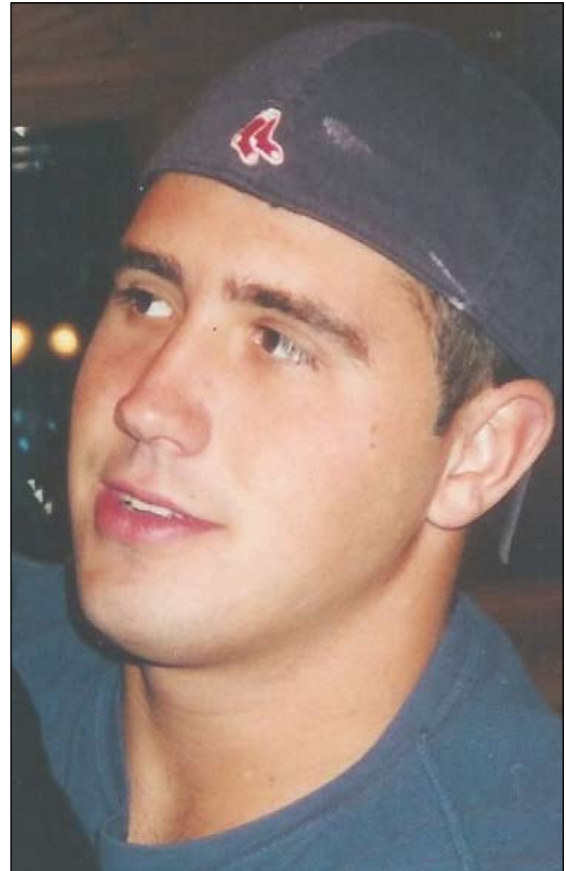
Michael was a loving, caring and compassionate son. He was always there when he was needed by his friends or his family. Michael grew up in a two-parent home with a brother four years older. During his high school years, he played sports, and was the Captain for the football and wrestling teams. He graduated in 1998, and was accepted to Plymouth State College to pursue his dreams and play football.

But something went terribly wrong. His experimentation with drugs led to abuse, then addiction. His life ultimately went into a downward spiral to half the life he once had. He had a passion for the movies, reading, sports and collecting baseball cards. As his disease took control of his life, Michael was unable to find his way out.

During a brief period of sobriety, my son was back. My hopes were high and the smile was back on my face. I began to know my adult son and loved all that he was.

Yet, because his denial and reluctance to accept help and surrender to his disease, Michael lost his battle to addiction on May 15, 2004. He was found by his older brother on his bedroom floor in the apartment they shared. My son's cold, blue, lifeless body is a vision that will never leave my mind.

~ Carol DiGiantomaso



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