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Joshua J. Klein, 20 April 16, 1974 - Dec. 1, 1994

Boone, NC - Joshua John Klein, son of Cathy Sullivan and Daniel Klein was born April 16, 1974 in Columbia, MO. He died Dec. 1, 1994 in Newland, NC at age 20 years, seven months and 15 days. Joshua, known as J.J. by his friends, spent his earlier years growing up in CO and MT. He attended high school in Cary, NC, graduating in 1992. While there he was a standout wrestler and captain of the team. He won the 1992 Class 4A state championship at 160 lbs., and was selected the "Wrestler of the Year" by the Raleigh, NC Sports Club. He currently was a junior at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC majoring in Hospitality Management. He enjoyed his involvement with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and numerous college activities. His summers were spent working for Atlas Van Lines as a mover and driver.

He is survived by his parents, Cathy Sullivan of Harrisonburg, VA and Daniel Klein of Cary, NC; his brother Nathan Klein of Greeley, CO; two half-sisters Tessa and Julie Klein of Palm Harbor, FL; maternal grandparents - Bob and Theresa Sullivan of Earling; paternal grandparents - John and Isabel Klein of Harlan; aunts, uncles and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 5, 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Xavier Dieter celebrant. Concelebrating were Msgr. Edward Kelly, Rev. Chuck Kottas, Rev. Eugene Klein and Deacon Bob "Grandpa" Sullivan. Casket bearers were Dan Klein, Cathy Sullivan, Nathan Klein, Lance Clauson, Josh Sadaj, Ruan Sullivan, Marc Nelson, Jeff Jordan, Beth Nelson and Justin Yopp. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.