

Eastern Montgomery High School Home of the Mustangs



**Lives Lost:
Grayson and Steven
February 13, 2011**

Eastern Montgomery High School

- Great Students!
- Rural/Farming Community
- Many of our parents attended High School in this community
- 295 Students
- 67% Free and Reduced Meals
- 48% of students attend college
- Generational Poverty is a barrier towards some students' success



When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes filled with tears for me.

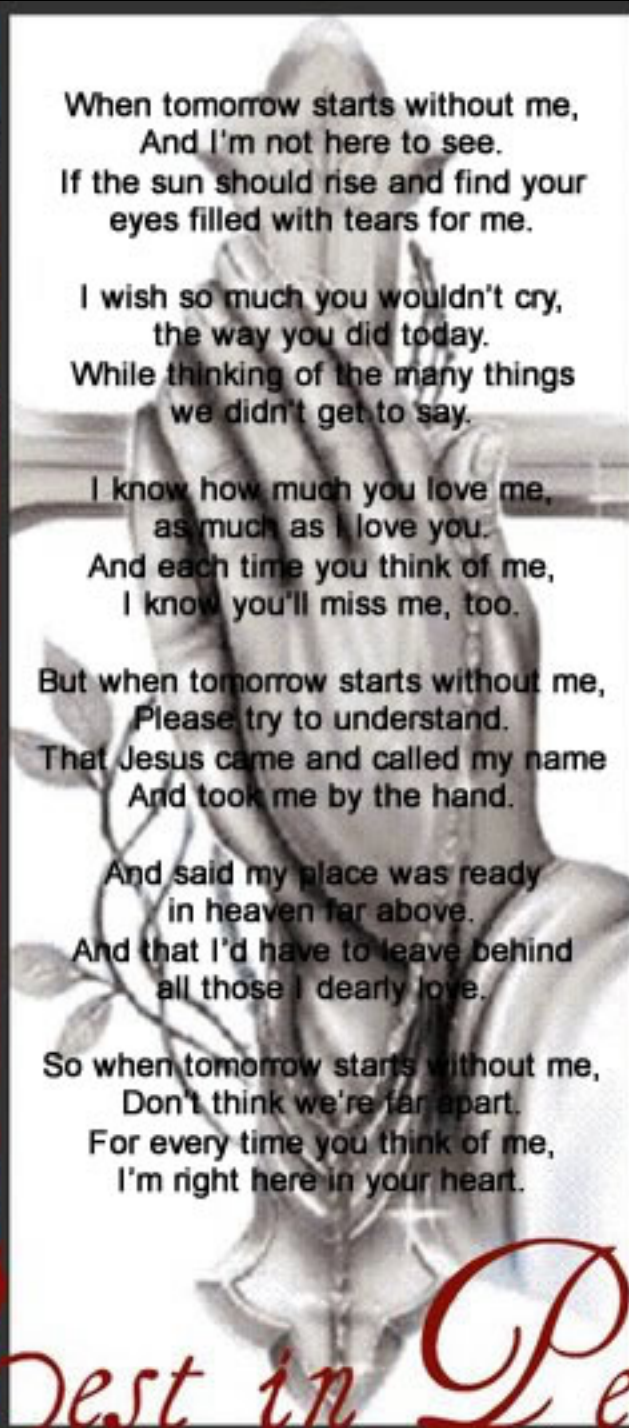
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you.
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand.
That Jesus came and called my name
And took me by the hand.

And said my place was ready
in heaven far above.
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.



Rest in Peace

Immediate Response To Crisis

- Notify Superintendent, Director of Secondary Education
- Ask for assistance – extra counselors
- New River Valley Community Services
- Crisis Team Planning Meeting
- Work with staff
- Help students, staff and community members

Short Term Response To Crisis

- Provide support for family members and friends
- Planned and held “A Day of Remembrance”
March 13, 2011

“A Day Of Remembrance”



Long Term Response To Crisis

- Provide continued support to relatives and friends struggling with loss
- Address “they got what they deserved” attitude
- Manage rumors

Shawsville-Elliston Communities

- Very supportive of both families
 - Both families still live in our community
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- Apparent community apathy about injuries and deaths associated with the railway

Today

- Students still cross the river on the railroad bridge
- Very few students remain at EMHS who knew Grayson and Steven
- The Hoops-Robertson Character Scholarship acknowledges the lost potential