

Jacob Kliman-Trimble
Words of Condolence from Friends and Others

He never ceased to smile, nor did he ever cease to shine.

He honestly was, is, and always will be loved.

He always promised to take care of me. But he always mentioned the parents. He always talked about how caring you two were and how much love there was...He is the most selfless person I know. And I have known him since I was 9. And he was 10. He has the biggest heart...He is always going to be in the hearts of many. He will always be loved.

I can just remember all the times he would say to me, "My parents gave me a second chance and I'm not going to mess it up, I am going to work hard in school, graduate, and go to the University of Texas and study mechanics."...I just wanted you to know how much he loved you both and the only thing he wanted to do was make you guys proud of him. I know he probably didn't show it as much, because we all know that wasn't his style, but there was never a time that I was with him, that he didn't express how grateful he was that you two gave him a second chance. No one ever believed in him and you two did, and he loved you very much for it.

You were one of the best people I knew and you were so kind and generous to others. You were smart, funny, bright and very caring...A person who had gone through things that many people do not experience in their entire lifetime. Your strength, courage, ambition, and drive inspire not only me but everyone you've befriended...It's amazing how you had changed your life for the better. That courage alone is not within everyone, you've accomplished so much more than people your age usually do accomplish. You were and still are an inspiration. Your soul, so kind, and you had such a youthful sense of mind that most people do not have. You were never bitter or mean, just a sweet, gentle person.

Jacob, a seemingly tough young man, in reality was soft on the inside with a fun energy and goofy sense of humor...I enjoyed many energetic learning center sessions and homework club after school periods...Although you could not usually count on any of us to concentrate for more than ten minutes at a time, you could always count on our endless positive energy amongst a sometimes very negative and frustrating academic experience. For me, Jacob will always be this playful child.

[Guidance counselor] I was comforted today by some of Jacob's friends, another example of how his kindness will be extended through all those whose life he touched, especially his peers. I will always remember his sparkling eyes and beautiful smile.

[Substance abuse counselor] The most important thing I want to tell you is that Jacob loved you both very much, and knew you loved him too.