

Peter Stuart Friedrich May 6, 1981- April 21, 2007

Peter Friedrich was our son, our brother, our nephew, our cousin and a friend to so many. He died when he was 25 years old. His loss has left a huge hole in our hearts. We wanted you to know a little bit about the young man whose memory is being honored by so many.

Pete had dyslexia and attention deficit. He was diagnosed with his disabilities as a child and he was overjoyed to know that "it wasn't because he wasn't smart". On the contrary, he was very bright but it was never easy for him.

Pete's gift was his athleticism. He excelled in sports. He had a large muscular frame and terrific coordination. He loved basketball and played for the Panthers varsity with great pride, but football was where he excelled. He played for the SPASH from 1996-99 playing both defense and offense. He was recognized as an All State Player his senior year. He was previewed in *PrepStar* magazine as one of Wisconsin's Best High School Players. He would never have told you these things. He was a pretty humble guy. The thing he was proudest of was his ACT score. He was recruited by Northwestern and the University of Colorado-Boulder to play football. He had to meet academic requirements to do that. The first time he took his ACT test he scored a 16. That was unacceptable for both schools. He worked hard for three months, reviewing material, studying and taking mock tests. He took the test again and he scored 27! He was proudest of that accomplishment. He chose to play for Colorado. He played for CU for 3 years until a career ending injury sidelined him.

Those were the things that Pete did but that was not who he was.

His learning differences gave him compassion and an understanding for being different. He reached out to people with disabilities and understood the struggles. He was kind, gentle, funny and always smiling. His capacity for friendship, his compassion for others and his perseverance helped to make us realize that he would be proud to know that his scholarship will assist others who share a life of obstacles.

Pete never gave up. He stumbled a lot, he fell often but he always rose to stand again. That is the true measure of character.

We his family, Barbara and Robert his parents, Ryan his brother and Heidi his sister are so pleased that Peter's scholarship can offer you an opportunity to help reach your goal. Work hard, be proud and never give up.

