



Thomas R. Heresco

August 9, 1986 - October 9, 2015

The adventure began about noon August 9, 1986 in Denver, Colorado. Our beautiful boy was born. Right out of the shoot he was an individual. Thomas played by his own rules. He studied God's word intensely and concluded that God loved him supremely and that God is pure love. That is the message he wanted people to know – God Loves You!!!

Thomas was "bigger than life". When he did something he was all in. As a child Thomas loved the beach, tide pools, his pets, and later Kenpo martial arts. Children were always drawn to Thomas as he was a genuine, kind-hearted soul. As an adult he lived a quiet life and was very rich in purpose. He died from a fall near Beverly Beach on October 9, 2015.

Thomas was loved and will be missed by his whole family very much: Parents Frank and Kayla Heresco, wonderful sister and son-in-law; Chelsea and Jason Parker, Grandmothers Janet Nelson, Barbara Jones, and a slew of loving cousins, aunts and uncles.

Services will be held on Saturday at 2:00 pm on October 17, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2745 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis. All friends of Thomas and the family are welcome.

Praise God with us as we celebrate this life and remember him always.

If desired, donations may be made in Thomas' name to Zion Lutheran School,

2800 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Church
2745 NW Harrison Blvd
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Our family, the Browns and the Petersons, extend to you and yours our deepest sympathies for your loss. You are very much in our thoughts.

Todd and Susan Brown

Todd Brown - October 23, 2015 at 01:17 PM

SJ

“ Even though we didn't know Thomas personally it felt as if we did. Grew up hearing many fun family stories and seeing pictures it felt as though we did. Just wanted to send our condolences and love to the Frank and family.

We love you and have you in our prayers

~Sammi Jo & Evelyn Johnson



Sammi Jo johnson - October 21, 2015 at 12:53 PM

ML

“ Thomas and I went to Santiam Christian together. He always brought the best lunches to school, and, truth be told, I was rather envious of them. One day he brought shrimp for lunch but forgot to take it home at the end of the day. The following morning everyone who entered the high school building was greeted with a rather unique scent. Thomas was made to clean the mess, and I was thankful that PB & J don't smell when forgotten overnight in a locker. I was never envious of his lunches again. When I think of Thomas that memory is foremost in my mind.

Mark Lyons

SC Class of 2003

Mark Lyons - October 17, 2015 at 07:12 PM

EB

“ Thomas and I were friends and classmates for most of our childhood. What I remember most is his unique style and way of doing things. His wonderful imagination made all of our games at recess much more exciting for all involved. He was always very artistic and his drawings were always the envy of those of us who were not as talented as he was.

My favorite times with him were sleepovers at his house. No matter what, we always stayed up too late, were much too loud, and had a great time! I'm not sure why his parents would agree to host so many of these wild parties, but all of us who attended are thankful that they did.

I am very sad that he left this world so soon, and I wish I had kept in touch with him more after our lives took off on different paths. May God be with him and comfort all those who love him.

Evan Brown

Zion Class of 2000

Evan Brown - October 17, 2015 at 02:26 PM

“As you can imagine, my strongest memories of Thomas are of a very memorable first grader, who came to school dressed in the manner of things that most interested him at the time! He wore a pea coat and captain's hat for the first part of the school year, but as the year went on, he became interested in Amelia Earhart. Somewhere, his parents found him an old leather aviator's helmet and leather bomber jacket, which he wore constantly. He was sure he could find where Amelia crashed if given the chance! There were other things he wore more briefly, such as a huge sombrero.

Another outstanding characteristic was Thomas' artistic ability. I remember often marveling about how he could take any kind of materials and make something easily recognized, interesting, and attractive. I especially remember things made out of modeling clay, beeswax, and Legos that he would bring from home, but any art activity we did in class could also become something wonderful in his hands. One time he brought (carried by Kayla) a huge piece of plywood with a detailed scene of pirates, ships, and islands made of (I think) Legos. I remember thinking more than once how wise Kayla and Frank were in providing him with materials that stimulated his creativity and imagination (of which he had more than his fair share!).

It was sometimes a challenge in reading group to understand what he was reading aloud, since he read very softly and fast in the distinctive voice he inherited from his dad!

It was a privilege to be able to be a part of the nurturing in his Christian faith! It is plain to see that his family are Christians who live their faith on a daily basis, and who taught their values to Thomas and Chelsea!

Keith and I extend our deepest sympathy, imagining the grief you must be feeling. We share in the belief that Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in heaven and that Thomas is experiencing joy and an absence of pain and sorrow.

*Sincerely,
Betsy and Keith Brown*

Betsy Brown - October 17, 2015 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ *We remember Thomas as a very nice young man at Zion. We are so sorry for your loss. While we won't be able to attend the service, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Donna and Rich Stoneberg - October 17, 2015 at 01:09 PM

NO

“ *Thomas was one of my best friends during middle school years. He taught me how to roller blade, introduced me to a host of awesome movies, and even tried, unsuccessfully, to improve my video game skills. His love for life was infectious, and he will be greatly missed. May God bless him, and his family always. May his memory be eternal.*

*Nick Olszyk
Zion Class of 2000*

Nicholas Danovich Olszyk - October 17, 2015 at 07:52 AM

AR

“ Frank, Kayla, and Chelsea,
I am at a loss to express my deep sadness at the loss of Thomas. Thomas was a bright light to me as a young sixth grade teacher. He always seemed so happy and continually optimistic. I enjoyed his insightful observations of life. I recall how bright he was, he read "Don Quixote" in 6th grade and really enjoyed it! He had a great talent at art, and made many wonderful drawings. He was always excited when he was allowed to have "double lunches" when we had hot lunch! His kindness meant so much to me, and he was eager to discuss what we were learning in school or just tell me about his favorite movie. I'm fortunate that I knew Thomas. Please know that you are in my prayers and may God give you comfort as you mourn. Adam Reed

Adam Reed - October 17, 2015 at 01:08 AM

GH

“ Frank, Kayla, and Chelsea, my heart aches for you. I have such wonderful memories of Thomas as a charming second grader. I treasured his artwork and his earnest desire to find Amelia Earhart. I can still hear his gravelly voice explaining why his latest recess exploit was such a great idea! I hold these memories close and thank God for your dear boy. I give thanks for the chance to have known him and you as well. Thomas is welcomed into the courts of heaven, and your will see him there again. My prayers for you as you grieve and miss his presence. Gail Halstead Hein

gail Hein - October 15, 2015 at 10:06 PM

JC

“ Dear Frank and Kayla, we only heard today of Thomas's passing. I first met him at your clinic. I didn't know who he was, but he was so nice and helpful, that I thought at the time, boy Frank found another good one. I'm sure Saint Peter had similar thoughts when Thomas walked up to the gates. I will forever think of your son on August 9. We love you both.
Joe Catania and Peggy Dolcini.



joseph catania - October 15, 2015 at 08:15 PM

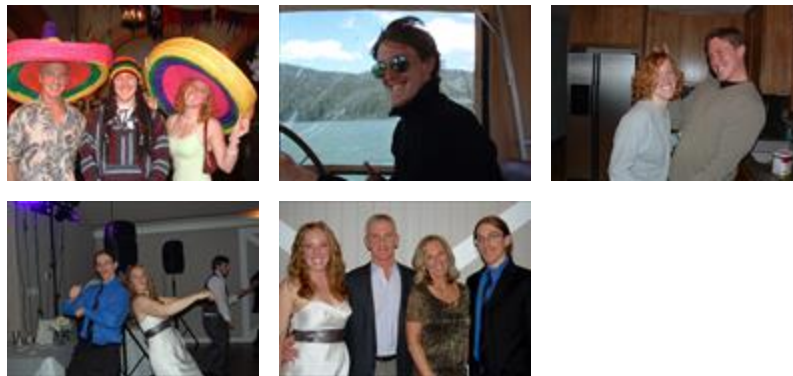
VH

“ Frank and Kayla, Virgil and I are so saddened by your loss of Thomas. We are thinking about you all at this difficult time. May your memories give you peace and comfort now and over time.
Virgil and Vicki Hebert

Vicki Hebert - October 15, 2015 at 06:45 PM

HE

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Heresco - October 15, 2015 at 02:10 PM

HE

My sweet and beautiful boy will be deeply missed. I am grateful for the 29 years and two months I had to know, play, and just hang out with him. Rest in perfect peace son. I love you and will join you later - Pops

Heresco - October 15, 2015 at 02:25 PM

TS

My thoughts & prayers are with you.

Tammy Skubinna - October 15, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MC

Dear Frank and Kayla, our hearts mourn with you and it is so very sad to lose a son so young. May God be with you and give you comfort in your time of loss.

there are no words to express our heart felt feelings for your family. God bless you all.

Michael and Renate Cox

Michael Cox - October 15, 2015 at 04:52 PM

MB

“*Dear Frank and Kayla, Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace to balance your loss and sadness. I always enjoyed seeing Thomas's photo's in the office. Let us know if there is something we can do for you. Hugs, Mary Barczak and Greg Verret*



Mary Barczak - October 15, 2015 at 12:11 PM

SG

“ Stacy And Ruben Gonzalez-Crumley lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Heresco



Stacy and Ruben Gonzalez-Crumley - October 15, 2015 at 11:45 AM

SG

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time as well as sending hugs. Please let us know if we can do anything to help! Stacy and Ruben

Stacy and Ruben Gonzalez-Crumley - October 15, 2015 at 11:47 AM

CB

“ *Dear Dr. Heresco, Kayla and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the sadness I feel. While I never had the pleasure of meeting him, I have always enjoyed seeing his pictures in your office. I know his presence was such a delight to you all-a wonderful gift! I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Hugs!
Cindy Bond*



Cindy Bond - October 15, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Dr Heresco, Kayla, and Chelsea*



*My deepest condolences for the loss of your precious son and brother. I can remember a time when Frank and Thomas and I shared a few bible study meetings we did in Corvallis over lunch...with a group of other men. Thomas was a bright, intelligent young man, and his enthusiasm and charm was infectious...to all those around him. Our family will continue to pray everyday for your family during this difficult time
God bless your entire family
Joe and Shari Pham*

Joe Pham - October 14, 2015 at 11:09 PM

KK

“ *Frank, Kayla and Chelsea,*

My heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to both of you and Chelsea. Thomas was the nicest and kindest boy in the neighborhood. He was always friendly and considerate and never failed to smile and say "HI" as he passed me whenever I was working outside. Even though he was just my neighbor, he was always something more, someone who I could call a nice friend for all these years. He was a great young man who left this earth way too soon. I will miss him. May God Bless his soul and give him eternal happiness.

Kim Kraemer

Kim Kraemer - October 14, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ *So sad to hear of your loss! Sending prayers and love to your family as you face this difficult season. You are loved and deeply cared for!*



Jamie Hellesto - October 14, 2015 at 04:29 PM

DS

“ *Frank, Kayla & Chelsea
My deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Much love,
Dana Schlacht*

Dana Schlacht - October 14, 2015 at 12:25 PM

BF

*Frank and Family,
So sorry to hear this news. Holding you in thoughts and prayers.*

Bill Fasth

Bill Fasth - October 14, 2015 at 12:51 PM

HC

“ *Holland Chiropractic lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Heresco*



Holland Chiropractic - October 14, 2015 at 12:18 PM

SW

“ *Kayla, Frank and Chelsea
Our thoughts and prayers are with you now
more than ever. Thomas is in a better place
watching football with Grandpa, and Aunt
Darlene is probably right along side. May your
memories of Thomas always serve as blessings to each of you. Our
Love Always, Steven and Family.*



Steven Williams - October 14, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *When I come home to Heaven
How joyful it will be
For on that day at last
My risen Lord I'll see.
No greater happiness than
To see him face to face,
To see the Love in His eyes
And feel His warm embrace.
I've done nothing to deserve,
It was given freely through
The grace of Jesus' Love.
Then why should earthly cares
Weight down upon me so?
They'll be a distance memory
When home at last I go...*



*Thomas, This is Cindy. I just wanted to let you I will miss your smile.
I will miss your warm and loving heart. I will never forget our Karete
tests. Kayla and Frank thanks for raising an awesome person. 🌹 🌸*



Katelyn Johnson - October 14, 2015 at 02:02 AM

BO

“ Frank, Kayla, & Chelsea I am so sorry for your loss. You are experiencing a level of pain and loss that most people can't imagine and will never experience. My heart aches for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Betty Jo Goracke Olguin

Betty Goracke Olguin - October 13, 2015 at 09:46 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hunt lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Heresco



Sandra Hunt - October 13, 2015 at 09:05 PM

Katie
Hobson

“ Dr. Heresco, we are so very sorry for the loss of your child. I've always loved his picture he made of you that's framed in one of the rooms. God be with you and your family during this time. Love the Hobsons.

Katie Hobson - October 13, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - October 13, 2015 at 02:33 PM

HE

What a handsome kid!!

Heresco - October 15, 2015 at 02:31 PM

KH

Thomas taught me more than I ever taught him. He taught me how to love unselfishly, care for the lost and broken, overcome fear and be who God made me to be. I loved life with Thomas. He made things fun! Thomas did not set a schedule, life happened as it felt right, which didn't always fit into others schedules. I learned to be flexible and patient. I now carry you in my heart Thomas, everywhere I go. You are with me in the woods, on my walks, and having coffee looking out the bonus room window. I am eternally grateful for every memory and look forward to eternity spent enjoying the awesome things you are planning as I type. We talked about getting to meet David, and now you have! I was given a visual a few mornings ago, we were sitting at a feast with so many people we love. Your face was radiant, beaming with joy and there was a sparkle in your eye that I've seen so many times. You were surrounded by people and kids I didn't know, but I knew I do know them and concluded they are your family. I don't know how eternity works fully, but I know you have family... and I cannot explain the joy I felt and have felt since that time. God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!!!. I love you son, see you soon. Mom.

Kayla Heresco - November 01, 2015 at 05:33 PM