



## Zachary Steven Peters

August 18, 1998 - March 25, 2015

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Zachary S. Peters, age 16, died unexpectedly of natural causes at his home on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Born on August 18, 1998 in Corvallis, Oregon to Steve and Cathy Peters, Zach was a sophomore at Crescent Valley High School.

Zach was a one-of-a-kind showman with an incredible sense of humor, and a caring heart with a compassion for other people. Zach brightened the lives of those he met with his extraordinary personality and positive outlook on life. He was a member of Crescent Valley Choir, and the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church Handbell Choir. A joy in his life was participating in various area talent shows as well as hosting Friday night "Just Dance" parties with many of his friends. He was best known for entertaining us all with his dancing and singing talents, and his popular YouTube Channel. Zach lived his 16 years to the fullest and enjoyed a happy life.

Zach is survived by his parents; sisters, Nikki and Lexi Peters; grandparents, Allen and Jean Peters, Diane Wolfe and Jim Hildenbrand and Joyce Neeley; many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

He was an amazing son, grandson, nephew, brother and friend who will be greatly missed.

Memorial Services are at 4:00 pm, Monday March 30th at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th Street, Corvallis.

In addition, a special Celebration of Life will be held on 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31st at Crescent Valley High School Auditorium, 4444 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis,

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation (CPSF) Zach Peters Memorial Fund, 1555 SW 35th Street, Corvallis.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossturda.com](http://www.demossturda.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 30. 4:00 PM (PT)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan  
333 N.W. 35th St.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

## Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (PT)

Crescent Valley High School  
4444 NW Highland Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Also, I love you!*



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**truTVAndBillyOnTheStreetFanatic Media** - March 27, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *I'm wishing their dear friend in heaven. Anyways, rest in peace because you're still not active on Twitter and YouTube! Also, your Facebook page is unavailable. I hope you come back to Facebook, Twitter and YouTube! I will see you in heaven!*



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**truTVAndBillyOnTheStreetFanatic Media** - March 27, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *Robbie lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters*



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**Robbie** - May 08, 2016 at 10:14 PM



SD

“ I heard of Zach's passing at the end of May. I am deeply saddened to hear about this and I hoped one day I would get to see him in person. Unfortunately, that has been delayed until I go to heaven. Zach was a really wonderful person and he inspired me to love video games the way I love them today. I hoped he would come to my home state of Arizona, but it looks like that thought is officially out the window. I loved his channel and i hoped one day he would hit 1,000,000 subscribers, who knows who will carry on his legacy and continue his YouTube channel.  
R.I.P. TheZachman18 (1998-2015)

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**Serafino Diaz-Mazzei** - August 09, 2015 at 02:24 AM

SD

“ Serafino Diaz-Mazzei lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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**Serafino Diaz-Mazzei** - August 09, 2015 at 02:20 AM

SM

“ Stuart McPherran sent a virtual gift in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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**Stuart McPherran** - May 05, 2015 at 06:33 PM

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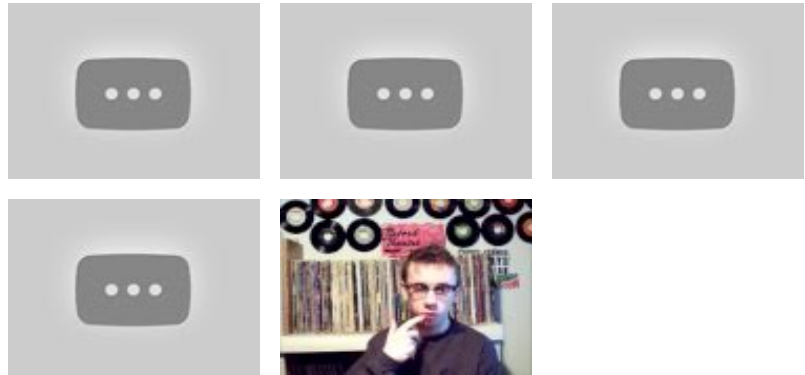


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**Stuart McPherran** - May 05, 2015 at 06:32 PM

SM

“ 10 files added to the album *Tribute Videos*



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**Stuart McPherran** - May 05, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ *My favorite memory with Zach was when an episode of Spin for \$1 Million and we had its 1st \$20 Million winner.  
Rest in peace Zach  
Miss you pal*

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**Billy Moody** - May 03, 2015 at 06:07 PM

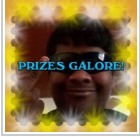


“ *Christopher Rahaman sent a virtual gift in memory of Zachary Steven Peters*



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**Christopher Rahaman** - May 03, 2015 at 05:08 PM

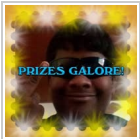


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Christopher Rahaman - May 03, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ Christopher Rahaman lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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Christopher Rahaman - May 03, 2015 at 05:07 PM

AS

“ I am heartbroken to hear about Zach's passing. My son and I have been watching Zach on YouTube for at least 3 years! He seemed like such a friendly, wonderful person. I truly believed that we would see him on TV one day! I am so sad that he won't get that chance. He was genuinely talented! My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends!! We will miss thezachman18 so very much. Dance with the Angels,Zach!!!  
Abby Smithson and Pearce Smithson  
Austin, Texas

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abby smithson - April 11, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ Sean Tonoian lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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Sean Tonoian - April 08, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ The Foster-Macal Family lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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The Foster-Macal Family - April 04, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ My Dear Zach ~ no matter how bad my day or week was I always knew I could come to hand bell choir and you would be there to make me laugh. We had so many laughs together - mostly at my expense. How many times were we sent "to the principal's office" by Stephanie? I know you were called home early because there are greater things in store for you. One of them will be playing those Heavenly Bells, singing, and dancing all at the same time for all the angels in Heaven. Know that your family is well loved and have been enveloped in love and support by family, friends, and the entire community. Thank you for being my friend.. . Karen Selander

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Karen Selander - April 02, 2015 at 12:43 PM

“Z, we are confused, we do not understand, we are sad, and we are angry. Yet we also know that in your short time here, you taught us many lessons, and for this we are grateful.

*You taught us to love wholeheartedly. When you loved something, you went for it. You put your heart and soul into it. You loved others well who were different, and made time to ensure everyone knew they were special. You reached out to people, like your cousin in Turkey far away from home for Christmas. You spread smiles and love easily, in a world where life teaches us to be stingy with our love.*

*You taught us to trust fully. To trust with childlike faith. To trust that what others said was true and good. To trust even when it was unwarranted, like when Uncle Shawn told you to “take a walk” to CV and back...3 miles... You trusted that those of us looking out for you had your best intentions at heart. You reminded us that suspicion and mistrust are not always healthy, and are sometimes harmful.*

*You taught us to laugh. As we cry over your passing, we are reminded of the many, many times you made us laugh. You brought energy and joy to every room you were in. You put on shows, cracked jokes, dressed up, acted like a fool, all in the hopes of earning a smile. You taught us that laughter is the best medicine, and a great equalizer. We will try to remember this lesson, even as we cry.*

*You taught us to be ourselves. Unapologetically, authentically ourselves. You weren't afraid to be who you were, flaws and all. You knew who you were, what you wanted, and didn't care what others thought. Your self-confidence both intimidated and inspired those around you, because deep down, we were all jealous that we were not as comfortable in our own skin as you were in yours. You danced like no one was watching, and encouraged the rest of us to do the same. Be yourself, your whole self, 100% of the time.*

*Thank you Z for these lessons. Those of us who you've left behind will miss you like crazy. But each day, we will try to be more like you, to fill up the Zach size hole you've left. We will try to love with our whole heart. We will try to trust without suspicion. We will try to laugh, even when it hurts. And we will try to be our true, authentic, unapologetic selves, no matter what the world throws at us.*

*I know you are up there teaching the angels the "Smooth Criminal" dance Z. And I hope you save a dance for me.*

*Love, Meagan*

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**Meagan Dooley** - March 30, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ *To my most lovely cousins....my words cannot ever express the love that my heavy heart holds for all of you right now...would love to be there with all of you in OR....instead I will pray at 4PM here in Milwaukee, WI....I loved being able to be a part a Zach's life through Facebook....the guy knew how to have fun and enable those around him to experience joy and laughter....what a wonderful life he lived and what a super catalyst for others to just be yourself....he truly lived the phrase, "In a world where YOU can be anything...Be Yourself." I think that from now on when we hear a bit of thunder and see lightening above...it will be Zach having a heavenly Dance Party compete with strobe lights.....*



*Much love and peace to all of you in Corvallis...from all of us in Milwaukee.*

*xoxo,*

*Cousin Lynn*

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**Lyn Hildenbrand** - March 30, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Zach was a great friend, a great dancer, and a great youtuber. Zach was one of my best friends i could ever have. I remember when Zach and i would always being skyping always laughing and talking about YouTube. And im very sad that zach is gone. I'm gonna miss you Zach, Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Sean Tonoian.*

*P.S This is a photo i took when me and Zach were having a great laugh on skype.*



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**Sean Tonoian** - March 29, 2015 at 11:31 PM



“ *My condolences go to you all after all that happened. Zach was such a great friend to not only those around him, but to those in the YouTube community as well. It's just so devastating that he had to go so soon. But we all know that he's in a better place now with our Lord and Savior. The heavens will be dancing with Zach up there. All of us in the YouTube community will miss Zach dearly.*

*Jay York (ReadyUnknownFox on YouTube), devoted friend to Zach.*

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**Jay York** - March 29, 2015 at 12:03 PM

CG

“ Zach was a beautiful boy. I will never forget him dancing around the back of my classroom singing "It's Not Unusual" the day he returned from seeing Michael Buble in concert. He leaves a legacy of kindness and joy. I am so sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing him with us.

*Cynthia Granberg*

Cynthia Granberg - March 29, 2015 at 12:15 AM

RK

“ Zach was such a nice kid. I can't imagine your family's pain. Peace be with you all.

Ronda Kossow - March 28, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ I remember my first days at CV during lunch were spent watching Zach and his friends dancing in the quad. It made my day every time. I miss you Zach....:(

Julia Howard - March 28, 2015 at 06:22 PM

KS

“ He was the happiest kid I've seen

Kellie Speck - March 28, 2015 at 05:36 PM

KJ

“ Kelle Judah lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



Kelle Judah - March 28, 2015 at 04:46 PM



Madison  
Evans

“ *Madison Evans lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters*



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**Madison Evans** - March 28, 2015 at 02:48 PM

TD

“ *Steve and Cathy, There isn't words to express our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Hold tight your memories of Zach for comfort and may the love of family and friends help you through the days ahead.*

*Tom and Lisa Doane*

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**Tom and Lisa Doane** - March 28, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *I'm so sad to know that Zach is gone, I remember him last summer playing tennis with me and Ben. I will always miss his happy spirit and will always remember him*

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**Elle Lacy Nichols** - March 28, 2015 at 01:03 PM

GC

“ *Steve, I wanted to share a beautiful musical piece that Chris Botti plays on his Botti in Boston album, "Time to Say Goodbye". I know Chris would be flattered to honor you and Zach with your musical friendship and the musical influence that you obviously gave your son.*

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**Gina Carlson** - March 28, 2015 at 12:22 PM

DA

“ Zach, I never got to meet you, but your Mom kept me updated on you as you grew. I understand that you were a great joy to her and your family and they were so proud of you. Rest in love now Zach and fly with the Angels.....Cathy and the rest of the Ohana, my prayers are with you at this difficult time and always. Love to all of you, Debbie Asato.



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**Debbie Asato** - March 28, 2015 at 12:52 AM

MI

“ Zach was someone very close to me and I mourn the loss of a beautiful person that lit up the room (: he always made me smile and feel happy even when life got me down (: you will be in my Prayers I'm sorry for your loss :(

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**Micki** - March 28, 2015 at 12:05 AM

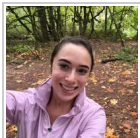
SS

“ Oh, Steve and Cathy, our hearts ache for you. Zach was such a talented kid. We had many happy picnics at Jeff's when the kids were little.

*Bob and Susan Schmidt*

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**Susan Schmidt** - March 27, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ Julia Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of Zachary Steven Peters



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**Julia Howard** - March 27, 2015 at 10:14 PM

LC

“ *Linda And Jack Condon lit a candle in memory of Zachary Steven Peters*



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**Linda and Jack Condon** - March 27, 2015 at 09:15 PM

LC

“ *Steve and Cathy and girls: We are heart broken for you! Just know that our love and prayers go out to you all!*

*Linda and Jack Condon*

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**Linda and Jack Condon** - March 27, 2015 at 09:14 PM

 Barbra Mitchell

“ *Cathy, Steve, Nikki, and Lexi.... We are so heartbroken for you. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we love you so very much....*

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**Barbra Mitchell** - March 27, 2015 at 08:19 PM

MW

“ *Steve, Cathy, Nikki and Lexie - Our family is shocked and heartbroken for yours. We will keep you all in ours hearts and prayers. Marilyn Wake*

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**Marilyn Wake** - March 27, 2015 at 07:12 PM

TH

“ Dear Steve, Cathy, and family,  
We send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Sean has been sharing some wonderful thoughts and memories of Zach with us. You all are, and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Herder Family

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**Todd and Lisa Herder** - March 27, 2015 at 05:08 PM

PD

“ Steve, you and your family have suffered an unimaginable loss, and I again extend my condolences and prayers to you and yours. You'll all be with Zach again eventually, of course, and I hope memories of your days with him in this world will sustain, inspire and heal you each until God has gathered you all together again.

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**Paul Daghlian** - March 27, 2015 at 03:27 PM

JW

“ Steve, Cathy, Nikki and Lexi~  
I have to share my best memory of Zach with you. It was at Wilson Elementary, I believe Zach was in 5th grade at the time and Jeff Brew gave him the floor to do a dance at an assembly. I was in shock and awe of the talent, bravery and self-confidence that I witnessed that day. We could hardly get a student to come up and speak, let alone do a full dance routine for an audience of peers. Zach proved that day that he was a force to be reckoned with! Zach's personality was so big and we will never forget his kindness and sweet spirit. Even throughout the years of softball when he would come to support his sisters and the rest of the Raider team it was obvious he had a love for everyone and a love for life.  
You are in our prayers Peters family~ The Wyatt family

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**Jodie Wyatt** - March 27, 2015 at 01:16 PM

RK

“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Zach, but as I read about the kind of person he was (is!), I am not surprised, as he obviously took after his dad. Steve (Zach's dad) was a classmate of mine all the way through school, and he was always kind to me (I was sort of an outsider).

*My heart-felt condolences go to the Peters family and to Zach's many friends.*

*Richard King*

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**Richard King** - March 27, 2015 at 01:08 PM

LA

“ With all this "love & aloha" shared with family & friends from all ages & walks of life, and all the beautiful yearly news letters that I receive from my dear friend Cathy . . . I am blessed to have known their son Zachary, & his sisters. We send our big "HUGS" of aloha with open arms to all of the "Ohana"! Love Ya, Flea

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**Laurel** - March 27, 2015 at 01:03 PM

LT

“ Cathy, Steve and family,  
I can still see Zach dancing on the playground at Wilson. Loved his spirit. I wish I could change your reality. Hug. LuAnn Turner

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**LuAnn Turner** - March 27, 2015 at 12:24 PM

LT

“ Cathy, Steve and family,  
I can still see Zach dancing on the playground at Wilson. Loved his spirit. I wish I could change your reality. Hug. LuAnn Turner

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**LuAnn Turner** - March 27, 2015 at 12:24 PM

RT

“ *Pete and Jean,  
Know that the family of Rotary shares your loss and our hearts and  
prayers are with you.  
Rob Thurston, Rotary Club of Corvallis*

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**Rob Thurston** - March 27, 2015 at 12:19 PM



*My name is caroline west mom to Chelse fuentes we just moved here  
here in 2009 zach was the first boy who got Chelse smiling and to  
open up. God rest his soul and wish I had met him and ever since that  
day Chelse has been happy being around him he brings this wonderful  
smile everyday.  
I am writing this on behalf of Chelse fuentes due to she is having a very  
hard time with this but will be attending the funeral.  
Caroline west her mom and Chelse fuentes*

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**Charlie Brooks** - March 30, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JC

“ *We can't begin to tell you how sick we were to hear about Zach. Our  
hearts go out to all of you! Corey's comment to me was "Zach was  
awesome, one of the nicest kids you'll ever meet". Sincerely, the  
Conklins.*

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**Jeanne Conklin** - March 27, 2015 at 10:48 AM