



Joshua "Josh" Hernandez

September 12, 1993 - April 14, 2012

Josh Hernandez, 18, loving son, brother, grandson, friend, mentor and servant of Jesus Christ, died Saturday, April 14, 2012, in Fort Worth from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Josh was born Sept. 12, 1993, in Dallas, the fourth of five children born to Gerald and Rita Hernandez. He attended schools in Irving and Trophy Club, and was currently a senior at Byron Nelson High School. His current memberships include The National Honor Society and varsity basketball team. He also lettered in track and football, but his passion was for basketball. He was extremely proud to be a member of the 2011-2012 District Championship team. In 2011, he became the first ever recipient of the Mr. Byron Nelson award, an award now given annually for outstanding student leadership. Josh had been accepted to the University of North Texas, where he had planned to study kinesiology, eventually progressing into sports medicine. He was a lifelong member of The Heartland Church, where he was dedicated as a baby. He was a student leader and an active member of the Student Elevate Leadership Team. He had a heart for God, and a love for his youth group. Josh had a passion for dancing, his family, and his friends. At a recent student conference, he was quick to display his skills. His devotion was first to God, then to his family. Survivors: parents, Gerald and Rita Hernandez; siblings, Cheri Hernandez Duckworth and her husband, Staevan, Monica Hernandez Bovinich and her husband, Chris, Gerald Hernandez Jr. and his fiancée, Roni Jane Rucker, his twin brother, Jesse Hernandez; grandparents, Enriqueta Hernandez and Lucia Aguilar;

many aunts, uncles and cousins. Pallbearers: Chris Bovinich, Staevan Duckworth, John Elizondo, Mikey Faulkner, Jesse Hernandez, Junior Hernandez, Andrew Martinez and Ryan Martinez. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the 2011-2012 Byron Nelson High School varsity basketball team: Corron Green, Conor Mullis, Keyunta Watkins, Ryan Lexa, Chris Nickells, Cale Popovich, Jacob Mock, Andrew Mitchell, Cody Montierth, Keithie X-Gray, Brandon Keaveny, Anders Huizenga. Funeral: 10 a.m. Wednesday at The Heartland Church, 4020 Nazarene Drive, Carrollton, Pastor Dan Dean and Pastor Dusty Dean officiating. Eulogies will also be shared by Coach Cody Belcher, Coach Scott Curran, Principal Linda Parker (BNHS), Staevan Duckworth and Jesse Hernandez. Burial will follow at Bear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, also at The Heartland Church. The family request memorials in Josh's name to The Heartland Church, 4020 Nazarene Drive, Carrollton, Texas, 75010.