

Heaven gained a beautiful angel on February 17, 2015, when Kolter Jonathan Wayde Garner went to be with the Lord.

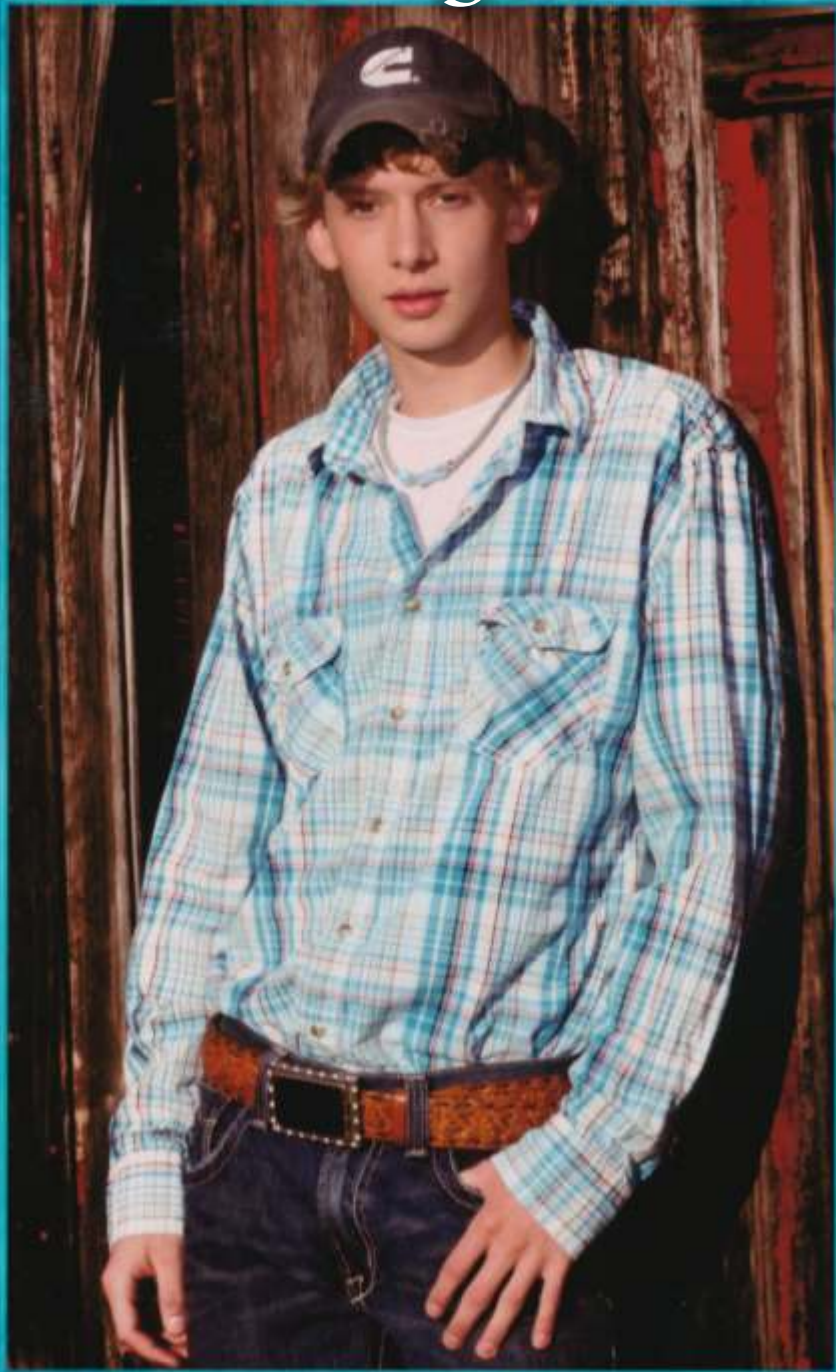
Kolter was born in Sheridan, WY, on April 14, 1997, to Johnnie Paterakis and Patrick Garner. He lived in Sheridan most of his life and attended Sheridan schools. He played football, baseball, and basketball. Kolter lived in Billings, MT, for a couple of years attending school there and working part time. In December of 2013, Kolter graduated from the Youth Challenge Academy in Dillon, MT, where his leadership skills were recognized and where he received awards for being an outstanding cadet. Kolter returned to Sheridan upon leaving the Youth Challenge Academy and attended Sheridan High School while living with his aunt Bobbie and uncle Van Wright. He worked for Killy's Deli in Sheridan and formed friendships with many of his coworkers. He always had a smile for everyone. Kolter loved being in the outdoors, especially spending time in the Big Horn Mountains and on many lakes and streams in Wyoming and Montana. He reported having a blast on the beach while vacationing in Cancun, Mexico with Van and Bobbie during the Christmas holiday. Kolter enjoyed many hunting, fishing and camping trips with "Papa" John Holwegner, his uncle Van, and other friends and family members. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, playing basketball and video games, and listening to his favorite music. Kolter had a large circle of friends and never met a stranger most of whom have a funny story or two about the time they spent with him. He was always there to lend a helping hand to others by listening, and offering advice and he was a great big brother to sisters Kaycie and Joelle. Kolter had a great sense of humor, and liked joking around and playing pranks with family and friends. He will be remembered for his fun, caring, adventurous, and generous spirit.

Kolter is survived by his mother, Johnnie Garner, uncle Van and aunt Bobbie Wright, sisters, Kaycie Garner and Joelle Thompson, Grandmother, Deb Paterakis, John Holwegner, great grandmother, Lois Bury, and uncle Andrew Smith of Sheridan, WY, his father, John Patrick Garner Jr. of Billings, Mt, great grandmother, Marlene (Gary) King, great uncles Ricky (Stephanie) and Randy (Tina) Paterakis of UT, also many cousins, and his best buddies, Leighton, Ryan, Gavin, Garrett, Sultan and Paul.

Kolter was preceded in death by his sister Shealie Jade Thompson, uncle Joseph Paterakis, grandfather Robert Paterakis, great grandfathers John Bury and Victor Paterakis, and great uncles John and James Bury, and grandfather John Garner Sr.



# Kolter Garner



*April 14, 1997 - February 17, 2015*





### I STILL CAN

When the day arrives when I can smile no more,  
 Laugh out loud and I will laugh with you.  
 When the night falls and you cry alone,  
 Don't shed sorrowful tears, for I am there beside you.  
 When the morning awakens you, and emptiness fills your heart.  
 Don't be scared, because I am always there to watch over you.  
 Though I can not hold you and say it's all right.  
 Remember the good times, and I'll be there to relive them.  
 Though I can not talk and sing the way we once did together,  
 Close your eyes and listen, and you will hear my voice.  
 Though I can not tell you a story,  
 You can still tell me anything, and I  
 I'll be sure to listen.  
 Though I had to leave you, maybe someday you'll know why.  
 But because you can't see me, or hear me, or touch me,  
 That doesn't mean I can't watch over you,  
 Or that I can't listen to you, or that I can't feel your love.  
 But though I can't do it here with you,  
 I can still do it all from up above.

*Integrity, knowledge, and honesty will never leave a person even after they have passed. Life is nothing more than the strength one has to survive. Yet humans have brought more to life, more meaning than just the fact one has to reproduce to pass on your DNA and keep the human race thriving. Live to your full potential, let nothing get in your way and be happy. Cherish the little things because it may be the little things that make you who you are. Don't let apathy overthrow your mind and set you upon the path you no longer wish to be on. Rise above it and set your own path. Put your soul into everything and never back down, that's how you'll leave a legacy behind. Your legacy will be what stays behind so what do you wish to be remembered as?*

# In Loving Memory of Kolter J.W. Garner

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 2:00 pm  
 Sheridan High School

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Kevin Jones

## MUSIC

For What It's Worth, Highway Man

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Leighton Gleason, Ryan Gleason, Sultan Al-Aissa  
 Paul Eye, Garrett Young, Gavin Young

