

Losing A Friend

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Losing a friend or even a loved one can be the most hardest thing anyone had to deal with. Its hard because the person you used to have fun with is no longer there. The person that always had your back isnt there anymore. The laughter and good times will ~~be~~ ^{never} be the same. All you have left are the memories of this special loved one.

On March 2, 2020 I lost my best friend, Daniel Robert (Robbie) Cavallaro ^{II} unexpectedly. I've known him and his family for over 17 years. Robbie and I were practically brothers. Our friendship had expanded that far to be known as brothers. We were there for each other no matter what. We resolved conflict as loving brothers should. We would carry each other when one of us were weak. Robbie had a heart that made him refuse to give up on people. All the mistakes I've made in my life, I was sure Robbie would kick me out of ~~my~~ ^{his} life. But thats not who or how he is. He told me that no mistake I make could destroy the many years of friendship that we had. This was the kind of person Robbie was. He never judged you by your pass. Instead, he thought about how to better your future. All he ever wanted was the best for someone else. This was the type of friend and brother Robbie was.

I dont have any advice on how to truly get over the loss of your loved ones. Because honestly, I'm still struggling in this area. I want it to be a bad dream. One that I can wake up out of. But I can only tell you what has been told to me. Take it one day at a time. Seek Elohim (God) for peace and comfort. Go to someone who knows youre hurting. Dont hold on to grief for it can be destructive. Rejoice over the life they lived. Remember all the happy times you had with them. And lastly, keep them alive in your hearts. Will you ever come across someone that was like the person you lost? No, probably not. But will someone come into your life that may remind you of him/her? Of course! So dont lose hope. And just because you have somebody new in your life, doesnt mean you have to forget about the one you lost.

Dear Robbie, Hey bro. Thank you for being my best friend and brother. I'll never forget you. I'm sorry for disappointing you again. Thank you

for remaining by my side anyway. I couldn't have asked for a better friend than you. You were a friend that cared. I know and believe you are at peace in heaven in your glorified body. I look forward to being there with you some day. I just hope I don't have to wait so long. Your family misses you very much. And believe it or not, mine does, too. My dad actually cried thinking about you. We all love you, bro. And I'll always remember all the good times we had.

Your Brother To The End,
Eric Smalley

Daniel Robert (Robbie) Cavallaro II

Born March 15, 1992

Died March 2, 2020

Beloved father, brother, son and friend