



## Chase Stilwell

September 15, 1988 - June 15, 2008

Chase Brandon Stilwell, 19, of Richlands, Virginia passed away Sunday, June 15, 2008. He was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of Jerry and Iris Walls Stilwell, of Richlands, Virginia. He was a Richlands High School Class of 2006 Graduate, where he was member of the RHS Marching Band, and was a student at Southwest Virginia Community College. Chase was employed at Cuz's Uptown Bar-B-Q as an apprentice chef. He was gentle and kind, talented and hard-working. A dear member of the Cuz's family, "our best buddy", he was a rising star, a true "Top Chef" and he will be missed there, deeply and daily. Chase was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Harlan and Anne Walls, and paternal grandparents, Tom and Veanie Stilwell. Those who survive him, in addition to his parents, are Sister Annalise Stilwell of the home. Several Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins also survive. Funeral services for Chase Stilwell will be conducted at 11:00am Thursday, June 19, 2008 at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Jim Denton and the Rev. John Charles officiating. Interment will follow in Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be T.J. Patton, H.P Gross, Justin Williams, Aaron Keen, Andy McCowan, Chad Rasnake, John Stiltner, Justin Sparks, and Elijah Stiltner. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Employees of Cuz's. Friends may call at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia from 6:00pm until 9:00pm Wednesday evening. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the Anne and Harlan Walls

Scholarship, SVCC Educational Foundation, c/o Mary Lawson, PO Box  
SVCC, Richlands, Virginia 24641.

# Tribute Wall



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**Iris Stilwell** - October 05, 2012 at 04:24 PM



“ *In class we talked often about life, being kind, living with honor, laughing, loving, and finding one's niche in life. Chase had achieved these things. I am so proud of the fine man he had become. I will not say goodbye, because Christians never have to say that to one another. I love you, Chase.*

**Pat Reynolds** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Iris I am so sorry for you and your familys loss. Chase was a good person and could always make people laugh... He will be so truly missed.. I will always remember him.. I'm so sorry!! I couldn't believe it when I heard about it. His friends will always remember him and he will always be in there hearts.

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**Heather G** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My heart aches for each of you in the loss of your beautiful child. May you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you during the days ahead.  
With love and prayers,  
Lynda Bevins

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**Lynda Bevins** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YD

“ Iris, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Chase will always be remembered as a sweet and kind young man. He will be missed greatly by all those whose lives were touched by him. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**yvonne dutton** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Chase was one of the nicest guys I ever met. He befriended me the moment I met him. I never saw him without smile on his face. He will be missed dearly and it is a great loss for his family and friends.

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**Dustin Edwards** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SD

“Chase was a wonderful and kind hearted guy. The ones who knew him were so lucky to have known him and the ones who didn't missed out on a wonderful person. He will be missed dearly and will never be forgotten.

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**Sara Dye** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NA

“Dearest Chase,  
You lived your life one day at a time, the words you shared were always kind. Chase loved us all with his whole heart. It saddens us to be apart, and forever we hold you in our hearts. Today Chase stands in GOD's bright light, watching over us day and night. In our hearts Chase will remain untill the day we meet again... Forever Chase's love will live on in our hearts and the hearts of those he touched. We are so grateful to GOD for blessing our lives with the beautiful gift of Chase. I miss you sweet Chase more than you can imagine.

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**Nita Walls Asbury** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VB

“Chase was a great friend and a wonderful person. He always had a smile on his face and could easily lighten up someone else's day. He was one of the funniest people that I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I remember how he used to call me Vicky and how much I used to hate it, and he never stopped calling me Vicky. Chase will be missed by many people but we will get to see him again. Chase, I love you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all.

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**Victoria Breeding** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Iris and Family,*  
*I am so sorry to learn of death of your precious son, Chase. May God wrap His loving arms around you and guide and comfort you as you cope with your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Grieve for me , For I would grieve for you.  
Then brush away the sorrow and tears  
Life is not over, but begins anew,  
with courage you must greet the coming years.  
To live forever in the past is wrong;  
can only cause misery and pain.  
Dwell not on memories overlong,  
with others you must share and care again.  
Reach out and comfort those who comfort you;  
recall the years but only for awhile.  
Nurse not your loniness; but live again.  
Forget not. Remember with a smile.*

*Love,  
Jane Ellen*

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**Jane Ellen Horton** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *May God's ever sweet presence surround you, comfort you, and give you strenght throught your loss. May God's love fill your hearts and ease your pain. Each of you will be in thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy and love are with you.*

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**The Ratliff's** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Jerry , Iris and Annalise, No words can express how sorry I am for your loss, I know that there is nothing that anyone can say to you at this time to make you feel better. I can only say that I know he will be missed, he was such a vibrant and wonderful child when we had him at Little People's. He and Annalise were so easy to care for and you and Jerry are such good parents, it made our job a lot easier. We love you guys and if you can think of anything that I could do for you, you only have to ask.

*Miss Melinda*

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**Melinda Lloyd** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Iris,  
I do not have the words to express how sorry I am for the tragic loss of Chase. A mother loves her child from the first moment we learn of their presence inside us. We give them life, care for their needs, and shower them with all the love we have. Never in our thoughts do we think of one day not having them in our lives. God chose you and Chase to be mother and son for a very special reason. May his spirit forever live in your heart and may the sweet memories you have of him comfort you when you need it most. May you and Jerry find strength in knowing that Chase is now in the presence of the Lord. I will always remember his sweet smile. May God Bless you all.

*The Rays  
Terry, Bobbie, Blake, & Emily*

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**bobbie ray** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I did not know Chase but I just wanted to show my respect to you and your family. I am so sorry.

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**Trista Campbell & Family** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Iris and family my deepest sympathies are with you. just know god is with you and will get you through the tough times. i will keep you in my prayers.

*jessica shreve, cvmc pharmacy*

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**Jessica Shreve** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Chase was a delight to teach and always smiling.  
My thoughts are with you all.  
Carolyn Neal

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**Carolyn Neal** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Judy C. West** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Iris, Jerry, & Annalise? I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this hard time. Chase was such a wonderful person and friend, and there are so many great memories that I have of him. One of which always comes to mind when Chase?s name is mentioned is the pictures of Chase and I as babies all dressed up in our cute little outfits at my house. There are so many other memories that I remember of us as children?and some that I don?t, but that Iris and my family always reminds me of. I will cherish all of these along with many other memories of Chase that I have gathered throughout the years. Each of which reminds me of what a wonderful, caring, kind-hearted guy Chase was. Chase was one of the nicest guys that I have ever known. He never had a harsh word to say, he was very respectful, but most of all he could make anyone do what he was usually doing when I saw him? laughing?and if not laughing, he was smiling! I am so blessed to say that I knew Chase and that I have wonderful memories to remember him by! He will be truly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and will never be forgotten! I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love~Kayla

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**Kayla Jackson** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Iris, Jerry & Annalise,

*It's not possible to put into words the sorrow & grief I have over Chase's passing and I can not begin to imagine how you must be feeling.*

*It's not always for us to know what God's plans are or why He takes people from us when He does. I know that it doesn't ease our pain, but I guess we can take comfort knowing that God must have a much higher purpose in mind for Chase.*

*Rest eternally in The Lord dear Cousin. We love you and miss you and look forward to the day that we'll all be together again in His Kingdom.*

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**Eddie Cruey** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Jerry and Iris,

*I want to express my sincere condolences and tell you that I am so sorry for your loss.*

*You and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers all week.*

*When things seem impossible the Lord is always there and his comfort and peace will uphold you in this time.*

*Tammy Richardson*

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**Tammy Richardson** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Iris the Environmental Services Department at CVMC has your family in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Try to be strong and remember all the good and precious times you had with Chase to help carry you through the difficult days ahead.

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**EVS Department** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Iris,  
Words can not ease the pain of the loss of a child. My heart breaks for you and your family. In time your memories will become a comfort to you. I lost my Nephew when he was 19. Now I look back on the fun times and the wonderful memories that I have. I didn't know Chase but I know when I was around you, his name was always mentioned. Your face always would brighten up when you talked about him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Tammy & Katie Bostic*

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**Tammy Bostic** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I don't know what to say.He was very special to me. He was such a great help at the free Clinic, and such a good little boy when I had him.Always ready to do anything I asked him to do. I always bragged that , "I gave him a good start"  
My love and Prayers are with all of you.

*Katsy*

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**Katsy Lawson** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I am so shocked and saddened by Chase's death.

*Chase was one of my students in AST 205 - Business Communications in the fall of 2007 at SVCC. He was a quiet, kind, and wonderful young man.*

*I can't remember the exact assignment I had given, but the students had to come to the front of the class and read his or her letter. Chase cracked them (the other students) up with his reading. Again, quiet Chase had a sense of humor.*

*I asked Chase how I could get the creme brulee dessert at Cuz's. He said "Tell me." So I did. For a surprise 70th birthday for Marvin at Cuz's, we had creme brulee for dessert. Chase came out of the kitchen and we applauded him.*

*I can't begin to imagine losing a child. Chase will be greatly missed. My heart is with you.*

*Patsy*

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**Patsy Hankins** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Iris, I can not imagine your loss as a mother. From all the other tributes, it is very evident that your son was a very special young man. Hold that to your grieving heart as you know what a special gift God gave you.

*?The wind that whispers through the trees, the brightest star at night, a rainbow on a dismal day, a shaft of golden light. All these are signs sent to you, a message from above, that even death can not break the bonds of a Mother's love.?*

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;*

*He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:18*

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**Kathy Salyers Gilbert** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the family:

*I would just like to take a moment to express my sincere condolences. Death is an almost impossible pill to swallow but the death of a child is incomprehensible. I cannot even imagine what you may be feeling at this point. My prayer is that God be with you and help you through this terrible ordeal.*

*Some may say that death is just a part of life, but I say that it is the most unnatural thing that we have to face. It was not our Creator's intention to put us on this earth just to stay a little while. However, Revelation 21:3&4 gives us hope..."and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning or outcry or pain be anymore," as the former things are promised to pass away. We are also promised the resurrection at Acts 24:15.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Mary McGhee** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Iris and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious Chase. My thoughts and prayers are with you for comfort and strength.

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**Remona Cordle** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I just wanted to express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Death is hard at any age, but it is especially tough when it happens to someone so young. My sister Becca graduated with Chase and was very tore up when she heard what had happened. I pray that God will be with your family through this tough time. May God Bless you all!

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**Denise Potter** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Iris and Annalise,  
I just want to tell you how very sorry I am about your loss of Chase. I will never forget all the hard work that we did in band, but it still wasn't good enough for our section. We would either had high mark time or would end up having to run the practice field and when we were all done Chase would just come up to all of us and say something to make us all laugh and that's just how he was. He was a special person to so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.

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**Laura Mohon** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I WOULD JUST LIKE TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW HOW BIG OF A LOSS CHASE WAS NOT ONLY TO HIS FAMILY BUT THOSE HE WOULD KEEP ENTERTAINED AND LAUGHING THROUGH ALL THE HARD TIMES...AND NOW MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS REMAIN WITH YOUR FAMILY AS YOU ENDURE THESE HARDSHIPS..BUT REMEMBER CHASE IS IN A GREAT PLACE AS WE SPEAK PROBALLY GETTIN IN HIS OWN BAND AND MAKING UP LOST TIME WITH PAST FAMILY AND FRIENDS...STAY STRONG AND KEEP THEM HEADS HIGH...

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**CHRISTOPHER RYAN ROGICH** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Chase lit up the room every day with his smile. He had a lot of friends who adored him and he was kind to everyone he encoutered. I will always remember him as a kind, considerate, and wonderful person. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

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**Christina Taylor (Ms Murray)** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ IRIS AND FAMILY-  
I HAVE TRIED ALL WEEK TO THINK OF THE RIGHT THING TO SAY AND HONESTLY, THERE ARE NO WORDS. I COULD NEVER BEGIN TO IMAGINE YOUR PAIN AND I AM EVER SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. I WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND KEEP YOU IN MY HEART. MAY GOD GIVE YOU THE GRACE AND STRENGTH YOU NEED IN THIS TRYING TIME.  
AMY ARNOLD, RN  
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AMY ARNOLD - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Iris and family,  
I can only say how very sorry I am for your loss. Iris, as a mother I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling and will feel for a long time to come. I have fond memories of Chase in the band and how close we all became through the years as band parents. We all had a special bond that only band members and parents could understand. If there is anything at all I can ever do for you, please don't hesitate to call me. I will be praying for you all and for God to give you peace and understanding.  
Love and prayers,  
Pam

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pam taylor - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Iris, Jerry, and Annalise

*We pray that God will be with all of you and help you through this terrible time of sorrow. There's nothing that can be said to take away the pain. We can't imagine what you all are going through but we know Someone who does and we will be lifting you up in prayer to Him. Our hearts break for you, Iris, Jerry and Annalise. Chase was a good friend to all that knew him in so many ways. He helped Laura many times in Band this was a true friend. May God's Grace be your strength and his memories comfort you. In Christian Love, Phil, Lisa, and Emily*

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**Phil, Lisa, and Emily Mohon** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I was so shocked to hear about Chase and I can't even begin to describe how sorry I am for your loss. Chase was a genuinely nice person and I will always remember all the memories I made with him and the rest of the seniors in band. He will truly be missed. If you need anything, let me know.

*-Heather*

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**Heather** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our hearts were grieved at the news of Chases' passing. It has been a few years since we had seen Chase, but the fondest memories remain of sharing fun times with him in bible school and church at Gethsemene. His quiet, and sometimes serious disposition, along with his fun loving attitude just had a way of touching you in way that left an impression. May God bless and comfort you during this trying time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Marty and Barbara Farmer** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Chase will be truly missed.

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**Debbie Painter** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Jerry, Iris, and Annalise....Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time of lose. Chase was a fine young man and will be deeply missed. I have such fond memories of him during his time with the band and as a young adult. I am honored to have known him and been a part of his life. He will be deeply missed.

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**Bruce Miller** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I just wanted to thank everybody for your thoughts. I'm just now going through another loss, of a friend, not a very close one, but one that was just fun to be around. I miss you Chase, and theres not a day I don't think about you. You were my bestfriend and big brother. I love you more then anything. I'll see you someday and I can't wait.

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**Annalise Stilwell** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM