



## James Benning Wiedner

May 31, 1978 - December 16, 2014

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Jimmy Wiedner, 36, of Western Springs, Illinois and Austin, Texas passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2014. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Margaret Warren McTaggart. Jim received his high school diploma from Benet Academy and his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana. He held a law degree from Chicago-Kent and a master's degree in English Literature from the University of Northern Arizona. Jim was pursuing his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin, where he was part of a small group of students and professors crafting a new program in Digital Humanities. This program spans a number of academic disciplines and areas of research, and Jim looked forward to combining his love of literature with his legal experience to explore new problems created by the influence of technology on traditional areas of humanities study. Jim will be remembered for his amazing sense of humor, endless kindness, and enormous capacity for love.

He is survived by his parents, Paul (Harriet) Wiedner of Western Springs, IL and Christy (Chuck) Kneese of Oden, MI; his grandparents Harold and Joan Nelson and Frank and Alyce Wiedner; aunts and uncles, Patti (Paul) Purcell, Carole (Peter) Clark, Mark (Jenifer) Wiedner, John (Joy) Wiedner, Marianne (Chip) Stride, Hal (Linda) Nelson, Laurel Nelson (Guido Bartolucci). He was a loving brother to Beth, Katie, Annie and Maggie, Mike (Shellie) Kneese and Patrick (Amanda) Kneese. Jim was a loving uncle, cousin and friend to many.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut St., Western Springs, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Epilepsy Foundation or charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Christy:  
I am devastated by this news. Although I did not know Jimmy personally, you, Christy, were always a bright moment in my day as I moved through my college years. From all I have read here and other places about your son, he shared that same rare spark. Again you are in my thoughts as I move through my day. I believe that Angels do exist and that perhaps he was one.  
Fondly and with all my heart,  
Mardi (Burnham Brayton)*

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“ *Dear Christy and family,  
Heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your dear Jimmy. I hope the many happy memories you have of Jimmy help comfort you during this time of loss. You are in my heart and in my thoughts.  
Take care.  
Love  
Cathy Frye*

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