



## Robert Steven Szoke, Jr.

June 1, 1975 - May 27, 2008

Robert Steven Szoke, Jr. "Steve", age 32, passed away on May 27, 2008.

Steve was a graduate of Thornton Fractional North of Calumet City, IL, Class of 1993 and a graduate of Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, IL Class of 1998.

He formerly served on staff with Cross Point Christian Church in Sugar Grove, IL.

He was a former Youth Minister of Town & Country Christian Church in Crown Point, IN, Maple Lawn Christian Church in Joliet, IL and Christian Church of LaHarpe, IL.

Steve was Founding Pastor and Minister of Impact Christian Church of Merrillville, IN and Trustee and High School Week Dean of Lake Region Christian Assembly (Camp LRCA). He was the Founder, Professional Wrestler, and Promoter of FirePro Wrestling of Merrillville, IN and was a fixture of the Pro-Wrestling scene all throughout Indiana and Illinois wrestling for many different federations. He was an avid and creative artist and had a deep and passionate love for his Impact Christian Church family and for developing a safe place for people to come and learn about God. Impact plays host to many different functions including Pro-Wrestling shows, Tae Kwon Do, and Sunday Night Ignite, a Christian teen worship service. Steve had a love for God and for people and loved bringing the two together.

He is survived by his wife, Candy (nee Mullens) Szoke of Crown Point;

daughter, Jada Szoke age 7; his parents, Robert & Lorraine Szoke of Crown Point; Sister, Sarah (Brian) Lowery of South Elgin, IL; Brother in-Law, Cortney (Nicole) Mullens of Flora, IL; niece, Josie Mullens age 5; Mother-in-Law, Christina Mullens of Flora, IL; Grandmothers, Katherine Brooker of Elmhurst, IL and Merle Szoke of Riverton, IL, and Aunt, Linda Brooker of Elmhurst, IL.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Lance Hurley officiating. Interment at Historic Maplewood Cemetery in Crown Point, IN. Friends may meet with the family at Burns Funeral Home, on Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family, Impact Christian Church or Camp LRCA. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *It was with shock and disbelief that we received the sad news of Ricky's passing over the weekend when our day began at MNCPPC. I personally loved Rick's spirit and was looking forward to his returning to us next week as a Seasonal Employee. As a group, we decided that we would set the "wheels in motion" to get Ricky as a full time employee in NL Landscaping. I had an extra incentive to get him here as I was on the interview panel when he came in and was immediately impressed with his knowledge and willingness to learn what was necessary to reach the next level. To Mom and Dad... I have 2 daughters and I pray that when they are out and about in this world and relating to people, that they are impressing and reaffirming my faith in the next "round" of dreamers like Ricky did for me. I know that I'm speaking from my "Group" today in expressing our grief to you and praying for your ultimate healing. We REALLY miss him. God Bless!##imported-begin##John Reilly##imported-end##*

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March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *##imported-begin##Lynn \"Mephisto\" Kamadulski##imported-end##*

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June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Just want to say to Candy that it should be OBVIOUS by now that thousands of people are praying for your peace and comfort, day in and day out. We grieve with you, and with Jada, and at the same time celebrate that his battle has been won. We love you and every one of us would do anything we can to help. Wish I wasn't so far away! Thanks, Candy, for taking care of that joker for all these years. Jesus loves you... we are weak but He is strong.##imported-begin##Aaron Shirley##imported-end##

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June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I only met you a few times, but I just wanted to sign this because Steve really was a great guy(and will always be one).##imported-begin##Susan George##imported-end##

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June 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ STEVE WAS ONE OF THE FUNNIEST GUYS I GREW UP WITH FROM KINDERGARDEN TILL 8TH GRADE THE DRAWINGS WE DID THE JOKES WE LAUGHED AT THE FREDDY KRUGER FINGERS SO MANY MEMORIES I CAN STILL HEAR HIS LAUGH I LOST TOUCH WITH HIM FOR MANY YEARS THEN I FOUND HIM WAS ABLE TO TALK TO HIM AND PUT A SMILE ON HIS FACE AS WE LAUGHED ABOUT THE OLD TIMES I WISH I COULD OF MADE THE FUNNERAL BUT FOUND OUT A LITTLE LATE ABOUT HIS PASSING MAY GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND WATCH THEM AND GUIDE THEM TO PEACE AND COMFORT MY PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS WITH THE SZOKE FAMILY

CHRIS HALLMAN AKA HALLMAN##imported-begin##chris hallman##imported-end##

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June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember Steve as the most energetic, passionate youth minister I ever had. He served at LaHarpe Christian Church during my sophomore and junior years of high school and he and Candy created a great environment for us. Especially on Saturday nights at BASH. Thanks for the memories and the lessons.##imported-begin##Elizabeth (Bruns) Dixon##imported-end##

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June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Steve\'s family at this time. May he rest in peace. My the Lord be with Candy, Jada and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Kelly Habighurst##imported-end##

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June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Shawn & Candice Reger##imported-end##

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June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I prayed as often as I thought to pray for this man. I didn't know him nearly as well as many other people, but I enjoyed the time I spent with him dearly. We never went out and hung out together; he booked me at fire-pro twice, and I saw him in the back at IPW a couple of times, and messaged him on MySpace every now and again. Even though we weren't close, Steve still impacted my life enough that I can feel a loss. I prayed for him every time it crossed my mind regardless of where I was, and I'm sure everyone knows that Steve is up in heaven right now, walking with God and judging the angels.

*Ephesians 6:12- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against spiritual wickedness, against the dark rulers of this world.##imported-begin##Nick "Lash" Gibson/ Niko Kilauea##imported-end##*

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June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve was my friend. He was my brother. He is the reason I've had chronic back pain for the past 14 years (powerbomb + basketball court = ?). He's the reason I started attending church. He's the guy who always told me what I needed to hear. He's the reason I have a butterknife-shaped burn scar on my knee (don't ask). He is my reason for believing that a person can do great things with a little faith and a lot of determination. Steve is my hero.

*I love you brother.##imported-begin##Bud Uzoras aka "Bud Johnson"##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We went to college at LCC wit Steve and remember him fondly as a super nice, compassionate free spirit. Though we have not seen him since our LCC days, It is hard to accept this loss, as he did so much for the Kingdom and enjoyed ministry immensely, but we know that Steve is rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus for he is well again. We love you, Steve, and you are missed.##imported-begin##Sean and Amy Rittenberry##imported-end##

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June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy birthday, Steve. I'm so sorry that we had lost some of our closeness, but I will never forget you and the amazing person you are. You were like a second dad to me, and I thank you more than I can ever express for that. They say only the good die young, but in this case, it was the incredible. Love you.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

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June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Katelyn Baker##imported-end##

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June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We had the pleasure of wrestling with Steve in PCW and briefly in AAW. Steve was a great guy to be around and he always made everyone around him try to be better. It was fun working with Steve and i know we will get the chance to work again someday. R.I.P Steve.##imported-begin##Ed Escamilla @ Cory Herrera##imported-end##

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June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We pray that God will be with you all in this time of loss. We all know Steve is in a better place, but only God can comfort you now as you miss him so much.##imported-begin##Kenny and Vernal Roush##imported-end##

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June 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and extended church family. Steve is now with God and is at rest. We will always remember the great times TOM and Steve had at Camp during High School week. Steve\'s impact was deep and wide and will continue to grow inspite of his passing.

*In Christ,*

*Tom and Jen Manzke (Isaac & Samuel too.)##imported-begin##Tom & Jen Manzke and Family##imported-end##*

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Candy, I will continue to pray for comfort for you, Jada, and the rest of the family. Steve was the most incredible person I've ever met; so genuine and caring. He always had the best advice when I needed it the most. I'll miss him forever.##imported-begin##Danette Buehrle##imported-end##

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ even though we only new you for three months you showed me and my girls a lot of i can remeber went we walk in to the wrestleing . you where the first one to take picture with the kid it really made them feel good about coming there then they did not want to miss no more of wrestler and we been there ever since 3/08 my kids are going to miss you alot thats all they talk about was wrestleing . baby angel send a hug and a kiss she love hugs to she will miss hugging you well we love you alot love baby angel ,terez ,andrea, merri sisak###imported-begin###merri sisak###imported-end##

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Szoke,  
You touched so many lives with the truth of the Gospel and with your zeal for life; thank you. I will continue to pray for your beautiful wife and daughter. You will always be missed.###imported-begin###Stacie Carter Rodenbeck###imported-end##

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Szoke Family:

*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

*God Bless all of you during this time. With Deepest Sympathy*

*Love and Prayers,*

*Brenda Petty###imported-begin###Brenda Petty (Rys)###imported-end##*

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless You all, Steve was a fantastic witness for the Lord. He showed God's love in all areas of his life. We hate to have him go, but we know he is in God's hands. We all love you and are praying for you. Candy give Jada a hug and kiss from loved ones from Flora.##imported-begin##Sue Hampsten##imported-end##

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“ ##imported-begin##Tom & Jen Manzke and Family##imported-end##

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May 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the Szoke family. It has truly been my pleasure to sew wrestling gear for a fellow brother in the Lord. He left a unique impression from the start and I wanted his gear to represent him. I've known Steve about 2-3years and he was one of my favorite customers to sew for. I have encouraged him along the way, when I knew he was sick, and just encouraged him to Praise God anyway, thru it all because that's really all that mattered. Steve's life has truly been honoring and glorifying the Lord and now he is with Jesus praising with the saints without any pain. Praise  
God! Blessings to you Candy and Jada, Tricia  
Gastineau##imported-begin##Tricia Gastineau \"Tights  
Lady\"##imported-end##

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you Candy, Jada, Bob, and the rest of the Szoke family. Steve was a good friend, and though it has been a while since I last seen him, I miss him even more now that he has passed. \“May God Bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may he turn his face toward you, and give you peace\”###imported-begin##Paul and Amanda Collins###imported-end##

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I didn't know Steve personally, but I did talk to him frequently, and I will miss him.  
I'll be praying for his family.

~Ray~###imported-begin##Raymond Emling###imported-end##

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve will always be remembered in our hearts as a fun, and awesome man of God. We are praying for Candy and Jada at this time. We love you and wish to share our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Christine and Brian Beck###imported-end##

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So many memories....Steve was a force to be reckoned with.....he was the cool man on campus! What a testimony his life has been. The girls have been praying for Steve. They know him as Josie Mullens Uncle. Blessings, Peace and Rest to you all. Josh and Jodi Knox (Winters)Jacey, Jordyn and Jansen##imported-begin##Jodi Knox (Winters)##imported-end##

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry about your loss and we will be praying for your family while coping with such a monumental loss. Steve was an inspiration to all he met, and we can only imagine how happy he must be now in heaven.##imported-begin##The Colby Family##imported-end##

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“ Steve, thank you for all the good times, and thank you for being a friend. You my friend, are a true man of God and someone we all should look up to. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time. We will see each other again someday!!##imported-begin##Mike, Holly, and Carmen Edmaiston##imported-end##

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“ Lorraine and Bob and all of Steve's family: Joe showed me how to follow Steve's MySpace blog. We've been praying for him and all of you in several of our small groups here in Colorado Springs. Our hearts go out to you as you grieve for him. -- Trish and Raymond Zavala##imported-begin##Trish Zavala##imported-end##

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“ We will miss Steve. He had a great love of spreading Jesus. We need more people like that. We will be praying for all of the family. We are all thankful knowing that Steve will be with Jesus when we see him again.##imported-begin##Heather Steele (Thurber##imported-end##

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of Steve's family during this time.##imported-begin##Leigh King##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Candy and Jada. May God grant you strength and courage in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Mitzi Goldstein##imported-end##

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“ Candy,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of Steve. He has fought a had battle but is now at peace and rest with God.*

*Remember that your Flora family will always be there for you. We will have you in our prayers.*

*God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Dora and Kelly Kaufman##imported-end##*

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“ God bless the work that Steve did during his stay here on earth. I will continue to pray for his family.

*In Christian love,  
Jason, Merrillville Christian Church##imported-begin##Jason Pupek##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I did not know Steve very well at all but he had become a most positive influence in my son Ritchie\'s life, I thank god for guiding us to his presence, even if it was just a short time. My heart goes out to Candy and Jada and I know that god will guide you through it and know that Steve will be watching over you both too.##imported-begin##Eleanor Galindo-Ensign##imported-end##

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“ Steve was my little brothers mentor and friend although it was a short time it helped my brother and it brought him to god and the church which pleased our mother. He had faith in my brothers dream to be a wrestler and he put him on the track to achieving his goals in life and steve helped to be a better man.##imported-begin##Mary Galindo##imported-end##

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“ in the short time i knew steve he had a great impact on my life he was a great person and i wish i had gotten more time to know him my heart goes out to candy jada and all the rest of his family may god be with you##imported-begin##ritchie galindo##imported-end##

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“ Dear Steve,  
I just wanted to thank you for opening up the doors and helping me fulfill me dreams of becoming a pro wrestler! Without you I would have been trained by some no name and taught poorly. You got me into the business and not only trained me to wrestle but you became my friend! You were there when we needed advise on life or wrestling. So I just wanted to tell you that you are a great man and we will all miss you and have you in our hearts forever! I wish your family the best in the future, if I can be half the man you are then I know I will be successful and loved.

Your Friend,  
Johnny##imported-begin##Johnny Goss##imported-end##

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“ Steve,  
we are so honored to have had the pleasure to meet you and call you friend. You will me missed, and your memory lives on in all the lives you touched.##imported-begin##Niki, Donnie, Autumn, and JJ##imported-end##

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“ Candy, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jada and extended family! May God comfort and keep you during this time! We love you!##imported-begin##Heather (Shiple) Durre##imported-end##

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“ hey Sven! missin you already! i will never forget the impact you made on my life, and how you always encouraged me to be in the ministry and never to let anything handicap me.

and i take comfort in knowing where you are right now. if only for the difference you made in my life alone.

Love,  
Jackie Brown##imported-begin##Jacqueline Smyth##imported-end##

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“ The entire Szoke family is in my prayers at this difficult time. Steve is one of the most amazing man that I have had the pleasure to meet, get to know and spend time with. He showed me that learning about God was fun. I will always remember Steve and the things that he taught me, the people that I met through him, the laughs we had and most importantly that with God all things are possible. He will be forever missed and forever loved. Love Always.  
Kori##imported-begin##Kori Madrigal##imported-end##

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“ Candy, Jada and the rest of the Szoke family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. I can tell that Steve touched so many people's lives and truly had a heart for God's work. I'm sure our Heavenly Father welcomed him with open arms and truly did say "Well done my good and faithful servant."##imported-begin##Michele (Wands) Paxton##imported-end##

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“ Steve made a huge difference in the person I have become. Candy, I hope that all ours prayers are giving you strength to face each day. I know Steve's legacy and work will continue and the many lives he has influenced will be recognized in heave.##imported-begin##Lydia Anderson##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I just want to let you know I am praying for your family. In this hard time, I pray that God continues to send comfort in His ever creative way. I pray that you have big and small reminders of the man he was for God and the love he showed. His energy and passion for reaching others will be missed. Steve was a life force to be reckoned with - never satisfied with sitting on the sidelines in life. I pray that his courageous fight will continue to influence others.##imported-begin##Debi Dalla Costa (Jellema)##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you Candy and Jada, Steve will be greatly missed by a great many of us.##imported-begin##Jared Bucciarelli##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm going to miss me...but he is in a better place than all of us. He was an amazing man that touched my life. He will live forever in the souls of the people he met.##imported-begin##Cora Boender##imported-end##

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“ *“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? . . . He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*Candy, we only recently heard of Steve's illness. We have prayed for your family and will continue to pray. May you find the peace that passes understanding.##imported-begin##shannon Wentz##imported-end##*

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“ *Candy, I am so sorry!! Steve's enthusiasm for his Lord was so very refreshing. His heavenly rewards are now a reality to him. May God be with you and Jada as you work your way through this very sad time. Your's in Christ! Rick Balmer##imported-begin##Rick Balmer##imported-end##*

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“ *My heart breaks for Steve's family. I look to the day that we all will see him again.##imported-begin##Jim Remer##imported-end##*

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“ *Very sorry to here that i cant belive steve is gone.lam going to try to make it to the funeral. I pray for you all.God be with you guys.##imported-begin##Darren##imported-end##*

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“ We are saddened by your loss. May the God of all comfort give you strength and peace as you travel this difficult road.##imported-begin##Jaime & Lillian Serrano##imported-end##

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“ My heart is with you and your family. Steve was one of a kind. He and I were in the same class together at LCC. Sending prayers for you and your child.##imported-begin##Jenn Steward##imported-end##

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“ I MET PASTOR DIEHARD STEVE SZOKE 2 YRS AGO ALONG WITH MY DAUGHTERS AND HE AND LEX LUGER AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE AT IMPACT PRAYED WITH AND FOR JESUS TO COME INTO OUR LIVES AND I AM HURT AND SADDENED BY THIS GREAT LOSS TO ALL OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST AND TO MY FELLOW WRESTLING FRIENDS I WILL NEVER FORGET PASTOR STEVE JUST NOT EVEN A MONTH AGO I WENT TO 2 WRESTLING SHOWS AND CHURCH AND SPENT THE NIGHT AT PASTORS STEVES HOUSE IT JUST SEEMS LIKE ONE BIG NITEMARE I CANNOT WAKE UP FROM SO THIS SUNDAY I AM GOIN TO ASK MY FRIEND CHASE AND THE SZOKE FAMILY TO BAPTIZE ME SO I CAN LIVE FOR JESUS AND BE A GREAT LOVING LEADER IN CHRIST LIKE MY MENTOR,MY FRIEND,MY WRESTLING CHAMP,BUT MOST OF ALL PASTOR DIEHARD STEVE SZOKE I WILL SEE U AGAIN ONE DAY STEVE LOVE ALWAYS ROBB,ABBY,MAGGIE,MEGAN,AND ASHLEY LIVES YOU CHANGED AND SAVED ALONG WITH MANY##imported-begin##ROBB METHENY##imported-end##

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“ R.I.P Steve, even though i didnt know you very well i looked up to you at camp and had fun playing with the maple lawn volleyball team. You are a great guy and will be greatly missed.

Love, Christine Barnes##imported-begin##Christine Barnes##imported-end##

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“ My sincerest condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##Sonya##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I never got to see you wrestle but my Husband and Son have. My Son is 7 and he absolutely loves wrestling and you. Our prayers are with your family. Your daughter is adorable. Your her guardian angel now. God Bless you.

Tiffany##imported-begin##Tiffany##imported-end##

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“ I'm a friend of Brian and Sarah Lowery and have prayed for Steve and his family since I heard the news last July. Reading through all the memorials posted it's quite clear Steve's legacy will continue to unfold in the days and years to follow. I didn't know him really, but I know that because of him I have had Impact in my prayers for almost a year. Not because of their birth, but because of Steve's battle. I will continue to pray them through this, that they will do much more than stand, that they will flourish because of the faithful fight they witnessed in Steve and in you, his family. My prayers continue to be with you.##imported-begin##Loretta Nobis##imported-end##

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“ Sarah and Brian,  
Know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with peace and comfort during this time of loss.  
Love,  
Tonya##imported-begin##Tonya Dinwiddie##imported-end##

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“ *The testimony of Steve will live forever in the hearts of everyone he came in contact with. Steve lived his life 100% for God even through his circumstances. We all need to take a lesson from a true man of God and realize the strength and power that our loved Steve had is available for us all. Steve gave his life to Jesus and held on to none of it himself!*

*Finally Steve has had the opportunity to meet his boss face to face and for that we should be joyful!*

*Our church here in Zion IL will continue to pray for your blessed family and may our Great Comforter wrap His loving arms around you uphold you in this time of grieving.*

*Love in Christ,  
Pastor Butch Patterson and Family @ Christian Assembly of God  
Zion IL##imported-begin##Rev. Butch Patterson  
(Nomad)##imported-end##*

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“ *Candy, Jada, and Family our prayers are with you. We are sorry for your loss. Steve was such a positive influence on our family and he will be missed very much. Once again we are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Gary & Lauren Ludwig##imported-end##*

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Candy, Jada, & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.

Stephanie  
(friend of Spencer family)##imported-begin##Stephanie  
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“ My condolences to your whole family. It's been 14 years since I last spoke with Steve but the impact he had on my life while students at LCC will always be treasured. Steve will always have a place in my heart and I look forward to one day seeing him again. May God grant your family peace during this time.

Bob##imported-begin##Bob Woodard##imported-end##

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“ Steve made such an impact on our gang here at Inner City Mission. We are praying that God brings to you all the comfort that only He can bring.##imported-begin##Jeff Higginson##imported-end##

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“ My family grieves for your loss. He was larger than life, and you all should be proud to be the family of such a great servant of our Lord. Our world was truly a better place with him here.##imported-begin##Christopher Gadomski (& family)##imported-end##

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“ I am a friend of Chris Berlet, and I am offering my condolences to Robert Szoke's family and I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my Grandma to cancer 09-16-06, and I understand what you must be going through. I pray you all pull through this sad time.##imported-begin##Siobahn Hurley##imported-end##

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“ Few people have impacted my life as positively as Steve. I will never forget all of the great times that we had; from camp LRCA to Garden of the Gods. I have never met a more amazing and selfless person.##imported-begin##Gabriel Mauch##imported-end##

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“ ##imported-begin##John & Joan Siegworth##imported-end##

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“ We would like to convey our sympathy to you and your family. We always enjoyed Steve when he was at our Church.  
In Christian Love,  
(Lydia's grandparents)##imported-begin##John & Joan Siegworth##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Candy, Jada and family. My deepest sympathy on your loss of Steve. I never met him but heard the greatest things from your mother and now reading all the Memorials to him, he was truly a Man of God. I know you will miss him beyond measure but may his life also give you the strength to carry on. God Bless, Jana Gillstrom###imported-begin##Jana Gillstrom###imported-end##

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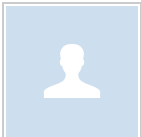
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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Szoke family. Although I did not know Steve well, I do know he was a servant and a friend of God. My prayers will be with you all in this moment of need.###imported-begin##Jay Mann###imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Candy,  
I admire your strength while going through such a difficult time and now tragic loss. You have always had such a cheerful spirit. I didn't know Steve very well, but from what I have read, he served our Lord with a beautiful and authentic sold out for Jesus passion. God Bless you and your family.  
Love, Amy###imported-begin##Amy Nava (Sherwood)###imported-end##

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“Well done, my good and faithful servant!” Steve, you’re certainly hearing those words right now. Praise God! Thanks for your friendship, bro. You will be missed.

Candy, we have prayed for your family daily over the last year, and our prayers will continue for you and Jada as you mourn the loss of Steve. We love you.##imported-begin##Ben and Beth Ann (Puckett) Crouse##imported-end##

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“ We don’t even know what to write here, but want Candy, Jada, Bob and Lorraine to know that we love them and are constantly thinking and praying about them. May God give you the peace you truly need.##imported-begin##The Gdomskis##imported-end##

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“ thank u pastor steve for bringin jesus into my life and thank u for all the great and very cool services every sunday i missu and will see u again one day##imported-begin##abby robbs daughter who steve prayed for##imported-end##

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“ Steve will be missed, but not forgotten. The strength that he showed with his courageous battle will continue to strengthen all who knew him. Knowing that he is pain free and enjoying his new Home is helpful. I want all of Steve’s loving family to know that I will continue to pray for the strength that will be needed with their future.##imported-begin##Yvonne Bisbee##imported-end##

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“ may he rest in peace for all internity  
ill miss him awesome guy###imported-begin###david klee###imported-  
end##

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“ Steve has brought many to the Lord and will be greatly  
missed. Although we can no longer enjoy him on Earth  
he is in a better place, with no pain. He will always  
have a place in our hearts.###imported-begin###Kelli  
Downey###imported-end##

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“ Steve will be missed, I talked to him on numerous occasions about  
the lord and he was a very blessed man. My prayers are with your  
family.

God Bless###imported-begin###Issaac McCurn (Devin  
Raze)###imported-end##

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“ My heart is broken over the death of Steve. He was always so good to me. He helped me with my own battle with cancer. Even though we had different faiths and spiritual beliefs he always accepted me and loved me for who I am. It will take a long time to truly come to terms with his passing. My heart and prayers go out to his family. God Bless everyone.##imported-begin##Cathee Helfenbein##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Steve always was a strong leader and true example of what a Man of God is all about! Your legacy will continue - you have truly touched many lives and you will live on in all of us!##imported-begin##Josh Anderson##imported-end##

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“ Our hearts grieve with you because he has gone on to the Father ahead of us, but rejoice that he will be enjoying the Father's presence for eternity!##imported-begin##Kenneth and Shirley Bennett##imported-end##

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“ We send our love and sympathy to Candy and Jada as well as Bob and Lorraine and all members of Steve's extended family. We are grateful that God allowed our lives to be enriched by the privilege of knowing Steve and counting him as a friend.##imported-begin##Matthew and Kim Rogers##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember the times that we worked together at the senior high week at camp over the years, and at the Cayma events.##imported-begin##James and Nicole Sopher##imported-end##

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“ Candy, my condolences to you, Jada and the rest of the family. I hope to be there for at least visitation, but if not, then I'll try and come by sometime afterwards. Steve was one of my closest friends, and from now on, I will do my best to make him proud as a way of remembering him.##imported-begin##Chris##imported-end##

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“ Steve was one of those guys that could always lighten up a room. It was truly an honor and privilege to meet him. Like I heard yesterday "we must take solace in knowing that an angel has accomplished his mission here and returned home to do further good deeds" I couldn't have said it better myself. He is at peace with the Lord now, and that I hope that the vision of Impact Christian Church can carry on.##imported-begin##Francisco Cartagena##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you forever Candy, Jada, and family. Your husband has been such an inspiration in my life and all that he taught me about God, ministry, life, and holding strong to God no matter what. I will hold on to forever. Thank you Candy for being such a loving and caring wife that took care of him the whole way through. You will make it Candy. The family is praying. If you need anything let us know. God is with you!!! My prayers are with you!###imported-begin##Corey Marsee###imported-end##

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“ Words cannot do Steve justice. He had a deep passion for God, his family and for ministry...exactly the way it ought to be. To have the privilege of knowing Steve can only be regarded as a rich spiritual blessing. Steve Szoke was a devoted husband, father, and pastor: a leader of men and a true friend to all. He was the best.

Rest in the Lord, brother...I'll see you soon.###imported-begin##Jon Spencer###imported-end##

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“ Candy, I cannot be more sorry than to know that you and Jada have to carry on without Steve here on earth. I know where Steve lives now, and I know you two will see him again. In the meantime, may God's supernatural strength surround you. I regret that I cannot attend Steve's memorial service. Love in Christ,  
Georgia###imported-begin##Georgia Kurko###imported-end##

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“ We have been following Steve's battle through E-mail updates from Christina(Cheri's cousin). We are very saddened by the news, but, can see the blessing in the end of the pain.##imported-begin##Roger and Cheri (Oslin) Smith##imported-end##

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“ For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that all who believe in Him shall not perish but live forever. Steve is now with his heavenly Father and is now pain and worry free. He will now be able to look over his flock for the rest of times. God bless you Steve. We love you and all you stood for. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Powell##imported-end##

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“ Rest in Peace Botch....my brother of the ring, may God comfort your family in this time of sorrow##imported-begin##Randy Klemme aka Uncle Ernie##imported-end##

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“ One can only hope to live a life as meaningful, as memorable, and as full as Steve lived. He certainly embodied the fruit of the Spirit. He had a great family to support his chosen lifestyle - a shepherd in search of that one lost sheep.##imported-begin##Alan Kirkpatrick##imported-end##

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“ Steve was definitely a man who left an impression on everyone he met. He loved life. He loved his family. He loved his friends. But most of all he loved God. I can not express my sympathy enough with words. My prayers are with the entire family.

Won't it be wonderful when we are all reunited in Heaven and he welcomes us with a "dropped elbow"?##imported-begin##Angi (Hood) Goodwin##imported-end##

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