



## Channing Craig Hitchcock

December 4, 1966 - November 21, 2013

HITCHCOCK, Channing 46, Died Nov. 21, 2013. He was born on December 4, 1966, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was the beloved father of Nathan, son of the late Ned and Catherine Hitchcock, dear brother of Cameron (Rebecca), Christine (Brian) Stehlik, Cynthia (Anson) Asoka, Claudia, Curtis (Georgina) and Chauncey (Fara), and proud uncle of 12 nephews and nieces. Visitation Sun. 3-9pm. Funeral Mon. 9:00am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. (Shelby Township) 54880 VanDyke @ 25 Mile Rd. Interment Monday, 3:00pm at Catholic Cemetery at 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tributes to Right to Life of Michigan are welcome. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I hope I'm not too late to pass on a memory. Just last night I thought of Channing and wanted to try to find him. My husband and I sponsored Channing while he was at the Air Force Academy. My son Jimmie was about 7 years old then and Channing treated him as a friend. When my husband died in 1993 Channing got in touch with me to offer support and then we lost touch. I'm so saddened about his passing. He was a wonderful person. My prayers for him now will continue.

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**Donna Schoon** - October 19, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ I apologize that I am sending this so many years after Channing passed away. I only knew Channing for a brief period in both of our lives. I attended the United States Air Force Academy with him and played Football and Baseball there with him. We both were struggling to find our identity in a very challenging environment. We bonded through our struggles and survived with humor and good natured insults - and nobody was spared. We both became quite good at imitating some of our Instructors, Coaches and peers. I was able to spend one of the most unforgettable 4th of July weekend with Channing in Michigan. I wasn't sure we would survive - but we did with lots of laughs and memories made. Sadly, that was the last time I saw Channing in 1987. I reconnected briefly in the early 1990s over the telephone, but then we lost touch again. I do not know the circumstances of his death but I am saddened to know he left the earth at such a young age. Channing, rest peacefully brother. I am looking forward to laughing with you again. Mark Swentkofske

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**mark swentkofske** - August 25, 2020 at 07:47 AM

MF

“I am another teammate of Channing's from high school. It was a privilege to play baseball with Channing, share in so many great moments with him that I will never forget and to be counted among his friends. My deepest sympathy to all of Channing's loved ones. God bless you Channing and may He bring comfort to those of us mourning your passing.”

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**Mike Fici** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“I just heard about Channing's passing. Channing was a dear friend of mine during high school at Bishop Gallagher. Our lockers were next to each other and we often spent our time laughing and joking. During our senior year we spent a great deal of time together at dances and sporting events. After graduation we went to different colleges but kept in touch. My family and I could always count on a visit from Channing on Christmas eve - we all looked forward to spending time with this wonderful person. As the years passed we lost touch but I often thought how lucky I was to have a friend like Channing. He had a deep integrity, intellect, and sense of humor. He was a gifted athlete, committed friend, and loyal brother. Thanks to facebook, Channing and I reconnected a while ago - Thankfully I found him exactly the same- kind, humble, solid. Words cannot express the deep sadness I feel about his death. But I am comforted by the fact that he has gone "HOME". Rest in peace old friend. Beth Hayner Trerotola  
Class of '85  
Wilmington, DE, Nov.25,2013”

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**Beth Mary Trerotola** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“I am very sorry to hear about the sad news and your loss. I had the honor of getting to know Channing in class, playing sports together and becoming good friends while at Bishop Gallagher High School. Channing was a talented and hard working young man while also being a good friend. My prayers and thoughts are with the Hitchcock Family and close friends during this difficult time. - Jim Borri  
Bishop Gallagher, Class of 85  
Ada, Michigan  
The Borri Family, Jim, Kim (wife), Brianna (daughter) and Sam (son)”

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**Jim Borri** - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“I just heard the very sad news. I have not seen Channing for 20+ years, but I think back to playing high school baseball with him and I smile. Channing was the type of teammate that everyone should have the opportunity to play with. He exemplified so many unique qualities as an athlete, and in doing so, he set an example for those who played beside him. Dependable. Humble. Incredibly athletic. Loyal. Smart. Funny. Caring. Committed. Tough. Always hustling --- always. Encouraging. Strong. Nice. It was a privilege playing baseball with him. My deepest condolences go out to Channing's family.”

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**Dave Peralta** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“My prayers are with the Hitchcock family. Channing was a big part of the BG baseball program and an honor to coach him. A true gentlemen. God Bless you Channing.”

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**Jim Bresciami** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“Nathan, and siblings of Channing, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you all cope with the loss of your father and brother....a truly great friend and guy!

Channing and I became suite mates in the fall of '87 and our friendship began and grew from that point on. I will cherish my memories of countless games of Skip-Bo with fellow suite mates Rich Barth and Tom Hostetter; on and off-campus parties and numerous road trips. He was a crack shot as demonstrated on our target shooting adventures to 'lost nations', and his tutoring was a big reason I survived Integral Calculus. Endeavors I considered difficult seemed to come easy to him and rarely did I see him stress too much about anything. A 10 page essay or a final exam...no problem...he seemed to handle it all in stride. I was envious. Though I wish I'd seen more of Channing over the years since college I'm grateful for the visits we had and it was great that we connected a few years back enrolling our children at Hillsdale. Nathan, if you make it to the York, PA. area anytime in the future please look us up through Hope, and thank you for informing us of your fathers' passing. I'm going to miss him a lot. Hang in there and know that your father will always be looking over you."

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**Don Stone** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“I was shocked when I read Channing's obit. I did not have Channing in any of my classes but I do remember him on the football and baseball fields. He was a kind gentle giant. I notified some of the teachers. Ms Lori Faison and Mr Tom Lutostanski both mentioned what a kind young man he was. Tom also said he was a great football player. Please accept our sympathies on the too soon passing of Channing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his son."

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**Kathleen Carlson** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“I heard about Channing's passing today and I am very sad. This type of news stops you in your tracks and makes you reflect on, not only your own life, but the lives of people who have made you who you are. Channing had an incredibly positive impact on my life. I spent a lot of time working, sweating, crying, laughing, bleeding and celebrating with Channing on both the football and baseball teams at Bishop Gallagher. No matter what the outcome of our efforts on the field, I always knew that Channing had my back on or off it. That is what a true friend and teammate is, in life. He was one of the best I have ever had. I wish to extend my condolences to his family and especially to his young son. Please tell Nathan that his father was a warrior and he has an incredible legacy to follow in life. (Cameron: we met in Glen Ellyn, IL a long time ago and I remember telling you how much I loved your brother. I am sorry that our next connection is coming over this medium) God bless you as you celebrate Channing's life-I wish I could be there with you all. All the best,  
Chris Ryan  
Bishop Gallagher 1984  
Tampa, FL”

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**Chris Ryan** - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“i heard about the tragic passing of channing. i went to bishop gallagher with him and i am very sad at this news. he was always very kind to everyone and a real terror on the football field, god bless you and your family”

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**doug bushor** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

*“I knew and played football with Channing at Galagher. He was a year younger than I but had a maturity and respect that was both admirable and infectious on our team. I have been involved in high school football for a number of years and often tell of the times when I was never hit harder by a nicer person than Channing in our practices. I am very sorry sorry for the family's loss and please know that my prayers are with you.”*

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**Dan Garr** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

*“I just heard the awful news; my heart breaks for you all. My whole family sends their love and deepest condolences. Channing was my Foley homecoming date our Senior year, and I will always remember his sense of humor and that grin! May he rest in peace.”*

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**Catherine Ehr** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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*“I went to Bishop Gallagher with Channing. I remember what a kind person he was. I'm so sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace”*

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**Laura Rizzo** - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM