

## Jay Michael McKee Scholarship

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**Established in 2009 by Ms. Danese McKee**

Dear Endowed Scholarship Recipient,

It gives me great pleasure to give you a glimpse into Jay Michael's life and some background into why this scholarship was established. Jay, aka "Jay Bird", was born on 7-11-81. He loved his family and the Lord, and was extremely close to his grandparents. Many hours were spent fishing at Lake Whitney from the houseboat, deer hunting in Mason County, and woodworking in his granddaddy's workshop. Later, surfing was added to this list during his years at TAMUG.

College was a difficult time, but Jay persevered 6 years, the last 2 on the Dean's List. He faced many life challenges and obstacles, yet landed his dream job at an international shipping company. He moved to Bremen, Germany, where he worked, traveled, and lived life to its fullest until his unexpected passing at age 26.

Jay Michael's scholarship was established by me, his mom, and many others who loved him, to ensure that his legacy will endure into the future. Jay lived a big life for a shortened amount of time on this Earth. Go for your dreams, never give up and live with purpose. It is my hope and prayer that Jay's scholarship will enrich your life.

God bless you,

Danese (McKee) Dunaway  
*Jay's loving Mom*