



William Thomas Woidat

April 7, 2000 - March 25, 2024

William Thomas Woidat, age 23, of Lake Bluff, Illinois passed away March 25th, 2024.

William was born on April 7th, 2000, to Thomas and Colette Woidat in Lake Forest, IL. He grew up in Lake Bluff and graduated from Lake Forest High School in 2018, where he balanced a rigorous AP course load, excelled as a pitcher on the varsity Scouts baseball team, and served as an assistant coach for youth travel baseball programs.

Growing up, William was an avid sports lover and natural athlete. In addition to baseball, which was the focal point of his athletic pursuits, William loved playing basketball, golf, and tennis in his leisure time. He also found solace in distance running outside, especially at the Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve at Elawa Farm. William's favorite sports teams were the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls, and he enjoyed cheering them on and chirping their opponents when watching the games with family and friends.

William graduated from the University of Dayton in 2023, earning a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematical Economics while participating in intramural sports and the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

William will also be remembered for his passion for music, which included a

love of sharing newly discovered genres and songs and attending concerts with loved ones. His immense degree of empathy, compassion, gentleness, and kindness to everyone he encountered fostered many lifelong friendships from both the Lake Bluff/Lake Forest community as well as the University of Dayton. He was incredibly close with his immediate family members and always made them a priority, along with his affectionate and supportive girlfriend, Olivia.

William is the loving son of Thomas E. Woidat and Colette M. Woidat (nee Szmergalski); cherished brother to Emily (Morgan D'Arcy), Elizabeth, and Katherine Woidat; adored grandson of Frank P. and Marilyn Woidat (nee Giedemann), and the late Raymond and Cecilia M. Szmergalski (nee Kluk); beloved nephew of 12 aunts and uncles and cousin to 16.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL, preceded by a visitation at the Church beginning at 9:30 AM.

The Mass will be livestreamed at the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/eXXhGce8qrA?feature=share>. Interment will be private.

For further information – please call Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or visit their website at www.RTfunerals.com.

Memorial contributions in William's name may be made to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 671 South Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085 or at www.catholiccharities.net

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary
175 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Mass

APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Mass Livestream in memory of William Thomas Woidat*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - March 28, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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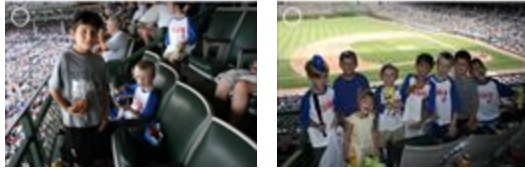
“ *I was thinking about Will recently. He will be in my memory as someone who worked very hard in his classes and capstone, showing so much perseverance. I've attached a picture of him presenting his poster from his capstone project (photo courtesy of Dr. Higgins)."*



Professor Veliz-Cuba - January 06 at 02:33 PM



“ *When the boys were little, we took them to a cubs game....little will proudly wore his Sox shirt!*



Kate Manfred - April 03, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JW

“ *Dear Woidat Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of William through Nancy Morley, my friend and colleague. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

William will obviously always be remembered for his kindness, warmth, and gentle spirit. I'm certain he touched the lives of so many in such meaningful ways, leaving behind cherished memories that will be treasured forever.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you navigate this time of grief. Find comfort in the love and support of those around you and may the memories of William bring you solace in the days ahead.

With deepest sympathy,

Jim Watt

Jim Watt - April 02, 2024 at 07:07 PM

RW

*Dear Tom , Collette. &
Family ,*

*I am so saddened by your heartbreaking pain. May the God
Lord protect your family. No parent.*

*You are all in our I wish I would have known, I would have come to the
service . If I thought you wanted me there, someone would have called
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

God Speed, God Bless.

Peace ,

Rachel Woidat

Rachel Gaye Woidat - April 11, 2024 at 05:16 AM

EB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Emmet Brady - April 02, 2024 at 12:04 PM

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“ *I am lucky to know Will from his early years as a next door neighbor
and more recently because of his close friendship with my son
Emmet. I am profoundly grateful he has been in my life. I share
Will's unwavering loyalty to the Chicago White Sox and many's the
evening I was glad Will came over to watch the game and (mostly)
commiserate. You've a wonderful gift for spreading happiness Will
and you inspire me to try and do the same. Thank you, pal.
Mr. Brady*

Francis M Brady - April 02, 2024 at 08:42 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Alicia Streightiff - March 30, 2024 at 11:08 PM