



Evan Nicholls Hines

August 12, 2020

Evan Nicholls Hines, beloved son of Caroline Nicholls Hines and Dennis August Hines, brother of Andrew August Hines died August 12, 2020 at his home in Gainesville.

Evan was born in Gainesville. He attended J.J. Finley Elementary, Howard Bishop Middle School, graduating from Gainesville High School in 2012. Evan played tennis, baseball, and football for GHS and he rowed one year for GAR, the local rowing team. His favorite sport was baseball. He played several years on a local AAU team “The Gainesville Gators”. Even though he was a FSU fan he sold beverages with his friends at UF football games and attended countless Gator baseball games. Evan and Andrew enjoyed a mutual love of sports.

Evan was energetic, loving and a generous, caring friend. He loved living down the street from his oldest friend Holden James Kortus. They spent many hours on their bikes, playing outdoors and exploring the numerous creeks in the Florida Park neighborhood.

He learned to cook from his mother, Caroline and grandfather Jay. He developed and applied these skills under the guidance of Bert Gill at Mildred’s Big City Food, John Prosser at Civilization, and Adam Fehrenbacher at Fehrenbacher’s Artisan Sausage. We are eternally grateful to those who loved Evan and helped him grow in his career.

Evan was an animal lover and had grown up with many dogs and cats. He cared deeply for all his pets but the animals he loved the most were his family dog Rose and his cat Dude he shared with Whittni.

While not known for his love of reading, Evan loved the Harry Potter book series and listened to the audio books numerous times while driving to and from Virginia.

Evan was an avid outdoorsman. He spent many summers in Yorktown, Virginia with his grandparents and brother at his family’s cottage on the Poquoson River. Many hours were spent fishing and crabbing with cousins, uncles and friends. He learned to hunt in

Fredericksburg, Virginia at Buckridge Farm with his uncle Jim and family friend J. Kenneth Bowman. We remember fondly many camping trips with family friends and celebrations spent at the Carr Farm in Micanopy.

Evan's impish grin and twinkle in his eyes will be missed by anyone who knew him.

Evan is survived by his parents, Dennis August Hines, Caroline Nicholls Hines, brother Andrew August Hines and his paternal grandmother Eileen C. Hines. His uncles Patrick James Hines, Jay Clarkson Dewing and James Douglas Dewing. Aunts Michelle Ann Hines, Susan Phillips Dewing and Maria King Dewing. Cousins Ian Patrick Hines, Katelyn Elizabeth Wagner, Carra Julia Dewing and Colleen Nicholls Dewing.

He is also survived by his fiancée Whittni Elizabeth Hostetler of Sarasota, Florida. They planned to marry in 2021 at the Baughman center in Gainesville.

He is predeceased by his grandparents Jay Norman Dewing and Carra Nicholls Dewing, August William Hines, and his aunt Karen Elizabeth Hines.

A celebration honoring Evan's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Evan's name to: Humane Society of North Central Florida, 4205 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609 or Friends of the Crisis Center, (non-profit), P.O. Box 357284, Gainesville, FL 32635-7284.

Comments



“ I went to JJ Finely and Howard Bishop with Evan. Despite he and Holden being a year younger than my friends and I, the two of them became part of our little crew back at JJ and the EDEP. The two of them were the 4th graders who were cool enough to hang with "the big kids" and I will always cherish the memories of our childhood. I never had the pleasure of meeting his family, but I empathize deeply with their loss.

Pieter Craig - August 26, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ My memories of Evan bring a smile to my face. While he was a grade younger than me we always had tons of fun together during EDEP at jjfinley. Evan was always so kind and such a special soul. I will always remember him fondly.

Maggie DeWitt - August 24, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ My heart hurts for you, Dennis, Caroline, Andrew and Whittni. It has been quite a long time since I saw Evan, but he was such a cute shy guy when Dennis brought him in to work, or Caroline would bring the boys by if she were nearby.

I'll be keeping you all in special prayers.

Joanna Young, UF Retired

Joanna Young, UF Retired - August 23, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ My heart breaks for you Caroline, Dennis and Andrew! I'm not sure when was the last time I saw Evan but I will always remember that mischievous, 5 year old smile, and sweet little (always willing to be a helper) Kindergartner! Much love to you all!

Arlene Johnson - August 23, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ I am so saddened to learn of Evan's passing. I will always remember what a sweet, nice young man he was. While quiet, he had a smile that would light up my classroom. He was a good student, ready to try anything in art class. All of his classmates loved him. I remember his Mom working with the PTA, supporting her boys at Finley. Please know that he will hold a place in my heart always.
Louise W. Brown, art teacher, JJ Finley Elementary

Louise Brown - August 22, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ My condolences to Evan's family. I chaperoned Evan for the Gainesville Area Rowing team. Evan had such a positive spirit and was such an amazing encouragement to others on the team. Peace be with you.

Julie Furlow - August 22, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ We are so sad for your immense loss. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out for all your family, especially Caroline and Dennis.
Macky and Doug

Macky Barrett - August 21, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Evan will always be remembered as he came in the back door at Civ at walked past me with a booming: "Mister Cody! How are ya?!" in utmost sincerity, cracking that impish grin. We worked together many long shifts and Evan was my favorite coworker. We became good friends and constantly talked sports. Couldn't wait to get to work to chat about the games that weekend. I will always have that day we walked to the bar and watched the World Cup together. Evan was a great guy, a really great guy. An all American Southern man with a heart of PURE GOLD. He always checked on me in the dish pit and would nearly pester me about whether I had eaten dinner or not and how he could just pack my food to go if I didn't have time to eat. Many nights Evan helped me finish up, him and I talking for almost an hour after work. We could carry a conversation to a fault, it was always hard to say goodbye, we had so much to talk about. Evan man, rest in peace. You will be remember as a model of a class act gentleman. We had a time that will be cherished in my soul forever. Until next time my brother, journey on.

Cody Thurber

Cody Thurber - August 20, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Evan’s family and loved ones in this difficult time.
Kathy Navajas

Kathy Navajas - August 19, 2020 at 08:11 PM