

Andrew Clifford Longcoy, 18, of Heaven's View Drive, Asheville, died Sunday, July 15, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident as he was driving home from a picnic at Covenant Community Church.

Andrew graduated from AC Reynolds High School in June 2007, where he was the manager of the track, cross-country and swim team. Andrew also enjoyed photographing all sporting events. Andrew's career was in food services. He was introduced to this position during his junior year at Reynolds. He was most recently an employee in the hospitality department of the Grove Park Inn and Resort. During high school, Andrew worked part time at Oakley Elementary School cafeteria and later in the food service department of Memorial Mission Hospital.

Andrew is remembered for the joy he shared with others as the Assistant Media Coordinator of Covenant Community Church where he was an active member and avid volunteer in the music and children's ministries. His volunteer work at in the church media department introduced an interest, which guided him in his pursuit to further his education majoring in digital media technology.

Surviving are Andrew's parents, Nancy Matherson Longcoy and Clifford R. "Butch" Longcoy III; his sister, Emma Longcoy; his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Martha Matherson of Hayesville; his paternal grandparents, Clifford and Barbara Longcoy of Asheville; his aunts and uncles, David Matherson of Franklin, Charlene and Noland Smith of Murphy, Pat and Philip Cocke, Barbara Ann and Victor Smith of Asheville.

Andrew Longcoy was someone who loved life and lived it with no regrets. He had an incredible love of the Lord which he showed daily through the way he treated others, lived his life, and through countless hours of service to the church. Andrew could make anyone smile, no matter what your mood, and as soon as he walked into a room he brightened it. He was an amazing son, brother and friend. Andrew's final day of life began with him dancing before the Lord at church that morning to dancing before the Lord in Heaven forever. He will be missed dearly by all of the lives he touched. Services were Thursday, July 19, with a Celebration of Life memorial from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed immediately by receiving of friends and family until 9:30 p.m., at Covenant Community United Methodist Church, 11 Rocket Dr., Asheville, NC 28803.

Donations may be given to Andrew's love, the Covenant Community United Methodist Church.

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