



For where your  
treasure is, there  
your heart will be also.  
Matthew 6:21 (ESV)



## Ira Lawrence

Born to Jesse & Julie Lawrence  
October 20, 2006~Mount Vernon, Washington

Passed Away  
September 5, 2020~Sidney, Montana

Services  
11:00AM Wednesday September 16, 2020  
Assembly of God Church  
Wattford City, North Dakota

Officiating  
Pastor Sheldon McGorman

Music  
David Lawrence

Casketbearers  
Jackson Long   Liam Shannon   Kiaran Olson  
Isaac Lindberg   Eli Lawrence  
Corban Stiles   Elisha Bazzle   Damon Stiles

Honorary Casketbearers  
All of Ira's Beloved Cousins

Ushers  
Terry Kellogg   Perry Ecker

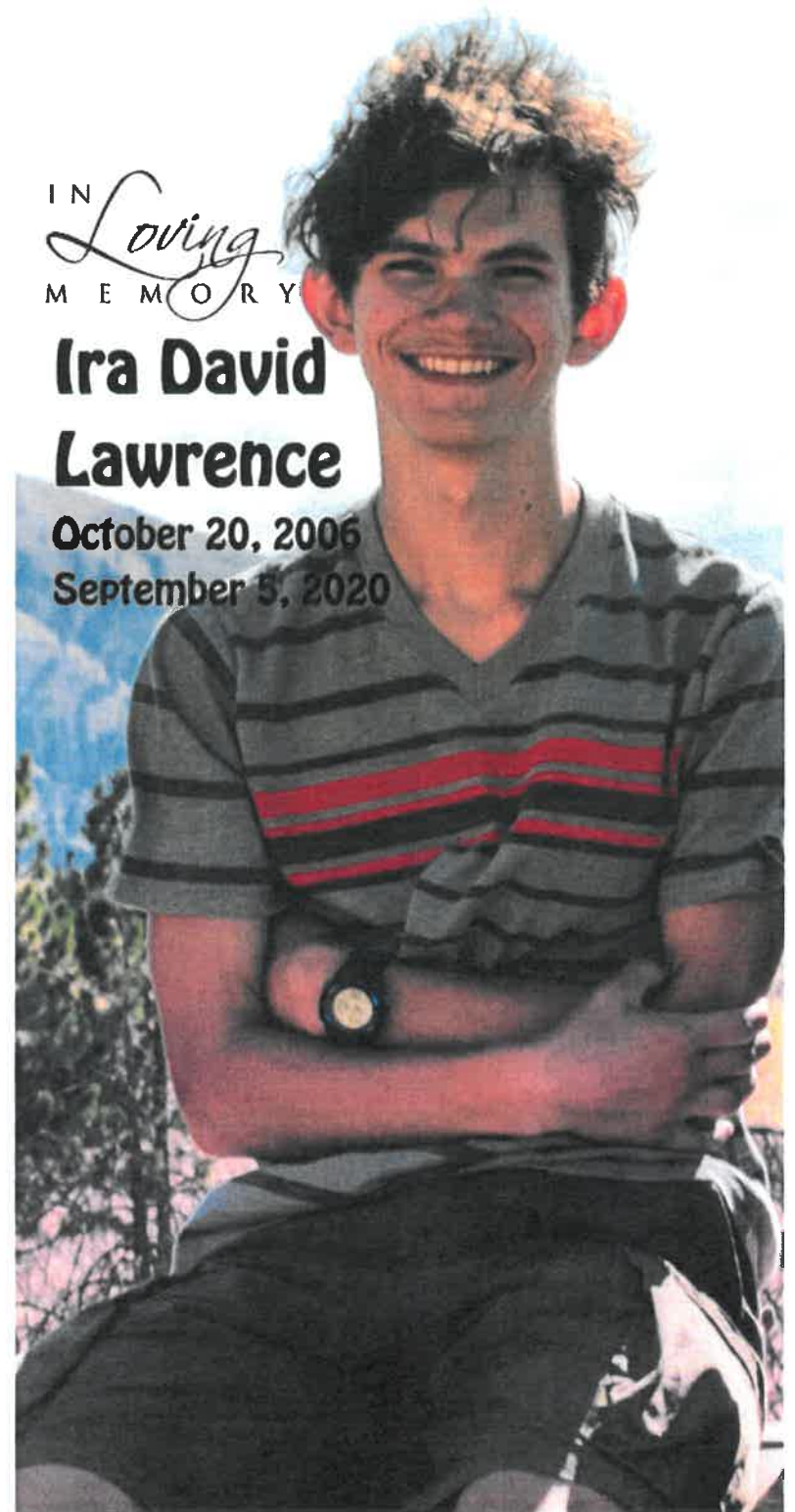
Final Resting Place  
Garden Lutheran Church Cemetery  
Rural Wattford City, North Dakota

Luncheon will be served following the  
funeral services.

IN  
*Loving*  
MEMORY

## Ira David Lawrence

October 20, 2006  
September 5, 2020



*Dedicated to: Ira David Lawrence*

*"He knows our graceful Lord almighty, his brave heart, so humble, so caring and so full of love. He inspires so many... with his shield of strength. He is safe, in our Fathers arms. Eternal life carries his soul like a bird that flies above the ocean".*

*Too young, his beautiful soul now belongs to our merciful Savior. As for us still here in our earthly bodies, our Lord whispers through the beauty of this life.. through the trees and their warm smell, the wind as it touches our faces, the sun as it peaks over the mountains at dawn ... our Lords voice softly whispers "Do not take any moment for granted my children. Cherish your loved ones, hug for not just a brief second but hold tight as if you will never see them again.*

*Speak only beauty and love from your lips.. encourage others even when they push you down. Be lifted up by my Holy Spirit, allow me to rule not only your Heart but your mind and entire being. Your lives here are short. Every day is a new day, so wake up slowly, watch the sunrise, take a deep breath, love yourself and love each moment as I bless you and love you unconditionally. I will lift you up, I will not let you fall." Our hearts ache for he was too young. But we trust in our Lord up above for He does everything with perfect purpose behind each happening.*

*His innocent soul is now in the heavenly place in perfect peace. Beyond perfection is where he plants his feet, carried on through eternal life. His soul beams with Gods love, his eyes so kind so pure his heart full of Jesus... Too young, too beautiful.*

*Rest your soul in Gods perfect peace, our precious Ira. You are loved by so many and you inspire everyone of our hearts.*

**Written by: Your Aunt Marissa**

Ira David Lawrence was born on October 20, 2006, in Mount Vernon, WA to Jesse and Julie Lawrence. He was the oldest son and best big brother to Simon, Asher, Jael, Ezra, and Renna Lawrence.

Ira was born into a large family on both sides. Jesse and Julie each had 8 siblings and the aunts, uncles and so many cousins added such joy to his life. He moved to Watford City, North Dakota when he was 2 and grew up not only surrounded by family, but in a close church family as well.

His favorite days included people and it was an added bonus if it was at the skate park. He also liked his slow days where he would give his full attention to his latest book. He loved to read! He kept a journal and it is a prize and a gift to his family. He was smart and enjoyed school and excelled at Latin! Ira's quiet spirit was evident to all and his genuine smile won you over instantly. His wild hair, not unlike his dads, was accompanied by a soft heart and deep emotions. He was thoughtful and considerate, never wanting to take the last of the oatmeal or the last banana on the counter.

He took his role of big brother seriously and was a great help to his mom, keeping the house clean and getting after his brothers to do the same. His loving care for them was evident to all and his siblings loved and looked up to their big brother. He brought so much joy to the household, always teasing and wrestling his brothers, often frustrating his mother! He could also keep all of them in line in the church row on Sundays! One day, Ira was struggling with the messy house and Julie was mentioning that in heaven things will be perfect, things won't be messy and you don't have to worry about any of that. Ira had a look of longing on his face and said "I can't wait to get to heaven."

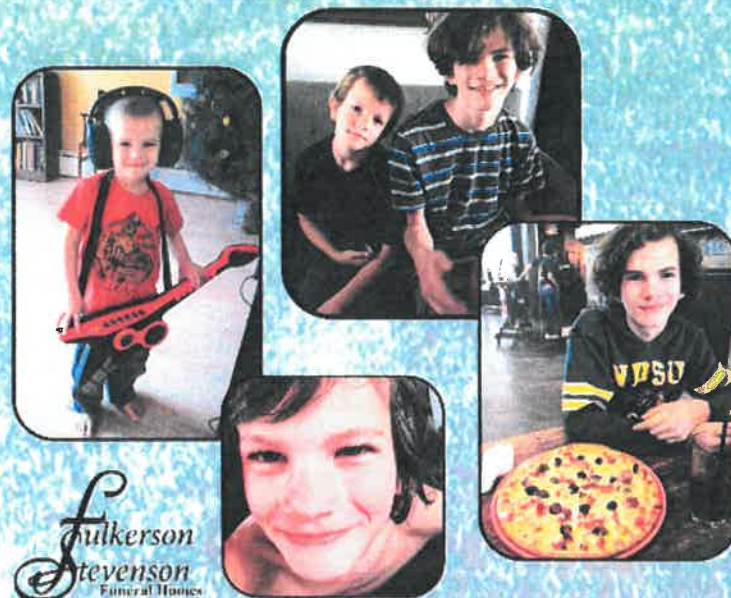
Ira loved Jesus. He exclaimed in his journal after church one day "Oh, how He sustains me!" Ira knew that "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

On Saturday, September 5th, Ira woke up early, excited to go to a birthday party with friends in neighboring Richland County, MT. They were enjoying the water on a sunny day, wading and walking in shallow water, seeing how far across the river they could go when the shallow water unexpectedly turned swift and deep, our lives were changed forever. While we mourn his loss we rejoice that he is with the One who knit him together in his mothers womb and we who are joined together in Christ know that we will see him again one day.

Ira was preceded in death by his grandma Linda Marie Stiles and great grandparents John Harrell and Mamie Stiles, Frank and Alva Lawrence, and Harris and Gloria Cornelius.

Ira is survived by his parents, Jesse and Julie Lawrence and siblings Simon, Asher, Jael, Ezra, and Renna Lawrence. Grandparents, David and Mary Lawrence and Dean and Diane Stiles. Aunts and uncles Cori & Grayson Long, Rebekah & Dale Engebretson, Nicole & Shane Shannon, Levi & Rachel Lawrence, Laura & Joey Olson, David & Abigail Lawrence - all of Watford City, ND Amber & Brock Lindberg, Bozeman, MT and Karmen & Nicholas Baker, West Chester, PA Jason & Rhea Stiles, Chelan, WA Kristy Stiles, Yucca Valley, CA Bethany Stiles, Joshua Tree, CA Jeannette Stiles, Mount Vernon, WA Benson & Tessa Stiles, Sedro-Woolley, WA Kari Stiles, Mount Vernon, WA Marissa Stiles, Lyman, WA Kathryn Stiles, Sedro-Woolley, WA and an absolute abundance of cousins. His numerous cousins truly were one of his greatest joys and he enjoyed a special relationship with them.

We will gather together to celebrate Ira's life on Wednesday, September 16 at 11 am at Watford City Assembly of God , 2117 S Main St Watford City, ND. Ira will be dearly missed by all who knew him but we are comforted that because he trusted in Christ, he is indeed in the presence of Christ, from this time forth and forevermore.



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