

Goshen teen dies in crash

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Tyler Hewes.

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GOSHEN - School will be different today for a 16-year-old Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School student whose cousin died in a car accident early Saturday morning.

Felicia Gould, of Goshen, will not see her cousin, Tyler Hewes, on the bus, in math class or at the lunch table, as was routine. He won't be there to tease her in class, demand she get his lunch or cause her to scream at him.

'I think we're all still in shock,' Belinda Gould, Felicia Gould's mother, said in her Goshen home Sunday while looking at her daughter's yearbook and family photos.

Tyler Hewes, 15, was a passenger in a 2007 Dodge pickup driven by his cousin Edward Roberts, 25, of Goshen. Roberts was driving in the area of 73 West St. around 1:40 a.m. Saturday when he lost control of the truck and it rolled over, coming to rest on its roof in a wooded area, State Police said. Hewes died at the scene and Roberts was flown to Baystate Medical Center, police said. Neither person in the truck was wearing a seat belt, police said.

A State Police spokesman said Sunday evening that it was not yet known whether speed or alcohol played a role in the crash. Roberts was released from the hospital Saturday after his brain swelling went down, a family member said.

Hewes, the son of Goshen Police Chief Jeffrey Hewes, was a sophomore in the carpentry program at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. He worked construction-related odd jobs at C.E. Roberts and Sons in Goshen and cleaned out horse stalls at Roger Fullers's Goshen barn. He was a communicant of the Our Lady of the Hills Parish at St. Mary's Church in Haydenville, and a member of the Sportsman Club at Smith Vocational, Chestferfield Hilltown

Babe Ruth Baseball Team, the Goshen Highlanders Snowmobile Club and the Bryant Little League.

Counselors at Smith Voke will meet before school starts this morning to discuss options for grieving students, which is a standard procedure the school takes after a crisis happens, said Leslie Skantz-Hodgson, director of curriculum and media instruction.

'Tyler was always a pleasure to have around,' said Ed Dolhenty, who teaches carpentry. 'He made you smile. You could see that he enjoyed being there.'

Hewes was last working on building wall shelves with drawers, Dolhenty said. Some of his other projects included a wooden hutch and two benches, which he brought to his Goshen home. Hewes' mother, Donna Hewes, also a police officer, showed her son's work to family members this Halloween.

'Donna was very proud of it. She said, 'Look what Tyler made me,' Belinda Gould said, adding that she wanted to ask him to make her one, too.

Hewes was known for his jokes and pranks. Haley Gould, 9, remembers laughing when Hewes fell into the waves at Misquamicut Beach in Rhode Island this summer. He got her good once when he asked her to blow a bubble with her gum, only to smudge it on her face.

'I had gum on my nose,' Haley said.

Hewes was also known for wearing shorts. In fact, the 'can you imagine' section of his sixth-grade New Hingham Regional Elementary School yearbook says 'Can you imagine Tyler not wearing shorts?'

'I don't think I've ever seen Tyler wear pants,' Belinda Gould said.

Even more, Hewes was known for his passion for outdoor activities. Friends of his say he enjoyed fishing, hunting and riding four-wheelers, like quads. Hewes was seen riding a quad Friday. His 4-year-old twin cousins, Jacob and Justin Gould, were excited whenever Hewes showed it to them, the boys' mom said. Hillary Koncal, a 10th-grader at Smith Vocational, went quadding with Hewes and a couple of friends once. She said Hewes was a good kid, and a good friend.

'I have no idea what school will be like tomorrow,' Koncal said Sunday. 'I don't think it will soak in until school.'

Hewes' funeral will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Ahearn Funeral Home in Northampton, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Hills Parish at St. Mary's Church in Haydenville. Calling hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tyler Hewes Memorial Fund c/o Goshen Recreation Unlimited, PO Box 23, Goshen, MA 01032.

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