



## Neal Wesley Botteron

September 10, 1994 - September 10, 2015

Neal Wesley Botteron, 21, of McKinney, TX passed away on September 10, 2015. He was born on January 26, 1994 in Hartford, CT to Linda (Howansky) and Leon E. Botteron.

A kind, generous, gentle and loving soul, Neal was happy to be with family and friends, relaxing and sharing stories. He enjoyed jokes and comedy shows and could quote lines from his favorite movies and comedians verbatim. Naturally mechanically minded, he always had a Rubik's Cube nearby. He loved to figure out how things worked and liked working with his hands. He was at home rebuilding motorcycles, and enjoyed fixing computers, working on cars or tinkering with whatever needed fixing. Neal was an avid video gamer, and was a master at playing Guitar Hero. He was athletic and was interested in mixed martial arts. Neal enjoyed riding his motorcycle and traveling. This past year he traveled solo on his motorcycle around the western US, visiting family and friends along the way. He truly experienced life in his 21 years by skydiving twice, riding motocross, flying a stunt bi-plane, driving a high speed Lamborghini, and racing a NASCAR racecar at 150 mph. He enjoyed exercise and he trained and competed in 4 half marathons, 1 full marathon and a Tough Mudder. He spent most summers on Cape Cod fishing, boating and tubing. Neal attended Heritage High School in TX where he was an AP National Merit Scholar, power lifter and track athlete. He threw shot put and held the school record for discus. He was accepted in the Engineering

Program at University of Texas at Austin, but deferred his admission to focus on his health.

Neal leaves his parents, Leon and Linda, brothers Ryan, and Eric, sister Jennifer, and faithful canine companion Halo; Aunt Lou, Uncle Joe and cousins Maggie, Joey and Angie Grabmeier; Aunt Joyce Anastasia; Uncle Andy Howansky; Aunt Vickie, Uncle Bill, and cousins Cameron, Joshua and Nathaniel Meyer; Uncle Ken, Aunt Barb and cousin Kara Howansky; grandparents Harry and Arlene Howansky; and grandmother Marjorie Botteron. Neal also leaves lots of love and many broken hearts from countless friends and family members. Neal was predeceased by his grandfather Leon W. Botteron.

A service by the Rev. David Hurst (Pastor of Grace Union Church in Wilbraham) will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2pm, at Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA. All are welcome. An online guestbook is available to share a memory of Neal or message of sympathy with his family at: [www.Rochefuneralhome.com](http://www.Rochefuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge MA.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Dear Linda and Family,  
I was heartbroken when I received your letter about Neal. I am so  
sorry and will keep you all in my prayers.  
God Bless you all,  
Marion*

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**Marion** - December 10, 2015 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ *My sincere condolences. I saw the obituary and my heart sank. He  
trained with me for about 6 months in 2011 and he impressed me so  
much with positive energy. I was sad when left to attend college.*

*I ran into him about a year ago at Autozone and took a little time to  
catch up with him.*

*Words cannot express my sympathy to all his family.*

*Jeff*

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**Jeff sawyer** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

CG

“ *Dear Linda,  
My heart is breaking for you and your family. I am so very sorry. I  
know you and Leon did everything you could for Neal and he was  
deeply loved. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with  
you, and grant you peace at this painful time.*

*Love,  
Colleen*

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**Colleen Galles** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

AD

“ Dear Linda and family,  
I am sorry about the loss of your precious son. Y'all are in my thought and prayers. I know how much he was loved and cherished by your constant concern for him. I was glad to know about all his accomplishments as well as his sweet spirit-what a special combination.

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**Amy Dreimiller** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

DS

“ Linda and Leon,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved son, Neal. My thoughts and prayers are extended to you at this sorrowful time in your lives.

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**Don Sally** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

LQ

“ The Office of the Dean of Students and the University of Texas at Austin send our deepest condolences to your family during this difficult time. Neal is in our thoughts.

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**Luis Quintero** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM

MA

“ I loved Neal deeply and kept contact with him even while he was away from home. We talked for about a hour when I would call every week. When he stopped answering I figured he was just busy. But then when I didn't receive any return calls I became very worried. I didn't know the place he was staying to contact them directly or his families contact information. I've sent several e-mails with no reply to Neal and today decided to try and find his families information when I came accross this. Emotion poored over me as I couldn't fight my tears for several hours as I had no idea my good friend had left me. Neal was very special to me and was an amazing friend. I can't imagine him gone. Just yesterday I e-mailed again saying how much I missed him and how I couldn't wait to see him again. To his family, I'm sorry for your loss and my deepest apologies for not being at his service. If only I had known...

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**Michael Adams** - December 03, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. Neal was an outstanding young man. It was a pleasure to work with him.

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November 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ We are do very sorry for your loss. He was such a great kid. So sweet! We love you guys and are praying for you.

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**Carrie Dobrinski** - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Linda, Leon, Ryan, Jenny and Eric; we are so sorry for the loss of your beloved son and brother, Neal. We pray for peace and comfort for all of you. I have only met Neal a couple of times, but knowing Linda and Jenny, we know he was much loved by all of you. Grace and peace go with with you

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**Gael, Bryan, Meredith and Barrie Mounger** - September 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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