

Wheeler, Lucas Todd

Tall, proud, athletic, bright-eyed and beautiful, Lucas Wheeler (b.1999) of Newton, MA, passed suddenly on September 11, 2017, as he slept. He was an abundantly loving and fiercely devoted son, brother and friend. He was a big brother not only to his sibling Eli, but also to all those who earned his respect and friendship. Lucas had a dry and sardonic sense of humor. While he was gracious and caring, he was also a “take no prisoners” kind of guy – having strong opinions, suffering no fools, and believing vigorously and vociferously in fairness and truth. Ever since he could move his little body, he sought to apply himself with tremendous dedication to all the things that he loved.

As a dedicated athlete, he spent hour after hour in all seasons practicing with a stick and a goal, perfecting his shot, often at the net in front of his house. He simultaneously horrified and made his family proud when he ripped one right over the top of the net, which crossed the yard and shattered the tempered glass of the front door! He had a wicked shot. He adored hockey

at an early age and benefited from the dedicated and demanding Newton Youth Hockey program coaches and crew, taking what he learned there and applying it to his love of lacrosse.

His dedication to sports influenced his selection of Brewster Academy for his last years of high school studies. Brewster reinvigorated his interest in academics, particularly the study of history. There he found a new family of friends and teachers who allowed him to blossom into a young man who was exceedingly respectful and thoughtful, developing tact without losing his critical edge. He loved his new cadre of friends and working on projects that served his community. He hoped to attend a small college that matched the family environment that he found at Brewster Academy.

He also loved to relax with his family and close friends over summers in Westport, MA. This past summer he stayed up all night and watched the sunrise on his own, falling asleep in the sun.

On his last day, his parents settled him in at Brewster for his final year, where they exchanged long warm



embraces and loving good-byes. Lucas is survived by his brother Eli Wheeler, parents Andrew and Deb Todd Wheeler, Grandmother Patricia Todd (Guilford, CT), Grandfather Robert Wheeler (Hingham, MA), and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear dear loving, heartbroken friends.

Lucas Wheeler died of undiagnosed cardiomyopathy. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Lucas' name to the American Heart Association.

A service celebrating the life of Lucas Todd Wheeler will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at 3pm at The First Baptist Church, 848 Beacon St, Newton, MA 02459.