



# Jade Prokes

MAY 7, 1973 - SEP 24, 2011



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**J**ade I Prokes, age 38, of Melrose, formerly of Numa, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 in rural Moravia. He was born May 7, 1973 in Centerville, the son of Jerome Prokes and Betty Blecher Prokes. He graduated from the Centerville High School. He attended Indian Hills Community College and a college in Nebraska. Jade was a supervisor for Graham Construction Company. He liked to hunt, to fish, including ice fishing, boat on the lake and go canoeing. He is survived by his mother Betty McVeigh of Numa, Iowa, his father Jerome Prokes (Evie) of Cincinnati, Iowa, sister Tina Martin of Centerville, brothers Justin McVeigh of Numa, Jeremia McVeigh of Numa, and John Weston of Grimes, Iowa, half brother Jerome Prokes Jr. of Red Oak, Iowa and a half sister Dawn Nielson of Red Oak, Iowa, Twila McVeigh, grandmother, numerous nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. He is also survived by a special friend, Monica McGrew of Corydon. His beloved yellow Lab of sixteen years, Jeana, also survives him. He was preceded in death by a brother, Frankie McVeigh, Geraldine Munik, grandmother, Ivan Prokes, grandfather, Marie Blecher, grandmother, Frank McVeigh grandfather, nephew, Avery McVeigh, and a close cousin, Johnny McVeigh.

### Visitation

September 29, 2011 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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### Funeral Service

September 30, 2011 11:00 AM

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:12 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:44 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

It's getting bout that time, Jade was a vey good person I always remember him making me laugh! Just wanted to let his family know I think of him and you guys all the time, Betty I see you every once and awhile you are a very stong and inspirational woman. Miss you all. Posted by Crystal Medlock - Ottumwa, IA - Friend September 23, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts to your family for the loss of Jade. He was such a nice young man and we have met him several times during our time at Lake Rathbun. We don't live there year around as we live in Dubuque, Iowa most of the year. Will always remember his kindness and smile. Truly a wonderful young man whose life ended way too soon. May God bless all of your family during this difficult time. Posted by Jack and Dianne Holmes - Dubuque,, IA - Friend October 04, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade touched so many lives in such a short lifetime. He was well known and so well-liked. I'm sure you have been overwhelmed by the multitudes of people who are there for you. Although I don't know you well (Betty , I just met you last week at your home, I'm the Alliant meter reader) I wanted to express my condolences. I loved Jade! He always seemed so mature for his age, he spoke so highly of his family I felt like I knew you thru our conversations. We had some great times at the lake and he will be missed. May God bless you in the days ahead. Posted by Janice Wright - Moravia, IA - friend October 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to hear the loss of Jade. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Posted by Chrissy moore - fremont, IA October 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

In the very short time I had in speaking with you Jade. I am still shocked. The Lord must have some things planned for you in Heaven... Take care my friend..... Rest in peace... Posted by HERB MILLER - Milo, IA - Friend September 30, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade, I will never forget your big goofy grin that could make anyone smile! Rest in peace and my thoughts and prayers are with your family. You will be missed. Posted by Jeni Strickler Tinlin - Des Moines, IA - Friend September 30, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My Thoughts and prayers are with all of you,, Betty Lou, Jon Jon, Gus and frog..... Last time I saw or spoke with Jade Was at my uncle Ted's Funeral. He DOne what Jade done best trying to cheer the Family up with his smile that would light up a whole room.. I Will never ever forget Jade and I feel very lucky that I have ALOT of memories of Jade that I will always hold near and dear to my heart.. Met Jade 1st time In Numa At my cousins when i was just a kiddo,, even way back then he would tease me about my red hair, and totally embarass me, which was his whole reasoning.. I had a secret crush on him back then;; then growing up Gus and I hung out quite a bit in High school and I was always being onrey,, Wouldnt do what any adult told me, so I found my self in foster care, or group homes,, to try to scare me.. LOL.. But guess what I always had these Numa friends that would help me get out,, and I would be freee,, maybe not legally but free) Guess where I would go Jades... He would come home from work,, see me and say oh NO its lil ms run away, what you doing here Then I start whining Jade cmon, and he would smile rreal big and let me stay, he had to tease,, i was never in any illegal trouble... But he never turned me away,, and I will Always remember that Jade didnt know a stranger, was always friendly,, and boy he could sure embarrass me and turn my face red, thinking back Jade Always brought that out in me, a bright red face.. These are just some of the little things I will always remember,, when he lived in the house on Main in Numa,, alot of GOOD times.... I pray for you all, please let god comfort you, and Im truly truly sorry for this awful tragedy,, he will always live on in everyone who knew him heart's. God Bless You All..... Much love from an old old friend;;;;; Crystal Steen Posted by Crystal Steen - moulton, IA - friend September 30, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Lord must have a really big and important job that needs doing-- Why else would he call for Jade so early By Jade, you will not be forgotten. Forever your friend Dave Brown. Posted by Dave Brown - Des Moines, IA - co-worker September 30, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and family thinking of you i am there for you if ever you need to talk Katy Posted by KAT Y WIREMAN - cincinnati, IA - friend September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

A letter to heaven - Dear Jade, We will for sure miss your never ending smile that seemed to catch the hearts of us all! Sonny & I have shared many memories with you. My favorite is one night you continued to say you couldn't dance, but I finally proved you wrong when I got you on the dance floor! We never got that that chance hear on earth again, but I expect you to be waiting for me when it's my time to join you in the loving arms of heaven..... Posted by Shanna Schroeder - IA - Friend September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I always loved to see Jade out and about whenever I came home to Iowa and loved to catch up with him wherever I saw him. His friendly smile and magnetic personality will always be remembered. My deepest sympathies go out to his family- you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Posted by Katie Sheston - Phoenix, AZ September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, family and friends....this is a terrible loss for you all and I am praying for each of you. Posted by JeNel Allen Barth - Class of 1991 - CHS September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade, you will be missed. Your smile always lit up a room. Thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rest in peace. Posted by Jessica Montegna-Terry - Cincinnati, IA - friend September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To Jade's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Jade's passing is a great loss, and he will be missed so much. I met him a few years ago and was amazed at how many people he knew and how many friends he had at such a young age. Jade was a good person with a big heart and I am so glad I had the opportunity to know him. I have to share one of my favorite memories of Jade that will hopefully bring a smile to you. We were going out of town (not far at all) with a group of friends one night to watch an event. Another friend who liked to plan things out in detail had printed directions to the town we were going, which even I knew how to get to! Jade was driving and as we were headed there, the friend handed Jade directions telling him he found the best route to take that would get us there the quickest. Jade took the directions, threw them out the window and said I don't plan life, I live it! We all cracked up! I hope you can find comfort in the great stories you hear about Jade, and that we will be with him again one day.

Posted by Terri Thomas - Albia, IA - Friend September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Betty & Family & Jerry & Family Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. For a young man Jade at set more landmarks and friendships then most people do in an 100 years. His smile was one that when you meet stayed with you forever. May God find the strength and encouragement to help Jades family and friends to get through this trying time! Posted by Richard & Margie Stewart - Cincinnati, IA - friend September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade was happiest person I've ever met....as I sit back and and think about memories we have from our younger yrs I don't know if I ever remember him being unhappy. He was always there for anyone. It not going to be the same without him I'm going to miss his smile and running into him and Jeana whether it be pumping gas or at his moms. My entire family is very fortunate to have so many memories with him and his family. We love you all and have been and will continue to be here for you all. Posted by Misti Russell September 29, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Although I only met Jade a few times, I know from what people say and the times I did meet him that he was a guenuine guy, like my dad. I know he knew my father. I know that maybe they are up there together with my dad and his passed before him, showing Jade the ropes. So much sadness lately. I am so sorry Betty, Justin, and Frog. I know that therer are no words to heal any of the wounds, so I will keep you in my prayers and think about him with my dad. Posted by Lyndsay Oehler - Centerville, IA September 29, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade will be missed by all who knew him. He was fun as well as ornery and loved a good time.His friends were very important to him. Our prayers go out to those friends as well as his family. May God be with us all. Bob & Suebee. Posted by Suebee and Bob Myers - Melrose, IA - Friends September 29, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

to all of Jade's family, He was such I nice buddy of ours he will be missed Posted by DOUG & DARLENE MCLEY - melrose, IA - a good friend September 28, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry for your loss and condolences to the family, Jade was a good guy. Posted by Jason Briggs - Mloulton, IA - Friend September 28, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jade will always be rememberd for his welcoming smile. He was always friendly and spoke to you by name. He would always have a hunting story to tell and would share his morning news paper with us! Sadly missed! Posted by Clarke County Hospital Surgery Staff - Osceola, IA - friends September 28, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

You're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Remember the good times and all the memories. Posted by Wanda Parcel (Hamilton) - Grain Valley, MO - classmate Class of 1991  
September 28, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I haven't seen Jade in many, many years, but reflecting on him during our school years together makes me remember how much fun he was to be around and that he had a smile that made you want to smile too. May family members find comfort in the many memories that you shared together with Jade. Posted by Paula Heber (Butkovich) - Walford, IA - FriendClassmate  
September 28, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Betty and family at this difficult time. Jade was a wonderful, kind person; always with a smile. Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that Jade will never be forgotten. Posted by Jeremy and Erika (Maletta) Fogle - Corydon, IA - friend  
September 28, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, I have no words to comfort your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Posted by Lorrie (Seddon) Owens September 28, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty & Family I will always remember Jade for his smile & friendliness. He didn't know a stranger. I am glad to have been able to know him thru all our school years. May the memories help you thru this hurtful time. Posted by Kathi (Maletta) Crew - Centerville, IA - Friend Classmate Class of 91  
September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I will always remember Jade, the way he always was smiling and making others smile. He was my first crush in high school!! He was a senior and I was a freshman. One night he and I and a couple others went out and got stuck at the resevoir and of course Jade and I were the ones who had to walk back. We walked back to Grandma Marie's so I could call my mom. We had a blast he had to carry me because I was scarred of the cows and to cross the creek, but we laughed and giggled the whole way. I will always have great memories of Jade and the many fun times we had. My heart goes out to Betty, Jon Jon, Justin and Frog you are in my prayers and thoughts. Posted by Tara Buckallew - CentervilleMoravia, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, I am so sorry to hear of Jade passing. Everytime I seen him he always mention the time we were cutting wood South of Numa. And I dropped a small tree landing it with one limb on each side of him. He will be missed by all the people he touched. May god be with you and guide you in your time of need. Posted by Jerry Coatney - Mystic, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your memories give you peace.  
Posted by Dennis & Bev Sisul Laurson - Centerville, IA September 27, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty & Family, So sorry to hear about Jade. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Posted by Tony & Wendy Argenta - Centerville, IA - friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Gone too soon and way too young. Jade was such a friendly good-natured person, and we were lucky to have known him and been able to call him friend. Unfortunately we did not see him often enough since we are only part-timers at Lake Rathbun. Our prayers are with Jade's family at this time. May you find comfort in knowing how many lives Jade touched in such a positive way. He always had a smile and time to chat and was ready and willing to lend a helping hand. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten! Posted by Dawn & Jim Conlan - Des Moines, IA - friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

May God wrap His arms around you and comfort you. Find Peace in knowing how wonderful of a young man Jade was. So kind and loving and a smile that we will never forget. Posted by Karen Fitzgerald - Perry, IA - friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I was fortunate to have worked with Jade through our most recent remodels at Clarke County Hospital. He was a very kind and pleasant person to get to know. He was always very polite and always had a smile even on a bad day. We shared a lot a memories from places and friends that we both knew. He will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jades family and close friends . Posted by Kathy Lyons - Leon, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jade's family. We are so sorry for your loss. Posted by Dennis & Charla Kepner September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Jade is one of my oldest friends. Never a dull moment, from staying over at each other's houses trading ball cards & Nerf basketball games to our visit to Graceland College (we were asked never to come back) to summer nights cruising around the lake. I was lucky to be along with him on a lot of good times for both of us and I will forever cherish those times. Thoughts & prayers from my family to Betty, Jon, Justin & Frog and the rest of Jade's family. Dillon & Angela Kepner  
Posted by Dillon Kepner September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I met Jade at the Landing a few years ago, and shot several games of pool with him. It didn't take long to realize what a great person he was - and it was obvious he was liked by many. Jade had a great smile and an awesome personality. He will be missed. Posted by Molly Clark - Van Meter, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Quick to smile. Always had something nice to say. A good listener. Jade was a good friend to many, and will be missed. Posted by Les Lemley - Waukee, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Everytime I saw Jade it was always a handshake and a smile and a how you doin Andy. Jade was an awesome guy. He will be missed. Posted by Andy & Sam Robinson - Bussey, IA - Friend September 27, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and family, we are deeply sorry to hear about Jade. Our hearts goes out to you all. Take care. Posted by John & Renee Sheston - Centerville, IA September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, I have alot of good memories of Jade as we traveled through high school together, he was a good guy with a big smile! As we approach our 20 year class reunion I will be thinking of him, May you find comfort in your time of sorrow! Stacey Raskie Wade, Class of 91 Posted by Stacey Raskie Wade - Waukee, IA - classmateclass of 91 September 27, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

I couldn't go anywhere with jade that he was not known by most everybody, and not only known, but considered a friend. We had so many adventures that I will always hold near and dear. The last time I spent with him was the day of my step dads funeral. There was Jade, trying to cheer me up. I will miss him terribly, but will cherish the times we spent together and carry those memories for the rest of my life. Posted by missy gooden - centerville, IA - friend September 27, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

RIP my friend. You will never be forgotten. Posted by Dave Teno - IA September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are thinking and praying for comfort through this difficult time We love you Betty and family! Posted by Shelby Phillips - Des Moines, IA - friend September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty Lou so sorry to hear about Jade. He will always be with you in your heart . Our prayers are with you and your family. Posted by Randy & Zip McDaniel - Des Moines, IA - Freinds of Family September 26, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

aunt betty and the rest of the family im so very sorry to hear about the loss of jade... just always remember him with his big silly smile and think of the good times.. jade you will be loved and missed by our whole family very much.... Posted by Aerial Pameticky - Ottumwa, IA - cousin  
September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to Betty and the rest of Jade's family and friends. Posted by Bethony (Bills) Cockrum  
September 26, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

We are told that it is not ours to question, but I cannot help but wonder why. Jade was a ray of sunshine to me, always quick with a smile and a positive attitude, even when he knew it was something he maybe shouldn't be doing! I will miss you friend. I wish I would have taken the time to paint the bricks and I would have had one more memory. To the family and Numa community I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you. May good memories and time heal the wounds. Posted by Penny White - Seymour, IA - Friend  
September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and Family, I so for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prays. The Roma Egbert Family  
Posted by Debra Egbert Foster - Centerville,Iowa  
September 26, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

When your are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see that the truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight In having Jade as a friend i knew when i read this quote that it was all to true he was in every essence a truly great person to all.His ongoing love for people and life itself made you know why you considered him a friend a honest , caring , fun , harworking individual we all will miss but all have memories at which bring a smile to our faces and a tear to our hearts and so I will take the tears cause i would never give up the memories he left behind.My thoughts and prayers to Jades family may the memories he has left help you during this time and help to heal . Posted by Donna Westphal - Seymour, IA - Friend September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thoughts and Prayers for Betty Lou and Family!! Jade will forever be missed! Posted by Terri McCoy - Moravia September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our condolences to Jade's family. I saw him last at Elliott's in Moravia a few months ago. We talked as we pumped gas. You know, he made it very easy to like him. Quick draw smile and in dealing business with him, I have him pegged as an honest hard working Man. May God be with your family! Posted by Jerry Power - Moravia, IA - Friend September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were fortunate to have Jade with us through our most recent remodels at Clarke County Hospital. His forever smile was a nice addition to our hallways. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Posted by Michele Evink - Osceola, IA - Client September 26, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Jade was a good man and a very good friend! He will be missed by all that knew him. The Fosters Posted by Dale Foster - moulton, IA - friend September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I can not think of you, Jade, and not burst into a giggle. Your big silly grin just does that. I can't think of many times that you were not wearing that goofy smile. Thoughts and prayers go out to the McVeigh family and the entire Numa family community. RIP Jade. Posted by Kristi Shiltz Sagers - Oskaloosa, IA - friend September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. We love you and are here if you need anything at all. Posted by Moore family - Numa, IA - friends September 26, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this time in our lives. Jade was a great man. May God be with you and to help heal the pain you are all feeling. Posted by Laura Markham - newton, IA - friend September 25, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jade's family during this inconceivable time of grief. Posted by Brandon and Johanna Grenko - centerville, IA - friends September 25, 2011

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