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I am writing this letter about Chad Evans, who I am proud to say is my nephew. What started out as a family relationship, developed into thirty years of fond memories. My children and Chad were close in age and grew up together. Even in adolescence, Chad was caring and thoughtful. Thinking back, I remember one time when there were just three candy bars for Chad and his cousins to share. One particular candy bar none of the children liked. Chad willingly took that one, even though he didn't like it, and let my children have the other ones. This is just one small example of how Chad has led his entire life, always caring about others before himself.

As an adult, I have the greatest respect for Chad, as he has always been a go-getter. When he was barely out of high school himself, he became a member of his local school board, doing what he could to better his community. Then, with his enthusiasm, hard work, and leadership qualities, Chad excelled quickly in his career and rose to the top.

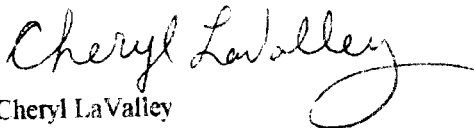
Chad also has the willingness and courage to get involved when needed. I remember when a car accident took place near his home. Chad immediately became involved and removed the person from the car without thinking about any dangers to himself.

Chad is a warm person who can walk into a room and make people feel comfortable with his cheerfulness and lighthearted humor. And, he can make friends wherever he goes, always giving more than is expected of him, and asking nothing in return. His loyalty is something you can always depend on in a time of need.

I remember how proud Chad was to become a father. First to his stepson, Brent, and then to his son, Kyle. He didn't have to tell you how much he loved them, as it was obvious when they were in his presence.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my feelings about Chad, an individual with love for family, friends, and life.

Sincerely,


Cheryl LaValley