

## Ryan Daniel Sobiech

Ryan Daniel Sobiech was killed in a tragic car accident on March 2, 2001. He is remembered as a leader at school, in sports and throughout his life. Ryan was fiercely competitive but always had a ready smile for everyone. From a house hockey player in Greensboro in 1994 to travel Midgets in Charlotte and Greensboro in 2001, Ryan believed he could do anything if shown how. Before starting his hockey career he attained his black belt in Tae Kwon Do. His determination was evident in his theatre career where he performed with the Davidson Community Players in Davidson, North Carolina as well as touring the United Kingdom with Children's Workshop Theatre of Greensboro. In 1999 Ryan joined his brother Andrew in playing lacrosse. It wasn't long before he found himself back in the net and established himself as a top lacrosse goalie in the Charlotte area and captain of his team. After home schooling for seven years Ryan decided it was time to give football a try. He entered South Iredell high school and became an honor student as well as a starting defensive end.



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But in the end, Ryan's greatest passion was the game of hockey. He was an outstanding goaltender, a true leader amongst his peers and very well respected throughout the hockey community. Ryan was blessed with a great attitude for competition and realized that teamwork and effort made for a great sporting experience. He was selected for SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS in three separate sports, a result of his strong Christian faith and character. Ryan was a very special person. He was the son that every parent would be proud of, the student any teacher would love to teach, the athlete every coach would love to coach, the big brother every kid would love to have, and the friend every peer would love to hang with. On March 2, 2002, Carolina Amateur Hockey Association dedicated the affiliate championship tournament in Ryan's memory. Now in it's 5th year, the Ryan D. Sobiech Memorial Tournament is the qualifying tournament to advance teams to the Southeastern District Tournament Championship.