

## 14-year-old with ties to area killed in pedestrian accident in Colorado

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### By Russ Pankonin The Imperial Republican

Tragedy struck the household of Andy and Karla Bauman of Parker, Colo., early Saturday night, Dec. 6 when their 14-year-old son, Logan, was struck by a car and later died.

Both of Logan's parents are former Imperial residents and continue to have strong family ties to the local community.

Logan was playing with friends when he crossed a street near his home.

According to his dad, Logan crossed the first two lanes of the highway but did not stop on the median in between. As he crossed the other two lanes, he was struck by a car.

Bauman said the boys were crossing the street in an unlit part of the street and were not in a crosswalk.

According to a report in the Rocky Mountain News Sunday, police said that excessive speed by the driver was not a factor, nor were alcohol or drugs.

Young Bauman was transported to Parker Adventist Hospital and later airlifted to Children's Hospital in Aurora. He never recovered and died from severe head trauma later Saturday night.

Bauman said that due to treatment and medicines given, donation of organs and tissues was limited to corneas.

### Cherish the memories

His dad said Monday they are learning from his friends just what he meant to them.

Andy said Logan always gave 110 percent in whatever he did, whether it was football, track or academics.

"We just have to realize we had 14 remarkable years with him and be thankful for what we've had," Bauman said.

"He made a decision that was not the best decision," he added.

Logan was an eighth grader at Sagewood Middle School, where he was active in school activities including football and band.

On the morning of his death, Logan had taken the entrance exam to attend high school at Regis High School, a prestigious private Jesuit school in Denver.

Andy recalled that he made Logan write an essay to convince him why his dad should pay for a private high school education.

Several vigils were held for Logan Sunday, including two at the site of the accident and a third at a friend's home where kids gathered to share memories about Logan.

It was at this vigil that his friends decided that since Logan wanted to attend Regis, they would collect money to establish a scholarship in his name at Regis.

The money will help someone with the expense of attending the private school.

Bauman said the kids' goal was \$250. As of Monday, the fund had climbed to more than \$1,200. He said this shows just what a phenomenal class Logan was a member of.

The family has selected the Regis scholarship fund as one of two memorial funds for Logan.

### Outpouring of support

Bauman said the support they've received from family and friends in both Imperial and Parker has been unbelievable.

Services for Logan will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Parker United Methodist Church, 11805 S. Pine Drive (at Parker Rd.) in Parker.

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Logan is survived by parents Andy and Karla and sister Alyse, all of Parker, Colo., grandparents Kent and Donita Pribbeno of Imperial, Jerry and Mary Lou Bauman of Kearney, and the late Jeralyn Bauman.

He is the nephew of Marc and Mindy Young of Cozad; Mike and Jana Pribbeno of Imperial; Doug and Tracy Pribbeno, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mike and Ann Smith, Leesburg, Ga. He is also survived by numerous cousins and friends.

Mail can be received by the Bauman family at their address: 6337 N. Mountain View Drive, Parker, CO, 80134.

People can also send condolences and sign the guest book at [www.HoranCares.com](http://www.HoranCares.com).

A full obituary of Logan Bauman appears on page 3.