



Gavin Friedrichh Witmer

April 24, 2007 - November 11, 2024

Gavin Friedrich Witmer was born in Georgia on April 24th, 2007. He almost died in childbirth and was told he would never live a normal life. Over time, he proved the world wrong, overcoming early difficulties to develop an IQ on par with our top physicists. But Gavin never possessed any arrogance nor pretense. He never met a stranger, never judged anyone, and was a coach to everyone he met. He was a source of wisdom and inspiration far beyond his years, and a master communicator and mediator of conflict.

Gavin dedicated his life to his family, his close friends, and his long-term girlfriend, who he intended to marry. In his free time, he enjoyed reading, biking, swimming, lifting weights, games, and just hanging out with friends, but performing classical, jazz, and marching music was his forte.

On November 11th, 2024, Gavin passed away in a tragic car crash after just finishing his college applications. His goals were to attend FAMU or FSU to continue his studies of jazz so that he could become a professor and live performer who would use the arts to unite disparate communities, as he was increasingly cognizant of inequality. Before he passed, he had recently made Drum Major in the Rickards High School Marching Band, and was honored to be invited to All-District Band and Tri-State Band.

Gavin will always be remembered by his family, his friends and classmates, and the entire community. In his Aunt Elana's words, "Gavin was a bright and talented artist and musician who had a loving longtime partner, many friends, and had a promising music career and wonderful and rich life ahead of him.

His natural charm, humor, and sincere warmth made him an absolute joy to be around.”

The Witmer family will be holding a private family service for Gavin and Angelique. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Tribute Wall

AE

“ 2 files added to the album Gavin



Aunt Elana - June 05, 2025 at 12:25 AM

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Happy belated 18th birthday, sweet nephew! You are SO missed and loved forever <3

Aunt Elana - June 05, 2025 at 12:28 AM

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“ *In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider contributing to the Angelique and Gavin Witmer Memorial Scholarship fund:*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/angelique-and-gavin-witmer-memorial-scholarship>

Elana - November 23, 2024 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Deborah H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gavin Friedrichh Witmer.*

Deborah H. - November 22, 2024 at 10:39 PM

DG

“ *Dominique G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gavin Friedrichh Witmer.*

Dominique G. - November 22, 2024 at 01:13 PM