

# Shattered Dreams

**Steven Gabriel Barker**, born in **Allen, Texas** on **April 20, 2002**, was killed in a tragic accident involving a drunk driver on April 24, 2019. **He** was to graduate from Centennial High school **June 2020**, and had plans to **attend Texas A & M University** after graduation. **Steven** is survived by **his parents, Jeff and Julie Barker; brother, Brandon Barker; paternal grandfather, Ken Barker; maternal grandparents, Ray and Patti Dinnerville; aunts and uncles, Dan and Kim Semsel, Alfredo and Julie Dinnerville, and Don Dinnerville; and his three cousins, Natalie Paloma, Olivia Semsel and Alicia Dinnerville**

- You could be in a room full of people, yet, Steven always made you feel like you were the most important person to him. He had a love for life and that carried through in his actions. Steven was always spending time with people, especially those who needed a friend. He always lent a helping hand, whether it was cleaning up a yard, hanging Christmas lights, or volunteering to help disabled athletes.
- Whether it was vacationing in Colorado, canoeing in Lake Lewisville or finding the best chicken strips, Steven loved including his brother, Brandon and his best friend, Preston Murphy in his adventures. And, many of his adventures included his running shoes. He had a love of running which started at age 8. For many years he ran summer track, school cross country, but enjoyed it most when he was running long distances. By the age of 16, Steven had completed 10 half marathons, and recently his first full marathon – that’s 26.2 miles – in 5 hours.
- Steven was always putting others before himself and loved keeping you happy and safe. Since he was a toddler, he always wanted to be a firefighter – the perfect career for someone who felt joy from helping others. His plans were to obtain a degree in Fire Management from Texas A&M, then to become a firefighter. Unfortunately, Steven’s dream of being a firefighter will never happen.

A memorial service will be held at Centennial High School on Thursday, April 25, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **The Future Fire Fighters Scholarship Fund or Special Olympics**.