



## **The Last 380**

Will Newell



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In memory of Will Newell



April 10, 2013



I need a greek cat to make me feel better

April 13, 2013

Hi Will....this is another good one for getting the reggae feel...chords are easy and you can play along, and its got a cool lead part you can practice too, and it shows the chords an fingering on the video with the words so you can sing too!...three chords and you're off to the races!...□.  
<http://youtu.be/lzTgYrnhYhs>

April 23, 2013

Will! Sending you lots of hugs from NorCal and definitely planning on coming to visit over the summer in the meantime, thought you might enjoy seeing something ridiculously adorable:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bmhjf0rKe8>

April 26, 2013

Hi Will...here's the link my friend sent over for you...he's the one I said has hands like you, the kind it seems all the great guitar-uke-bass players have. Here he is playing some South American music with one of the bands he plays with, he also plays bass, and electric guitar. A nylon string guitar like he's playing here might be a good kind to start with if you ever think of trying guitar, since it will feel a lot like a uke. The next post will be of him just jamming on the bass. you'll see the finger thing there, too. Enjoy!...□

### **Fitzhugh Jenkins and Altiplano**

Performing next Friday , Mar 11 at Sedona Studio Live!!!! With Gabriel Brown, Joel Reick and Michael Solomon.

April 29, 2013

Tebow. Lawl

May 12, 2013

**Will Newell** was tagged in [4 photos](#) in 's album [Prom 2013](#).

May 12, 2013

**Will Newell** was tagged in [3 photos](#) in 's album [Prom 2013](#).

May 13, 2013

**Will Newell** was with and .

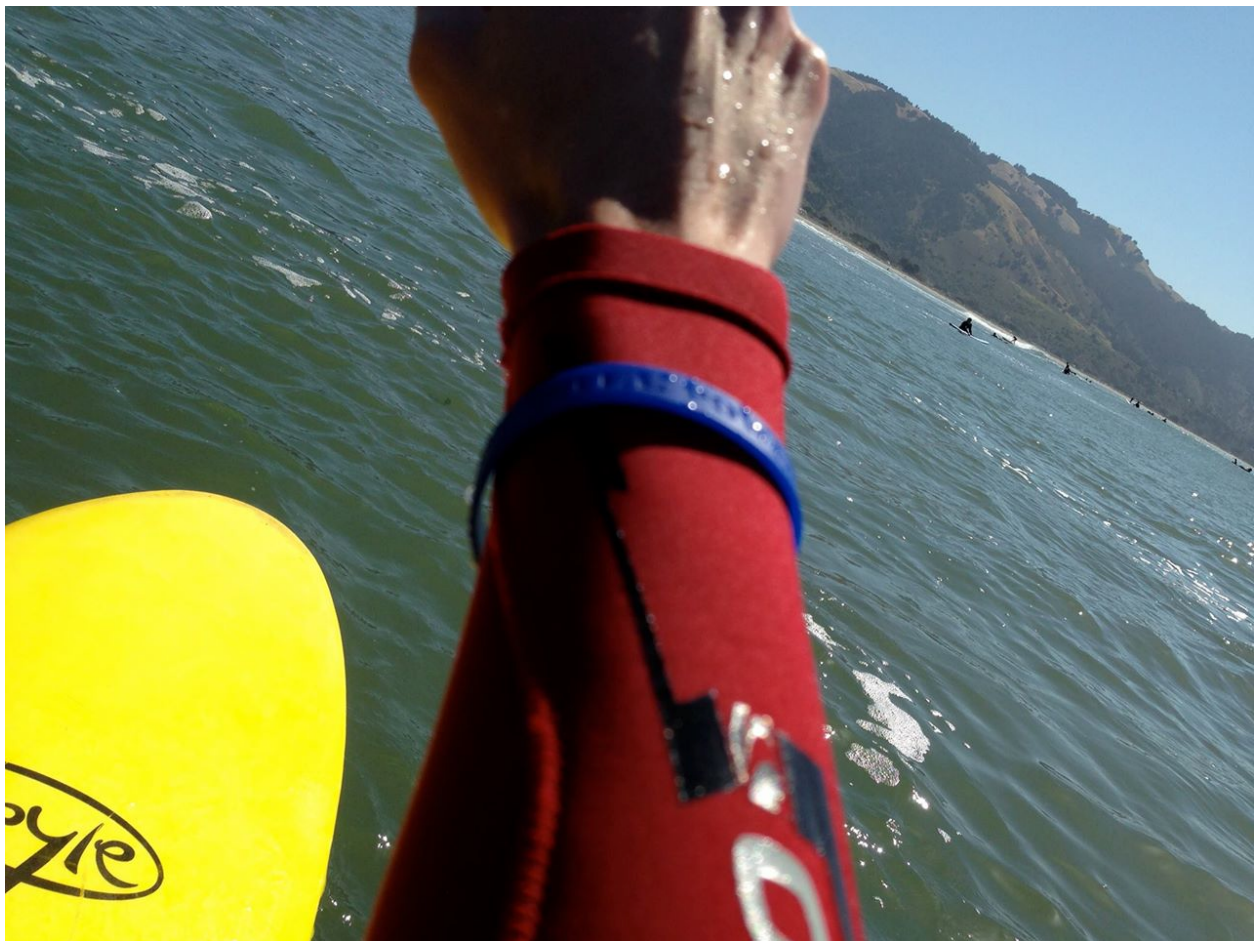
May 13, 2013

**Prawm13** (60 photos)

Up a little late. Deal with it, I have cancer.

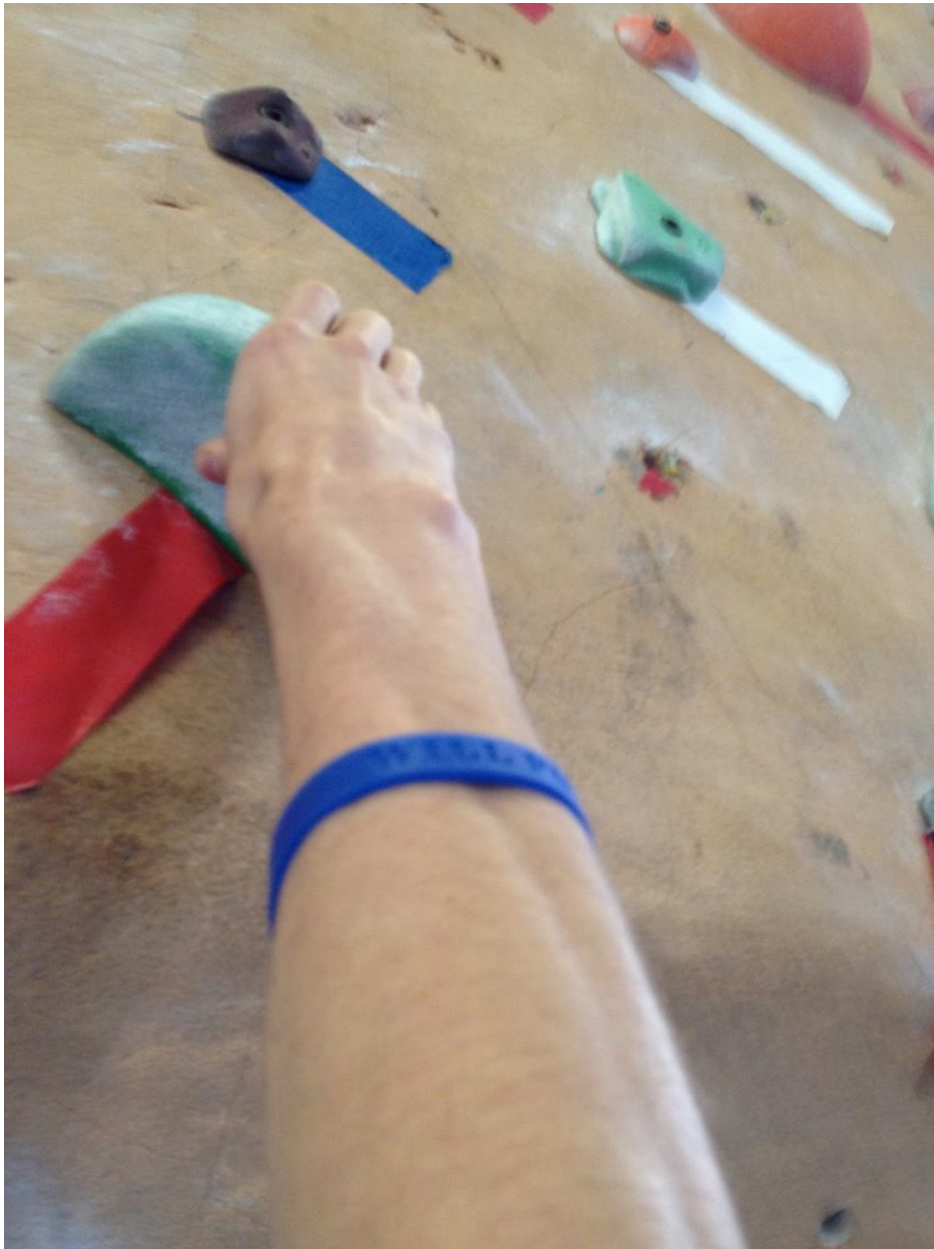
May 31, 2013

Hey Will! I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to bring you into some adventures I have had. When you get better we have to do this for real!





May 31, 2013



Here is the other one.

June 11, 2013

119 friends posted on Will's Timeline on his birthday.

June 17, 2013

**Will Newell** changed his [cover photo](#).

July 3, 2013

Good to be back on the old stomping ground

July 24, 2013

Breaking Bad premiere!

July 25, 2013

Me n brian

July 29, 2013

'nuff said...get some serious ukus ovah heah...□..photo courtesy of wen' been cockaroached from Will's private stash of uku pitchahs!...if I learn the name of the artist and the photographer I will add to this caption...Mahalos Will!... □

July 31, 2013

**Will Newell** changed his [cover photo](#).

August 5, 2013

have you seen this?

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/robinedds/must-watch-the-breaking-bad-musical-as-performed-by-cute-kid>

August 16, 2013

Hi Will! Here's Led Kaapana playing Uke...he's known for being the top slack key guitar player in the world right now but also happens to play the Uke at the same level! Anyways, he gave a shout out to you on the 4-ukuleles picture of yours I tagged you and him in and reposted below on your wall...check it out!...Aloha Braddah!...□. <http://youtu.be/CZNSm7N-tjc>

August 12, 2013  
thought of you the other night/day....

left: what happens when you order a steak here – just a plate of meat  
right: chorizo for choripan (choripan = chorizo y pan = sausage and



bread with a bunch of different sauces)

August 24, 2013  
Rwa

August 30, 2013  
LA to see my favorite boys!

September 12, 2013  
saw the rest of black butler was put on netflix, i'll restart it and finish it in  
a few months ☐



October 15, 2013

Hey will! hope you're doing well! We miss you

November 20, 2013

Miss you Will!

December 6, 2013

#tbt there is an angle to the snow, i promise. #tistheseason #oyvey

December 17, 2013

Thinking of you Will! We miss you at school – could use your cheery attitude to make finals better.

December 21, 2013

Dinner with my hubby and the inlaws

January 26, 2014

Lets go! [http://www.refinery29.com/2014/01/60617/best-movie-theaters-la?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=editorial&utm\\_content=los-angeles&utm\\_campaign=140114-best-movie-theaters-la#slide-1](http://www.refinery29.com/2014/01/60617/best-movie-theaters-la?utm_source=email&utm_medium=editorial&utm_content=los-angeles&utm_campaign=140114-best-movie-theaters-la#slide-1)

January 30, 2014

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tW0SacO27Uk>

March 15, 201

theres a seinfeld for everything! <http://www.free-tv-video-online.me/player/novamov.php?id=a49aaf6b3786e>

March 31, 2014

WILL!! You have been on my mind a lot lately. I am sending love your way all the time. I love you so much darling and I miss you! ☐☐

April 2, 2014

So i had another pretty major back surgery on friday and there was an earthquake while i was on the operating table. The surgery was successful but i mean come on, an earthquake? Then and there?

April 20, 2014

Ukulele Jam with family friend [Will Newell](#), wherein he is expanding my view of what a Ukulele can do. "Do you know Miley Cyrus' 'Party in the USA?'"...No, but I do now. Who'd have thought, right? Can't get this tune out of my head, Will...Or my Ukulele fingers.....Big hug and much love from all of us!... . Photo by [Susan Berin](#). Thanks Susan!

**April 22, 2014**

RIP Will. You were such an awesome dude, and I know you fought valiantly. I miss you man.

RIP Will. You were a great person who always managed to keep a positive outlook on life and see the good in others around you. We will miss you!

Will you were such an awesome guy and an important part of the MA community. I'm so glad I got to you during my time there. All my prayers go to your family.

Rest in Peace Will.

love you Will



Truly one the of the most kind hearted people i have ever met. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to know you for as long as I have. I know you'll show me around up there one day, much love to you and your family. RIP Will

Rest in peace, Will. I am thinking of you and your ever-present smile! You were an immensely positive presence in the MA theater community and beyond. All my love, dear. You are missed.

R.I.P. [Will Newell](#) ☐ you were one of the nicest people at MA and you were such a good friend. It's going to be really hard to find a stratego and chess partner better than you. My heart goes out to the Newell family ☐

Come to san raphael ave in tiburon for a candle light walk tonight at 830  
for [Will Newell](#), Rest in peace buddy, love you

Thank you Will for being one of the kindest most caring generous people I know. I miss you already.

When I woke up this morning, I noticed the sky was an unusual shade of deep, bright blue. Heaven has gained yet another angel. Will, you had such a kind heart and everyone in Tiburon is so lucky to have been in your presence. Growing up with you and going to school together for so many years, you were always one of the sweetest kids. I remember when we were young our families would get together at one of our houses for dinner; I loved spending that time with you. With the frequent updates we received from your family, I've kept you in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time. You are at rest now and I can feel your presence around our beautiful home town. You will truly be missed, Will. Thank you for teaching us such a valuable life lesson... You will never be forgotten. RIP Will Newell

Rest easy Will.

Rest in peace, old neighbor. The first kid my age I met after moving to Tiburon, and forever the sweetest.



We love you Will ☐☐ rest in peace big guy  
You will be missed by the entire MA community. I'll always remember  
your warm smile and cheery, positive personality. RIP Will

A very good friend of mine died today. He was and still is one of the best people I have had the fortune to meet, He died too young; I would switch places with him in a heartbeat if it meant he could accomplish all of the amazing things I know he would have done. RIP [Will Newell](#). You will be missed.

Rest in peace, Will. You have one of the kindest hearts I've ever had the fortune to know. I'm praying hard for you and the rest of your sweet, sweet family. You will be dearly missed.

You were by far one of the nicest people I was ever associated with. I'll miss your warm smile and great sense of humor. Rest in Peace big guy. I'm gonna miss yah

Rest in paradise, Will.

Rest in peace will. You were by far one of the most amazing determined and kind people I have ever know.

Today a good friend passed away. I will never forget his smile, his kindness, and his ability to never let anything negative stand in his way. I am so glad that I had the chance to meet someone as amazing as him. I love you and I will miss you. Rest in peace, [Will](#).

Will Newell, you are the man. I'll miss you more than you know. I remember all the dumb inside jokes, all the breaking bad references, all the ukelele songs you showed me. I'm going to miss all the fun times. Forever remember Merino Parachute, the ultimate jam. I'll see you when my time comes too. I'll be thinking about you everyday man until that day comes. keep it real up there.



Very sad to hear today that my good friend [Will Newell](#) had passed away after a prolonged battle with cancer. Will was probably the most kind and openhearted person I have ever met. His ability to smile through the pain and strive to find some light in all of the darkness has always inspired me. Earlier this year, I sent him a custom Breaking Bad jacket, his favorite show. He saw Walter White as a hero against cancer, who rose above that pain and didn't let his cancer determine his success in life. I was honored to be a part of Will's life and thankful he let me be a part of his. Rest in Peace.

dearest [Will](#), thank you for teaching me that it is always the right time for a hug, being the first person to make me feel comfortable on our freshman overnight, teaching me to always giving 200% of yourself into everything you do, and how to smile through anything that life throws at you. you are the most honestly good person I have ever met and will strive every day to become a little more like you. rest in peace my friend

Man, I'm so sorry to hear what happened. I wish we could have hungout during thanksgiving like we used to. Play video games, eat funny foods and have good times again. You were always the nicest person around, because you knew how precious life was, and you got taken before your time. Truly a great friend, I hope you're happy in the great beyond. Rest in Peace friend.

Will you were (are) one of the sweetest people to ever bless my life. I have spent all day thinking of all the times we shared together. I'll never forget them. You are forever in my heart and I'm grateful you were in my life.



This morning I lost the little brother I never thought I'd have. Will, you were a fighter and your perseverance will be remembered along with your infectious smile and positive attitude. I know one day we'll enjoy lamb burgers and pounds of pancetta together again, but until then, rest in peace. ☐☐

Just found out that a good friend from middle school passed away from cancer. You always cheered me up and kept in touch. I'm so sorry that this had to happen to you. Rest in peace. — with [Will Newell](#).

Will, I'm so honored to have known you. During my freshman year, you were one of the first sophomores to make me feel welcome, and treat me as a true friend. Thank for always giving me a hug, for having such a kind and generous heart, and for smiling through everything that life has thrown at you. I miss you and love you so much.

Rest in peace [Will](#). We just hung out in LA and had the best time seeing your apartment in Pasadena, catching up, and watching Whose Line is It Anyway. Words cannot explain my frustration and sadness at hearing the news this morning. You were the purest soul—you saw the light in life that hardly anyone ever gets the opportunity to experience and your brilliance and positivity changed the minds of those around you. You made a profound difference in my life, and I am so grateful to you. I love you, and will always be thinking of you. ☐☐

**\*\*Note to the community from a friend of Will's:**

There is a candlelight walk for Will tonight at 8:30 pm. Friends are encouraged to gather at the bench near the corner of West Shore and San Rafael Ave. in Belvedere. Bring candles.



Thank you for your positivity, [Will](#).

Its rare to meet a person who radiates light and positivity, no matter the circumstance. I can't come up with the right words to describe my gratitude toward you, Will. Thank you for your positivity, your goofy humor, your hugs, and your perseverance. I could never keep a straight face around you (no matter how sassy i tried to be) because you seemed to be always laughing, always smiling, and i will try to carry some of your positivity and genuine kindness with me moving forward. Rest in peace Will

The world lost a treasure today. I could never match his level of understanding, his love of theater, his unending smile, and his passion for the world and everything and everyone in it. It hurts like hell to know that he's gone, but I know if there's one thing Will couldn't stand, it's a sad face. So I'm here, and I'm smiling for you, Will, wherever you are now. I'm smiling for the wonderful gifts you've given me. From the casual sailing trips, the hugs that were sometime a little too tight, but you didn't care because you knew it was just out of love, to being my first theater scene partner, to the most important one of all, teaching me that being myself was awesome. I couldn't be the person I am today without you, buddy. I'll be missing the whirr of your Segway around campus. You were a brother, actor, and friend to us all. Rest in peace my man.

Will you were such an amazing classmate and friend. You never ceased to have a smile on your face and no matter what life threw at you, you held your head up high and faced the challenge head on. You were truly an inspirational person and you will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Will, I know you are shining bright up in heaven

Will Newell

I wish I could've gotten to know you better, and from what I've heard you were the most pure, honest, genuine man around. Our community and the world has suffered a great loss, one that we won't be getting over any time soon. I hope you're in a happier place right now☐My heart goes out to your family, I can't even begin to imagine what they're going through. Rest In Peace Will ☐☐

RIP Will

You'll be so missed.

Will – The embodiment of strength, courage, kindness, love and joy. You will live in our hearts forever.□□



Today the world lost a truly bright and wonderful soul. Will, I'll never forget your shining face and the way I could hear your smile in every word that you said. Your energy and love radiated and brought so much to everyone around you. I'll always remember your laugh and how it echoed through the whole theater, you've given me so much and I can't thank you enough. You're gone too soon, but I know you're still shining somewhere. Love always

Sometimes, life makes everything so complicated when it's the really simple stuff that matters the most. Will, you were the best person out there to remind me to slow down and appreciate each smile and hold on for an extra moment for each hug.

It is such an honor to know someone who lived life to the fullest and enjoyed the little things. I know you spent so much time making others happy by being you- I now hope you find your own bliss. Rest in peace, Will.

All my love,

Will – you are truly incredible. I'll always be grateful for what an amazing friend you were to me and Tyler for our senior show. Your smiles and perseverance are such an inspiration. You are so loved and so missed.

Will,

You were a friend to all and a valuable member of the MA Community. There is not a memory I have of you where you aren't wearing your gleeful warm smile, an expression I will carry with me forever. I'm gonna miss that smile and our segway frisbee games. Thanks for always lighting up the faces of everybody around you, we'll be thinking of you.

Will,

Never have I met someone who was as nice, caring or had as much heart as you. I remember when we use to play Ultimate Frisbee during lunch and you would always come out and play with us. You just wanted to play and have fun doing something you were passionate about, even if it was harder for you to play than everyone else. I never got that chance to tell you just how much I admired you for taking on challenges like that and much more in your everyday life with a bright smile and amazing confidence. Your time with us was cut far too short but I just want to say that your time with all of us at MA had a lasting impact and that sometimes its the brightest stars that burn out the fastest. I just hope that you're still smiling. Rest in peace, and thank you for teaching me what it means to be a truly amazing person, someone with the heart to face challenges head on and enough compassion to always have the brightest smile on your face.

RIP Will Newell

I didn't know you all that well, but that doesn't mean your passing hurts any less. I remember, back at Del Mar, that you always had a smile on your face, and that so many people treated you like family. Knowing that you were loved, and that you loved life...it's not fair. You battled it out, and you always kept your head up, right up until the end. That you would be taken from us isn't fair.

All my love and support goes out to your family.

You'll be missed, my friend. Rest in peace.

If you think you knew someone who was more compassionate than [Will](#), you're wrong.

Rest in peace, [Will](#). You taught me so much about seeing the good in everyone/everything. I will carry your lessons of positivity and joy with me wherever I go. The world has lost someone truly special, and you will be remembered forever by everyone who was lucky enough to know you.



Thank you Will for being one of the most generous, caring and funniest person I have ever met. I will never forget my freshman year when I was sitting alone in the library and you came up to me and just introduced yourself, then I noticed that one of your eyes was green and the other brown, I just thought it was the most beautiful thing. It was such a privilege to know an amazing guy like yourself, you truly will be missed. Rest in Peace Will.

[Will Newell](#). What a soul. It is devastating to know that the world has just lost a person who radiated so much positive energy, who smiled so frequently, and who lifted the spirits of everyone who crossed his path. I was never very close with Will, but there was never a moment when I didn't appreciate his kindness, his hugs, and his genuine nature. He truly found the best in everyone; opened his heart to the world and hoped the world would do the same in return. Will helped those that he encountered appreciate the best aspects of their own humanity, look at the positive sides of situations, and appreciate life as it's given to you. I know that the universe is opening itself up to the dreams his life couldn't grant him. Now he's flying. May his young soul rest in paradise.

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Will.

You were always an unstoppable force of humor and positivity whenever you were around, and I will miss you. When I read the news earlier today, I started thinking about some of my fondest memories from when we were both at Marin Academy. Some of those memories included that time we took turns singing in the auditorium, times we would talk sci-fi tv shows and movies during tech week, and of course, as Marina already mentioned, when you helped us put on our senior show. Your cheerful attitude then, all the way up to now is truly inspiring, and I wonder if I could retain such an outlook when faced with the battle you had to endure. You were strong, kind-hearted, and an integral part of the theatre family. Rest in peace, and know that we will never forget you.

We lost an angel last night named [Will](#) but I'll always remember him as Timmy ☐. The guy who would always teasingly call me krista and then give me the widest, most proud smile in the whole wide world. I don't think I ever saw you when you weren't smiling Will and I don't believe that you or your memory will ever cease to lighten people's days. I'll miss playing frisbee with you and getting your random hugs and seeing your teasing smile when I begged to ride your Segway. You were always and remain to be one of the most kind hearted people I have ever met and I love you so much. I hope you're looking down from heaven and you can see how many people love you and will miss you for an eternity. Thank you always being there for me and for being a part of my life that I will never forget and will be forever grateful for ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Will,

I can't say that I knew you very well, but today's news really hit me hard. Just from the few times I got to hang out around you kicking a hacky sack way back when you were a freshman at MA, I look back and remember seeing such an infectious smile and feeling a well of the most positive energy flowing from you. The world is a better place with more Wills in it... Rest in peace.

Will and I were planning to work on songs together with his ukulele. Remembering our conversations reminds me of what could have been, and how wonderful music could be, coming from such a gentle soul. We won't get to make our album Will, but the one I record this summer will be for you. In due time, we will play together again.

Will, there are a million ways you've touched the people who love you. You were so courageous with all the obstacles in your way, and we'll all remember you for the ceaseless bravery that you showed. But I think what I'll remember most about you is the way you smiled and greeted me every day in the hallway, no matter the circumstance. There are few people in the world who can so effortlessly give out that kind of everyday compassion, and I'm incredibly lucky to have known one. Thank you, and rest in peace.



Today I found out that the world has lost one of the strongest people out there. Will , from the day I shadowed MA, you were the nicest guy. A simple Facebook post is not enough to honor a life like yours. You're gone too soon, and I think I can speak for everyone and say that you will be dearly missed. Know your battle was not fought in vain, and your memory will live long in the MA community and I'm sure reach further. I hope that in my time here on earth that I can touch people like you have. RIP Will, I hope you will be at peace wherever you find yourself now ☐☐

Will, you were the one that I counted on to always be smiling and have a big bear hug waiting for me in the hall way on the way to class. Your love for life inspired and amazed me everyday and will keep inspiring me forever. I know that you will always be next to me wherever I am in life and I will never forget the legacy you left us with. Just like you, I will enjoy every second of life and keep a smile on face. I love you so much and I know that you are going to be loved by everyone up in Paradise. ☐☐  
I will miss you!

There's nothing I can say for [Will Newell](#) that hasn't already been said, or nothing that will ease this pain, so I'll quote [Alex Epstein Shafir](#) "He would have wanted us to remember him with happiness. We won't ever forget but we should celebrate his life."

RIP Will. It seemed like nothing ever got you down and you always stayed positive in the hardest of times.. You'll be missed!

I've never met a more true or honest person than [Will Newell](#), he showed me how to live life to the fullest no matter how hard the restraints. Your fight has been greater than any other conceivable. I loved spending every moment I had with you from cooking with my mom, to guitar hero, to all the epic nerf battles we had as kids. Your soul is more spectacular and vibrant than any other. I'll miss you more than you could ever believe. Love you Will, Rest In Peace.

Will, it was an honor to know you. I have no words to express your generosity of spirit, your bravery and how utterly and wonderfully unique you were. You were the embodiment of happiness, no matter the circumstances, you were always the biggest smile in the room. It is tragic to lose such a beautiful soul but you have had a lasting impact on all of us and the time I spent with you was such a gift. Thank you for always going out of your way to talk to me with no judgement when I was an awkward freshman in Descent into Mayhem, for all your hugs, laughter and jokes. I hope they have Segway ramps in heaven, I know you're still smiling down on all of us. Love forever, rest in paradise Will.

It was a sad, sad day today for anyone lucky enough to have known and been touched by Will Newell – an extraordinary young man who lost his valiant battle with cancer at the tender age of 17-1/2. Will was wise far beyond his years, and he radiated such positive energy and kindness. He was NEVER without a sincere smile on his face and a laugh, regardless of all of the adversity that life threw at him in his far too short time on this planet. I truly feel blessed to have had Will in my life, and I will forever hold him close to my heart. The planet may have lost one of its finest today, but Heaven has gained an angel. Rest in Peace Will.

Will, you were the strongest, most positive, spirited person I knew. I never met someone that could just care about only the positivity in hard times; always seeing the glass half full, not half empty. I will always remember you sailing to my dock on your sunfish, and eating eggrolls and potstickers with my mom and I. And the time I came over to your house, and you were so proud that you made homemade ice cream for the first time. Everyday at 11:11, my family and I prayed for you. You were always in our thoughts this past year. You have such a special soul, rest in peace Will.

Will Newell in every conversation we had, your enthusiasm for life, even in the face of so many obstacles, was impossible to ignore. You were one of the rare people who seemed to love and accept people unconditionally for who they are. Although I didn't talk to you nearly enough recently, I know that you were my friend, and everyone else's too. You were such a bright and lovely person that I never imagined you not being there, and I still can't understand it. Wherever you are now, I'm sending you lots of love. Rest in peace.



Will,

When we heard the news today, all I could think about was how every time I saw you, you had this unmatched, huge smile on your face. It didn't matter where you were, or what you were doing, you always looked happy and made others happy. Thank you for making me so inexplicably happy every time I saw you. You made my first weeks at MA so much easier because I knew I had someone who I could talk to, and I'll never forget that. I'll miss seeing your smile. Rest in peace.

Will, you always radiated the brightest ray of light. The world won't be the same without your effervescent presence. You have made an impact on so many lives, a testimony to how amazing you truly are. You will forever be in my thoughts and in my heart. I know you will continue to shine wherever you go.

Will, you made so many people happy. You have left me with so many great memories and moments of happiness that I feel forever grateful for the time I got to spend with you. I can't phrase how much I will miss you. Love you buddy.

Will, since our first history class together on our first day of Freshman year, you never failed to say hello or grab me for a quick hug every time you saw me in the hallway or at advising. It's hard to express how much your hellos and hugs, those small moments where you shared your love for life and positivity, meant to me. You are simply the kindest and most generous person. Thank you for living so passionately, always with the biggest smile. Rest in Peace, Will. Much love always.

Will, you radiated a spirit and energy that was truly one of a kind. I so miss your beaming smile that never failed to greet me, and huge hugs that were so uniquely yours. You were a true friend, apart of the theater community that gave me a family at MA when I needed it most. I'll forever treasure my memories of you, so happy, so kind, and so curiously passionate about life. You'll inspire me always. The sweetest soul. Forever in my heart, RIP, you crazy boy.

Will ,

Its impossible to imagine someone with a brighter smile, more love, more compassion and resilience than you. although I didn't get to spend half as much time getting to know you as I would have liked, the times I did get I will always treasure. thank you for bringing light to our school and showing us all what true bravery really is. you'll always have a place with our class and in our hearts.

Will, in the short time I got to know you, you inspired me to love every moment of life; to revel in the beauty of each day – every sunrise, every smile, every laugh. I've never met someone as brilliantly genuine and compassionate as you. The world is a shade grayer without the glimmer of your smile to lighten it up. May your spirit be at peace and touch the lives of many more.

Dearest Will,

I'm so glad that we got to play some music together and am so happy for the moments we had together playing soccer, chess, going to middle school, high school, and what I remember most our times playing music when you so excitedly showed me how much you had gotten better at ukelele and how excited you were to become a uke player. I'm honored to have had the chance to play with you and your enthusiasm and spirit is something that will never leave me and my music. Always in my heart and because of that you will never be gone.



Will Newell was a source of great happiness and inspiration for everyone who was lucky enough to spend time around him. The few short conversations him and I had while entering and exiting my mom's office were always filled with smiles, laughs and warm wishes. I'll never forget walking into prom and seeing Will all dressed up, greeting everyone who came his way then later looking up at a kid, who had every reason to be mad at the world, dance on a table in the middle of the dance floor to the Harlem Shake surrounded by people who loved him and admired him. My heart goes out to his family and his friends. Rest in peace Will

Will, it's always hard when we lose someone. It's even harder when that person is someone we all loved and cherished. If you could see all the love going around right now, you'd be blown away. Everyone has their favorite memories of you, and it's obvious how much we all care about you. You are loved beyond all measure, and it hurts that you're no longer with us. I remember our first interaction: you came up to me in the library and just started talking, laughing, and being a genuine person. Anyone who is that friendly is surely touched by God. My thoughts and prayers go to you and your family. You will always be missed.

To everyone reading this, I urge you to stop and think about the people who are important to you. Will was special, and unfortunately he's gone, but that doesn't mean he doesn't want us to stop loving the way he did. So I ask that everyone take a minute and think about the people in their lives, everyone they call friend or family, and let them know how much you care about them and how beautiful they make your lives. Losing someone is hard, and it's a reminder that we should cherish what we have right now.

Today we lost a great friend, and in his honor, I think we should all spread the love and compassion just like Will would have done. So please, show your support and spread the love for him.

The sun will rise and set more brightly now with Will's radiant energy in Heaven. And each time it cycles we'll be grateful to have known such a caring and passionate person for the time we had. You'll always be welcome at 5 Edgewater.

Sail on and much love Will ,

There are no words to explain just how caring, and friendly, and genuine you were [Will](#). The world truly shines less bright without you and I hope you know that you are dearly missed.

Will, it sucks balls that this happened to you, for every interaction I remember having with you was a positive one. You had a fun loving attitude, an infectious smile, and were genuinely a good person. I have missed you around the halls of the school this year, and knowing you're not coming back is hard. I'll miss you, but in your short time you definitely made a positive impact on the world.  
Love you, bud

Rest in Peace [Will Newell](#). I wasn't fortunate enough to get to know you very well personally but the few times I met you, you were always kind hearted and positive. I will always remember seeing you sail by on the lagoon with a smile on your face on the weekends, and remember how you personally welcomed me to middle school when I was in 6th grade. Rest in peace, I know you're in a better place now.

Will, you inspired me. Bright, constant, brilliant, wonderful, you were always the one smiling, always the one to make another laugh, always the one everyone could trust with whatever hardships they were enduring. You remain among the most resilient of spirit and brave people I have ever or will ever know. There are not words to express the kindness, openness, and warmth you shared each day just by being. I cannot count the number of times I was struck by your vivacious and grateful love of life and love for the people around you. I will forever count myself lucky to be one of those people that were able to share in your light and love. Thank you for the gift you gave the world by being you. Rest in peace and know that you are deeply, profoundly, missed.

One of gods true angels has returned back to him. One of the only people in the world that could lighten the darkest rooms with just a smile has been taken away too soon. I was blessed with a chance to become friends with a great human being he loved making people laugh loved helping out whenever he could and loved sports he would sit on the side of a basketball court all game if it meant u could get one second playing he wouldnt get mad about being picked last or sometimes not at all just because to him he was happy as long as you were happy and he would go out of his way to make sure you would stay happy as long as he was around he wouldv grown to become a great man and as time passed even a better father people like [Will](#) are very hard to come by and when u do most often dont appreciate or even notice whats in front of them some just cant see the wings and halo.

If its been raining anywhere in the world know it wont for long because god has just got another one of his angels with a hell of a smile to brighten the day  
Rest in Paradise



We have only spoken a couple of times, but with those few short words we shared, it was very evident that you are one of the most kind-hearted people out there. You cared about the well being of others and had the brightest smile. I'm glad I got to know you and go to middle school with you, and I know that your spirit will always be with us. The Marin Academy community misses you dearly. In fact, probably anyone that has ever met you feels this way as well. Now we can speak through our prayers. You will always be missed.

To Will

I have never seen a smile as bright as yours or come across anyone so passionate and so in love with life. Your loving hugs and radiating smile touched everyone you met and your strength and resilience can never be matched. It is so unfair that you were taken from us so soon. Fate is too cruel to claim a soul as bright as yours. You will forever stay in our hearts and our lives will be lifted by your presence. We promise to cherish your memory, to live passionately for you, to laugh and love for you, and try to be half the person you were. Rest in peace, Will.

Will, you were such a sweet guy. Ever since kindergarten when we first met I always admired your kindness. You were always so positive and always looked to see the good in someone. I feel so happy to have known you for so long. Im glad that we stayed in touch when we went to high school. Rest in peace Will! you will be missed

Will, it is an honor to have known you. You lived with unparalleled passion and courage. Your time here was short but your impact on the lives around you is profound, and we will cherish the memory of your infectious happiness and loving presence. Rest in peace.

RIP Will Newell, you will be missed.

Will,I was very lucky to have know you since you were a baby,you were a such happy baby,I became a part of your family since I married your beloved kitty.Since then I was a part of your wonderful family your dad,mom,and kyle.I will always remember the time I spent with you and your brother playing around the house,playing shark attack in the pool with you and your brother,watching your cartoons,going to the park and playing soccer with you and your brother,getting those tennis balls at the tennis club to play baseball with you guys it was like mission impossible, and we laugh running away,and many,many things that Veronica and I enjoyed watching you guys laughing, being happy that I will never forget,and I thank god you were part of my life.Will you were a wonderful friend,and a proud son to your family,we will always love you and miss you.My baby Will.

REST IN PEACE a great person gone

Will, I've known you since kindergarten at Reed, and still remember you as one of the happiest people from Del Mar. Even though we went to different high schools, the memories in elementary and middle school were great. You remained a leader among us and always had a terrific smile on your face despite the struggles you were going through that went unknown to me. I wish we had gotten to know each other better, and I hope wherever you are now, you remain the same great person you were.

I wish your family well through this.

We won't forget you, and we miss you.



I couldn't help but tear up when I heard the news today. We haven't crossed paths in a while but you're surly a person I could never forget. You ALWAYS had a smile on your face no matter how rough things were or what was going on. You would always make the best of things and make people laugh, and I still remember your laugh 4 years down the road. You were so caring and loving towards everyone, and serve as a role model to me in how to treat people. I really wish I had gotten to know you better, but your charisma and genuine + loving persona will always be remembered, RIP Will ☐☐

Thank you for brightening each day with your radiant smile, [Will](#). It is what I remember most strongly about you, and its memory is engrained in my heart, on the MA campus, and any other community that you graced with your presence. Your influence has reminded me to show compassion for the people I love, every moment of every day. I will miss the glowing happiness that you left in your path. ☐☐

Will, your constant positivity was incredible and unmatched. You seemed to bring a smile to everyone around you regardless of the time, place or person. Wherever you may be now, you will continue to inspire me forever. And I hope that, wherever you are now, it is worthy of your incredible presence. I will miss you.

I had no idea until now that you had passed. You were always one of the kindest people I had ever met during a very rough time in my life, and I'm sure yours as well. No matter what you laughed, and smiled. You inspired me many times, again and again. You were always the nicest neighbor I had. I will always remember you. I can't believe you're gone. I wish your family strength during this time. I am so sorry you are gone.

May you Rest In Peace.

Love your friend,

My heart and soul goes out to [Will Newell](#). Words can't even describe how devastated I am and how unfair life can be. You were one of the smartest, bravest, and chillest people I had the privilege of knowing. I will always remember the good times from sailing on the lagoon to merking Nazi zombies and watching IP Man for the first time (now one of my favorite films). I hope you are in a better place now and I will never forget you.

Dear Will,

I've been thinking all day about you, and what a funny guy you were in middle school and all the times we talked you were always smiling. I never saw you in a bad mood or having a bad day. A smile or a laugh always trailed with you, no matter where you went. You never complained nor frowned or judged anybody for who they were. Even in the hardest parts of your life you never ceased to be happy. I'm glad to say that have been close because I will not forget our conversations and jokes, I will not forget the care, kindness, and compassion you had and how you always looked to the brighter side of the situation. You were and will always be a smart, kind, thoughtful and fun person in my heart and to all the hearts you touched through your life. I am proud to have called you my friend, Will, I will truly miss you.

Dear Will's family,

You raised a wonderful son, I wish you all love and I guarantee Will is an angel in the clouds, for he was an amazing young man. Take care and know that he touched everyone around him.

Much love,

my prayers go out to the Newell family. rest in peace Will ☐☐

Thank you so much for gracing us with your presence for the too short time that you did. I'll never forget the happiness and joy you brought to me and everyone around you every day. I've never met someone with as much love for life. You will be truly be missed. My heart goes out to the senior class and Newell family. RIP ☐☐



Will , I don't think I have met anyone who was more kind and compassionate than you were. I feel so privileged have gotten to know you and the wonderful, goofy person that you were. Your beautiful smile had the ability to change an entire room. I will always strive to be the kind of person you were every day. I will miss you dearly.  
RIP

Rarely does an individual come along who touched almost everyone with whom he interacted. Even rarer is the one who leaves us far too soon. Yesterday, we lost one in a million: an intensely positive, incredibly smart, and an outrageously persistent friend, classmate, brother and son. I had the privilege to spend over a decade of my life in contact with Will, and I will never forget that he had a smile that never quit, a light that never dwindled, and a passion for life that will forever continue to inspire. The sheer amount and quality of love and support we've seen today is a testament to that fact.

Will, you proved that there was no challenge too overwhelming and no segway too unsteady (when I tried to get on I failed miserably). Thank you (however cliché it may be) for consistently brightening my day and showing me what it is to genuinely care about everyone around you. The candlelight vigil was magical tonight, and if you couldn't already tell... we love you, we love you, we love you. Hope you and Alena are representin for the class of '14 up with the big man. I know you'll be the best possible team.

From the little time I spent with you Will I saw that you were one of the most genuinely kindhearted and pure people I had ever met. After I met you, I aspired to live with as much generosity and warmth that you did, and I am positive that is the effect you had on everyone. You were one of the brightest and most inspiring people, for you never had anything bad to say about anyone else and always had a smile plastered to your face. You were just a magnificent human being Will. You will be so missed

I'm so shocked. I don't know what to say other than rest in peace, [Will Newell](#). Will's loved ones, I hope you are granted a peaceful grieving period. I'm here for anyone who needs it.

Will, thank you for all the good you contributed to the world. Thank you for consistently spreading your happiness to everyone you met. Thank you for being so inclusive and making everyone feel welcome. Thank you for your smile and laugh...they were always a moment away. Thank you for being bold. Thank you for being so generous with your time and your interests. Thank you for setting the absolute perfect example of how a human being should treat his or her fellow humans.

I'm gonna miss you a ton man, but I know that the lessons I learned from you will stay with me forever. Thank you for inspiring me and everyone else who met you. Rest in peace.

It is truly a miracle when a single person manages to touch the hearts of everyone around them. I saw this miracle in [Will Newell](#) and I wish I had gotten to see him one more time. Tonight I got to say goodbye to him surrounded by a large community of people that love him dearly. His smile was contagious and the way in which he loved life is truly inspiring. Will, you are loved and you will never be forgotten. Rest in peace.



Will, you were the first person to contact me at MA, during the summer before school even started. You were so kind and actually cared about what I had to say and wanted to get to know me. I knew I had at least one friend before I set foot on campus in the fall. You were a truly special person, and we will all miss you.

The world has lost the singularly happiest, most optimistic, and most open hearted person I have ever met. Words cannot describe this loss fully and what it and Will mean to me. Will, I'll never forget free block marathon games of Stratego, your relentless but friendly mocking in freshman bio, your big hugs, and everything else, big or small, in between. Thank you for leaving a nothing but positive impact on my life. There is no way I will ever forget you. Rest in Peace and have fun making all the other angels laugh.

Rest in peace [Will](#) . You were one of my first friends when I moved to Marin and you made me feel accepted. I will never forget the memories we had together.

**April 23, 2014**

Will, it doesn't seem real that you are no longer with us. I can't imagine a world without your smile, your kindness, your boundless joy. I had the fortune of getting to know you during senior year, and I can honestly say I've never met anyone as positive, loving, and profoundly happy as you were. Your time with us was far too short, but boy did you live. You were a wonderful man and a friend to all, and I'm so grateful that I got the chance to know you. You will be forever missed, remembered, and celebrated.

Will, I know it's been years since we've talked or seen each other but I can't help feel broken by the news. It seems like only yesterday we were playing wall ball at recess. I have met few people in this world as truly kind, good-natured and sincere as you. I feel grateful to have been able to have known you and to have had your presence in my life. Rest in peace, my friend.

My dear Wilsito, is very hard for me to understand that you are not here with me anymore, Im so glad that you knew how much i adore you that you were always my cookie, the little boy who I take care and loved for so many years and celebrate his baths in the sink with lots of bubbles, birthdays, preschool , playdates, who love lentils with white rice and steak (made by kitty), green rice and chicken, lomo saltado ( your favorite from peru) who always say "kitty you're not fat have another brownie" and of course I will have 3 or 4 yummy brownies, a wonderful brother to kyle who always came into your room and have a pillow fight and hang out with us drinking orange soda, eating chips and play video games, the three of us saying I love you all the time, and of course Pepe and Diego who call you baby Will, and loves you so so much, mi bebe, mi Wilsito mi cookie, I will miss you for the rest of my life, but I know that you are in a better place looking after all of us, you are our shining star up in the sky and everytime we look up we will see your beautiful smile and your beautiful eyes I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU COOKIE

Hey Will, thanks for your contagious smile, the nuggies, big hugs, and spontaneous low fives (: I'm going to miss your genuine, enthusiastic attitude racing through the halls leaving smiles in its wake. You raised our community a few notches higher and I'll forever love you for that. You are deeply missed. Rest in peace and happiness.



Reading these amazing tributes to you, our darling sweet Will, really hits home that there is now a great void in so many lives who now must move on without you. What an impact you had on us. What a gift you will always be. Mark, Anthony, Maria and I cannot express how much we miss you. We love you always and forever.

Yesterday, I lost my god brother [Will Newell](#). He was one of greatest people I've ever known and I can't believe he's gone. Anyone who knew him knows what a loss this is for the world. Heaven has a new angel. Love you so much Will.

Having to find out about someone you have known since elementary school is gone is one thing, but having to find out about it over Facebook is another. Will I will always remember how much happiness and positive energy you brought to both myself and [Shannon Costello's](#) life...I remember the first day you brought that yellow segway to Del Mar and how you were racing all around the school with the biggest smile on your face. I remember how after a long day I was walking home from school and you rolled up besides me and cheer me up with your warm smile and contagious happiness. You were truly an amazing person and I will be forever grateful for all the times I was able to spend with you before I moved to Colorado. I will never forget your memory. RIP [Will Newell](#)

Heaven has a new angel. RIP, [Will Newell](#). You will be missed.

Will, you will always hold a special place in my heart and in my mind. I loved laughing with you during geometry at Kevin's awkward remarks and listening to your stories in creative non-fiction. You showed me and everyone else you touched how to smile when times are tough and laugh when things are rough. You will always inspire me and I will always miss you. Rest in Paradise

It has been a long time, but you were one of the kindest people I ever knew when I went to school in California. You have just brought back many great memories from elementary and middle school, and now it feels as if it all happened yesterday. Thank you for always having an amazingly kind spirit, and you will be missed greatly. Rest in peace.

Sometimes, life makes everything so complicated when it's the really simple stuff that matters the most. Will, you were the best person out there to remind me to slow down and appreciate each smile and hold on for an extra moment for each hug.

It is such an honor to know someone who lived life to the fullest and enjoyed the little things. I know you spent so much time making others happy by being you- I now hope you find your own bliss. Rest in peace, Will.

R.I.P. Will Newell ☐☐





Will Newell,

I cannot believe that you are gone from this Earth. You played an integral part in my middle school years as being one of the few friends I had. I never had thought in a million years that being an ambassador for my school would land me two awesome friends; Will Newell and Jonah Chernoff. The times spent hanging out at your house, watching scary movies and chowing down on awesome Chinese food will always be fond memories of mine. I cherish our friendship, and I miss you so much. God bless you Will.

Today, I was made aware that I had lost a very good friend of mine. I am speechless, because he slipped out of Marin so quietly, yet touched my life so deeply when he was here. He showed me what friendship was in middle school, and I will forever be thankful for him and his family's kind generosity. [Will Newell](#), you are a rockstar, and you are deeply missed. God bless you.

Love you so much [Will Newell](#). Rest in peace, beautiful soul.

Will, I remember your hugs, your eyes, your smile and contagious sense of joy, and still feel the awesome beauty you exuded consistently. Thank you for your wonderful and eternal gifts of optimism and a more colorful world. Sending you an infinite hug, and an infinite thanks, for the mark you have left with me and anyone else who had the luck to encounter you. Much much love will. You are deeply deeply appreciated. See you in paradise, rest well.

The good ones are always gone too soon, and [Will Newell](#) was as good as they come. His constant positivity and wonderful spirit will continue to inspire me for years to come. Will, you are already missed terribly. Rest in peace.

I couldn't have asked for a better friend. You acted not only as an amazing companion but also you changed me into the person I am today. You introduced me to video games and superheroes and made every visit to your house something memorable. You taught me to be proud of what I love no matter what other people think. The times we spent together will always be with me. You've touched the hearts of every person you've met and you won't be forgotten. I'm going to miss you Will.

It's my birthday and I can't wish you back. I can't even accept that your not here anymore. My brain knows it but my heart doesn't feel it. You can't be what they say, it doesn't make sense. People are writing beautiful things on your Facebook page, things you will never get to see, things they will never get to say but they always knew and always held in their hearts. I don't feel sadness, I don't feel anger, I don't feel loss, but I do at the same time. I sat in a my house last night and I felt so much love. I felt it and it was all because of you and all for you and from all of us to you and all of us to each other. I couldn't stop smiling because I knew you would be smiling too, I knew you would be overcome with the beauty of the love we have for you, the beauty of the words spoken about you, the sheer fact that you and only you could have touched our lives in so many different and similar and amazing ways. I felt guilt that I was smiling, but then I thought that you would be too. But you can't be gone. That doesn't make sense. I'm here smiling like an idiot because all I can feel is the love in the room but I can't feel your loss. Maybe you were there with us. Maybe you skyped in from some other dimension. Maybe you are still here and this is all just a shitty joke, but it's not. I miss you and I will always regret not getting to know you as well as I wanted. I will always regret not saying I love you every fucking day. But if I've learned anything from death it's that you never know if you will be here tomorrow, so tell everyone you love them today, enjoy every moment you can, because you don't get them back. If I have learned anything from you, it's that nothing can hold me back from doing what I love. You fucking rock-climbed, you fucking skied, you did what you loved and what you wanted to do. You taught the people in your life things you never even imagined. You taught me math and you are more dyslexic than I am! You smiled and laughed in the face of pain and judgement while I gave in, and then you offered me a hand. I love you and all I want for my birthday is the chance to show it. But even if you were here I wouldn't know how to. I hate having to pretend that if I post a paragraph on Facebook and get 10 likes that somehow the only person I want to read this will, when I know you can't. I hate that I'm hiding behind glass and pixels to collect my thoughts when spewing random nonsensical crap to you would still somehow make more sense. I just miss you. I just know I will take you through the rest of my life safely in my memory but not in my world. But I will learn from you and make this birthday wish instead:

I wish that people would tell each other that they loved each other before they die, that they appreciate each other before they part, that they cared for one another before it's too late, and that they touched each others hearts and minds in ways that no one else can before they're gone forever. But above all, I wish that people would live before it's too late, and touch people before they are out of reach.

But because I've said my wish it will never be true. So death will have to keep doing its dirty work so we remember how amazing we were in life.

I love you Will, I don't know where or what you are, but I hope you know that you will never be far from our hearts and minds, from my heart, and my mind until we meet again.



Oh and also Will, thanks for sparing me those condoms. I promise you they will be put to good use ☐ RIP bro.

**April 24, 2014**

Will,

I knew you only too briefly, but remember that you were always so full of life; so positive about everything. Wherever you went, you spread happiness. It's impossible not to smile when I think back to our hacky sack sessions. The news I received from MA hit me hard, and I wish I'd gotten to know you better when I had the chance. Rest in peace my friend.

Will, a few weeks ago, me, Marielle, and your beautiful mom were sitting in your hospital room talking about colleges, prom, the ACT, and Larry David. Me and my sister had just gotten our acceptances, and you were talking about what you liked about each school, and how Wesleyan was one of your favorites. You told me you wanted to major in biochemical engineering, and I, having no idea what that was, nodded and smiled. You laughed and explained it to me, a total of three times before I vaguely got the picture. What a fun time that was. I'm so grateful for it and for all the times we've shared. Even though i never wish you had to come to LA for treatment in the first place, I feel lucky to have reconnected with you in the past few months, in the wonderful way that we did. I just wanted to thank you for what you taught me not by saying or doing anything in particular, but by being you. That was enough, and it will continue to be enough for the rest of my life. Thank you so, so much.

Honored to know you as well as I did.



I keep thinking maybe I'll get a random message from you, asking about school or my writing or what adventuring I've done lately or if I have any wonderful stories of youth to swap. That maybe all these people have been misinformed, and that you're not really gone. That maybe I could tell you I love you just one more time. I wish I could pull myself together long enough to write an eloquent, beautiful message to you, but the truth is I can't. It feels like just last week we were talking about how you were gonna pull through this, come down to San Diego, let me show you sea caves and everything beautiful in life. You were always there for me, always always always. You knew me well enough to ask what was wrong even from miles away. If there is one thing I could have in life, I would ask the world to make sure that you know exactly how loved you are. Wherever you are. Not once have I ever met someone so genuine, so positive, so absolutely immaculate. Someone who believed in me so much even when I couldn't. You know, I'm a year sober next week and it would've never happened without you. I can't believe you aren't here to share this with but I know how proud you would be. You never gave 146anything less than 200% in everything you ever did and you have made more of a difference than you'll ever know. I wish I could've told you how much you mean to me every single day. You taught me so much over the last 3 years I've known you. Perseverance, altruism, strength, are only a few. Things I will carry with me forever. Most of all, you taught me that time is flying whether we utilize it or not. You lived your life how everyone should, loving as much as possible and never being anything less than extraordinary. I'm not going to keep making the same mistakes I've made in life. We always said we'd get the hell out of California and see everything there was to see, and I promise to keep my end of the bargain for both of us. I love you, Will.

**April 25, 2014**

Will, I got to know you through Taiko last year. I vividly remember your distinctive laugh and unflagging spirit, energy, and passion. Thank you so much for sharing with us your wisdom, wit, and jubilance. We are missing you very, very much.









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Rest in Peace Will, you will always be remembered





Live before it's too late, and touch people  
before they are out of reach.