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## William R. Albrecht

(August 27, 1989 - March 18, 2008)

William was born in Chicago Illinois. He lived in London England from age three to nine, where many of his artistic passions first took root. Will moved to Davis in fourth grade, and was a student at North Davis Elementary, Emerson Junior High, Davis High School and the Davis School for Independent Study. He is survived by his parents, Andreas Albrecht and Melissa Lyans, his sister Sonia, his brother Geoffrey, his grandmothers and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Will was a bright light, a unique young man with strong intellect, a powerful imagination, and quick, dry wit. He was a gifted artist who loved drawing, writing, and music. He was a talented trumpet player who played with the Emerson Jr High and Davis High School Jazz Bands and studied with Tom Peron. He was a member of the Blue Moon Writers Guild.

Will was loved most of all as a compassionate friend, and he was a special friend to many young children. He confided to one recently that he hoped some day to live in a house with his best friends and liked the idea of building a fort with them.

Will struggled for many years with bipolar disorder. Though the challenges were often overwhelming, his passion, humor and hard work brought him much love and accomplishment and allowed him to bring joy into his life and the lives of those around him. His life ended on March 18. He spent his last day with his friends, playing trumpet in the park.

A viewing will take place on Saturday, March 29 from 11:00 – 2:00 at Wiscombe's Davis Funeral Chapel, 116 D St, Davis. A celebration of his life is being planned for later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Davis High School Jazz Band (DHS Band Boosters; P.O. Box 73522; Davis 95617; [www.dhsbandboosters.org](http://www.dhsbandboosters.org)), NAMI-Yolo (National Alliance on Mental Illness; PO Box 447; Davis, CA 95617 [www.namiyolo.org](http://www.namiyolo.org)) or Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service of Yolo County (P.O. Box 622; Davis, CA 95617 [www.suicidepreventionyolocounty.org](http://www.suicidepreventionyolocounty.org)).