



Pictured Above: William Waddey & Robert Wharton at Riverwood High School Senior Prom 2003

## Robert Fleming Wharton

Robert Fleming Wharton (April 24, 1985) and close friend William Rivers Waddey (December 2, 1983) were tragically killed in a car accident on July 10, 2003 in the mountains of North Georgia.

Robert was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia by Patsy and Les Wharton of Sandy Springs and had planned to attend The University of Georgia. He graduated from Riverwood High School in 2003 as a member of The National Honor Society. Robert was an active member in the Atlanta community through Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church Recreational Basketball, and was a Riverwood High School Media Reporter.

In Robert's last year with us, he traveled throughout Eastern Europe including Prague & Germany, and was a member of Peachtree Presbyterian's 2002 Mission Trip to Jamaica. A role model for all, Robert always had a contagious and animated smile. His vivacious sense of humor and benevolence will never be forgotten.

Robert is survived by his parents Patsy and Les Wharton and siblings Elizabeth, Sarah, Phillip, and Catherine of Atlanta. William is survived by his parents Cecilia and Walter Waddey and siblings Elizabeth and James of Atlanta and Athens.

The Robert F. Wharton Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed to continue the legacy and dreams of Robert Fleming Wharton. The Foundation seeks to inspire, encourage and motivate young people in the pursuit of excellence. The Foundation works to achieve these goals through fundraising for academic opportunities and youth athletic programs.

The primary fundraising project of the Foundation is the annual "Players Ball, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament," a co-ed basketball tournament open to high school students through adults. The Tournament brings together members of the community and helps to raise money for the various athletic opportunities and academic scholarships. Past Players Ball Basketball Tournaments have partnered with local restaurants and retailers, The Atlanta Hawks, The Atlanta Thrashers, The Atlanta Braves, and The Atlanta Falcons. The Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders, The University of Georgia Cheerleaders, and the Georgia Tech Cheerleaders have appeared at all of the past tournaments (2003-2007). Each year the tournament includes a premier silent auction carrying items such as gift certificates to stays at various vacation homes.

Since 2003, the Foundation has raised over \$30,000.00 and awarded eight academic scholarships in honor of both Robert Wharton and William Rivers Waddey. Each student received a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be applied towards further education. The Robert F. Wharton Foundation has also granted money to the Carl E. Sanders YMCA, Georgia Warriors Youth Basketball, and Atlanta Community Action Center to help send youth to various athletic programs and summer camps.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses like you, The Foundation is able to provide scholarships for high school seniors and athletic opportunities for young people through the RFW Team in Need project.



The Foundation is in the process of teaming up with various community members, businesses and corporations in order to assist young people in attaining their goals. Successful contributions in 2003-2007 were such but not limited to cash contributions, silent auction gift items, gift certificates, sporting tickets, arts & entertainment tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, and food and beverage donations for fundraising events.

We ask that you support the Robert F. Wharton Foundation by sending your contribution to the Robert F. Wharton Foundation c/o 495 River Crest Court, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Thank you for your contribution. Your kindness and generosity will benefit academic scholarships or youth athletic scholarships (in compliance with the NCAA regulations) within the state of Georgia.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the Robert F. Wharton Foundation, please call (770) 955-6976 or visit our website at [www.rfwfoundation.com](http://www.rfwfoundation.com).

\* The Robert F. Wharton Foundation has been established as a 501(c)(3) organization with the tax ID # 36-4543933. We will only be sending receipts for cash donations over \$100.00 for tax purposes unless otherwise requested.



Pictured Above: 2007 Winning Team from Birmingham, Alabama Chris Williams, Sterling Whitworth, Brandon Whitworth, & Keith Ward.

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Would you like to be advised or future fundraising events and scholarship receptions? (Circle One)      Yes      No

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2008**

**THE 2008 PLAYERS BALL**

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**  
**\$100 Per Team Includes...**  
**T-Shirts & Gift Bags!**  
**1st Game Tip Off 10am**  
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