



Design Concept

Project Name: Sheri, Garrett & Gavin Memorial Pavilion

Project Address: to be determined
Columbia, IL 62236

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Design Statement:

The purpose of this memorial pavilion is to celebrate and remember the lives of Sheri, Garrett and Gavin. They are loved by family, friends, neighbors and many more.

Similar to ripples in a pond, their tight bond and love for each other spread out beyond their immediate family and into the community.

At the core of this memorial pavilion is a wishing well / fountain (A). Water has always served as the center of life. The circle symbolizes unity and has no beginning or end. From this center, many other rings (ripples) are organized.

The first 2 rings are concrete steps 9 feet in diameter and 11 feet in diameter representing Gavin's and Garrett's ages (B).

The third ring is 31 feet in diameter and represents Sheri's age (C). This ring is the start of brick pavers engraved with the names of other loved ones throughout the community.

The final ring is 51 feet in diameter (D) and represents the sum of the ages of Sheri, Garrett and Gavin.

The pavilion roof is supported by three columns 9" in diameter (E). Each column represents each family member standing together in support and strength.

The pavilion has three corners. The first corner is located to the east and represents Gavin. The east is where the day begins. The second corner is located to the west and represents Garrett. The west is where the day ends and older by the passage of time. The third corner is to the south and represents Sheri's life. With the warmth of the sun to her back, she can watch her boys from sunrise to sunset.

There are 2 obelisks near the south corner (one 52" tall and the other 62" tall) representing Garrett and Gavin (F). These obelisks will be placed so that every year at noon on Mother's Day, their shadows will touch Sheri's corner.

And finally, around the perimeter are 31 conifer trees (G) that provide year round protection to the memorial pavilion, like a mother protecting her children.