



Garrett Jenkins

February 11, 1999 - March 26, 2020

Garrett Walter Jenkins, 21, ended his life on March 26, 2020 at his home in Tulsa, OK. He was born February 11, 1999 to Paul Wayne Jenkins and Marla McCutchen Thomas. He graduated with honors from the Texas ChalleNGe Academy in Iraan, TX in December 2016, and attended college courses at Tarrant County Community College and Tulsa Community College.

Growing up, Garrett lived in Tulsa, then Lexington, SC, Owasso, OK and Fort Worth, TX. He returned to Tulsa in 2018. While attending college he worked at QT, Macy's Fulfillment Center, Jason's Deli, Bama Pie Company and Cameron Glass.

Garrett had a large circle of loving family and friends. From his mother's side, he is survived by his mother Marla McCutchen Thomas and her husband Todd Thomas, sister Simone, step-sisters Candace and Trinity, maternal grandmothers Cindy Evans and Dena McCutchen, uncles and aunts Jeremy and Camber Evans, Sarah McCutchen, Bryce and Kristen Wootten and T.K. Wootten and cousins McKayla, Carson, Brooklyn, Wyatt, Brody and Riley. Garrett was preceded in death in 2011 by his maternal grandfather Walter Cloyce McCutchen. From his father's side, he is survived by his father Paul Wayne Jenkins and wife-to-be Tanna Rhoads, step-sister Peyton and step-brother Ethan, paternal grandmother Sharon Reynolds King, and aunt Jessica Gates. Garrett was preceded in death in 2001 by his paternal grandfather, Clifford Jenkins.

Garrett was completely larger than life and unforgettable. He had a huge heart and fiercely loved his family and friends. Everyone who knew him has a story to tell, and Garrett relished all his life's experiences and adventures. His curious and fearless spirit was contagious, as was his boisterous laugh and silly jokes. He loved to travel and had a passion for learning and exploring. There are so many happy memories with him, and they greatly outnumber the challenging times. He was so determined to be independent and his fearless nature often scared those who loved him, but it was never his intention to cause stress or harm to others. I know so many have had some of their best conversations, laughs and debates with him. He loved his animals and adopted a kitty, naming him Cheech, that has lovingly been placed with a family member since his passing.

In the spirit of Garrett's open and honest personality, his family hopes that being upfront about his suicide may help others to cope with similar losses. We ask you to take the time now to let your friends and family know that you love and cherish them. We ask that you open your heart and offer compassion without judgment for those who suffer from illness and addiction rooted in stigma, trauma or shame, and continue to pass this message on to others.

While we navigate the unusual circumstances of current events and limits on travel and social gatherings, we will postpone a celebration of life for Garrett until a later date. Until that time, we invite you to connect with us and share your stories, photos and memories. We do ask that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to any of the following organizations that have been a part of his journey and of essential help to our family along the way.

Mental Health Association of Oklahoma: https://mhaok.force.com/OrderApi__campaign?id=a9B2K000000TNTj&site=a8yA0000000blvhIAA

Tulsa Equality Center: <http://www.okeq.org/donate.html>

Family and Children's Services OK:

https://secure3.convio.net/fcsok/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app353a?idb=1995326294&1400.donation=form1&df_id=1400&mfc_pref=T&NONCE_TOKEN=1B677666E4880E09C02691EF15C23F5F&idb=0

RIP our sweet Buzz Lightyear. We will see you in the infinity, and beyond, forever.

Services pending

Comments



“ I sincerely wish i had taken some time out of my day to rekindle a relationship with you. Life moves so fast Garrett, It seems like just yesterday we were running across the street from the high school to feel cool at Frogg pond, those were the days. You had a tough front but I know you have a good heart. Rest in peace buddy.



Garret - April 04 at 12:39 AM



“ Claudia "Jaymie" Alazam. You are not alone. purchased the Circle of Love Tear Bottle with Mini Dome for the family of Garrett Jenkins.



Claudia "Jaymie" Alazam. You are not alone. - April 01 at 06:11 AM



“ The Salazar family sends our strongest prayers to you and your family. Words are just not enough ...

Michael Salazar - March 31 at 12:32 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your son. It's never fair when they go out of order and I'm sure it's a pain comparable to no other. Looking at the pictures, I see a young man preparing to launch. I work with Todd and I hear him brag about his kids all the time. I know this man was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Deborah McFarland - March 31 at 08:04 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garrett Jenkins.



March 30 at 09:36 PM



“ I will never forget meeting Garrett for the first time at Holiday Open House several years back - he must have been around 15. He was such a polished, polite young man who new how to talk to and engage with adults. I remember being so impressed with him. It is unusual to meet a teenager who is so comfortable talking with adults as opposed to tuning out with ear buds in their ears. And, he kept a careful eye on Simone - loved that he watched out for his little sister. Garrett left an indelible impression on me that day that I will never forget. I am so deeply saddened for the family and this tremendous loss of such a wonderful young man. I know that he will be missed beyond measure. I hope that the memories shared of Garrett will bring a smile to friends and family and that the tears of sadness today will turn to smiles of joy tomorrow when recalling memories of Garrett.



Melissa Lee - March 30 at 05:09 PM



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Cassidy Main - March 30 at 03:41 PM



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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory and Cemetery - March 30 at 03:13 PM



“ Only about a month ago, some family members gathered at Oma Sharon King's house. Garrett, his dad Paul, Step-mom Tanna, and I (his Great Aunt Kim) had a delicious Lebenese lunch prepared by Sharon, and we laughed & talked all afternoon. Garrett seemed really happy-laughing & joking -his old cheerful self! It was an awesome day, and we were so glad Garrett was there with us. Had I known that was the last time I would see him, I would have hugged him harder and longer. So very sad. Your demons have released you, precious Garrett- fly free!!!

Love, Kim

Kim Modlin - March 30 at 01:36 PM



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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory and Cemetery - March 30 at 11:55 AM