



Jacob Jesse Hockenberry

May 25, 1989 - April 30, 2018

Jacob Hockenberry passed away Monday evening in Butte. On May 25th, 1989 Jacob Jesse Willis was born in Butte, the youngest of 7 to Theodore and Ann (Murray) Willis. He had the curliest head of hair and was gifted, even as an infant. At the age of 8 he was adopted by Timothy and Karen (Brents) Hockenberry. He was raised in Whitehall among 9 siblings. In high school, Jacob was gifted a Bible and read it cover to cover. The words woke up his heart to a loving Father who "would never leave". Jacob was an avid skateboarder and played an active role in raising funds for the skatepark built in Whitehall.

Jacob married his high school sweetheart, Michaela (Henry) Hockenberry, and they moved to Bozeman. They have a daughter together, Ember Rose, who was the love of his life. Jacob was passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with anyone who would listen. He knew he belonged to a good, good Father and wanted everyone to experience a love like he did.

After a few semesters at Montana Bible College and MSU, Jacob decided to pursue his own business called Computer Clinic. Jacob shared his passion for literature and poetry writing online and with his closest friends and family.

Jacob was an influencer with so much creativity and energy. Whatever he was doing, he was doing it with his whole heart.

Jacob is survived by his biological mother, Ann Murray, of Grand Forks SD, biological father, Theodore Willis, of Hamilton MT, sisters Trina Willis of Butte MT, Karen Willis of Omaha NE, Diana Tschiegge, of Bozeman MT, John Willis,

of Portland OR, Ted Willis III, of Portland OR, Joshua Murray of Reno NV, Jeffrey Murray of Reno NV

He is also survived by his mother, Karen Hockenberry of Anaconda, father, Tim Hockenberry of Whitehall, daughter, Ember Hockenberry and her mother Michaela Henry of Clarksville, Tennessee, brothers: Mike Hockenberry of Seattle, John Hockenberry of Whitehall, Zach and Morgan Hockenberry of Anaconda, Joey Hockenberry of Whitehall, Gavin Hockenberry of Whitehall, sisters: Justine Hockenberry of Los Angeles, CA, Amber Hockenberry of Bozeman, Abbey Hockenberry of Whitehall, Hailey Hockenberry of Whitehall, Serah and Jamie Stephenson of Bozeman, grandparents: Pat and John Wemesfelder of Arizona, aunts and uncle: Sandy Brents of Los Angeles, Ed and Shannon Brents of Las Vegas, cousins Matthew, Kyle and Jake Brents and niece and nephews: Jacob and Caleb Stephenson and Keely Degidio. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Ron Brents and grandmother, Flo Woodfin.

A celebration of his life will be conducted Saturday, May 12th at 6 PM at the Commons at Baxter and love, 1974 Baxter in Bozeman.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Hockenberry family. I had the honor and privilege of working with and knowing Tim, Karen and all of their children way back when they were adopting and kids were all little! Can't believe Jacob was 28years old! Times slips away too fast! May you all be blessed with healing, happy memories and peace! Karen Reynolds*

Karen Reynolds - May 05, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob Jesse Hockenberry.*



May 05, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jake's passing!! I have many good memories of him skateboarding with Josh!! He was a great kid and an amazing friend to Josh*💕💕💕

debbie Balliett-Woods - May 05, 2018 at 04:02 PM




“ *Jacob was extremely talented in everything he was interested in he loved his daughter. Jake's latest passion for poetry was extremely deep
And boy could he write. I love you jake be at peace mom.*

Kare hockenberry - May 03, 2018 at 08:41 PM

SG

Tim and Karen, I am so very sorry to hear of Jake's passing. I worked with him at the IGA there in Whitehall. I thought a lot of him. He was an amazing person. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Stephanie Gabel (Poff)

Stephanie Gabel - May 05, 2018 at 09:06 PM


Megan
Horning

Love you, Auntie Karen, and the whole family. I'm so sorry to hear about Jake's passing.

Megan Horning - May 08, 2018 at 07:10 AM

KP

We are so saddened by the loss of Jake. He was such a smart young man, and he had so many gifts, unlimited potential and talent. Gone too soon. RIP dear Jakob. You are in our thoughts. Take flight with the angels Jake. We will remember the goodness of your heart. Love and hugs to the family, all of you. We are so sorry.

kathy pogh - May 08, 2018 at 08:47 AM

JD

He was my best friend through childhood after moving to Montana in 4th grade. Truly an awesome soul. I always believed we would reconnect in adulthood and I'll never forgive myself for not being there for him before it was too late. I am truly sorry, Jake.

JDP - July 06, 2024 at 04:51 AM