



Timothy James "TJ" Lunceford

October 1, 1991 - June 19, 2023

Timothy James "TJ" Lunceford was born in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 1st, 1991 to Tim and Angela Lunceford. He was a very strong and energetic kid who loved bike riding, camping, swimming, fishing, kayaking, garage sales, shoes, and looking at old houses. He had a vibrant sense of humor and could spend quite a bit of time joking around and having fun with his siblings, Erin, Jenni, and Michael. He also spent a great deal of time adventuring with his cousins, Casey & Cody. They were quite the trio, plodding around through creeks and timber exploring what it is to be boys.

Diagnosed with Fragile X syndrome when he was five years old, he was quite a handful most of the time. It was difficult for him to be around crowds, but that didn't stop him from being included in family celebrations and gatherings, as long as there was a place to hide when it became too stressful. He had a soft spot for his niece Abby and his nephews, Caleb, Timmy, and Travis. The nature of his personality shone through the challenges he faced and he was able to create many deep friendships that have lasted through many, many years.

In 2019, he was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma. The aggressive and destructive nature of the cancer was able to destroy his body, but his personality survived intact through the remaining years. He tolerated all the treatments, appointments, a virtual army of doctors & nurses, and agonizing

pain without losing his happiness, love, and humor. His strength and endurance were incredible. The cancer was also unable to destroy TJ's understanding that he was a good man and that Jesus loved him. The faith he possessed was strengthened by the example of faith of his whole family, his very dear friend and pastor, Rev. Scott Lemmermann, and a multitude of other Christian friends who all helped him know the love and peace that surpassed his circumstances. He taught his family and friends so many lessons about love, compassion, and the value of self-sacrifice that are seldom learned by most people.

TJ passed into God's eternal rest at 11:56 pm on June 19th, as his parents sat beside him holding his hand. A celebration of Life service will be held on July 20th, 2023 beginning at 10:30 at Historic Wood's Chapel, 1040 NE Wood's Chapel Rd., Lee's Summit, MO. Interment will follow at 2:00 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Higginsville, 20109 Business MO-13, Higginsville, MO.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery @ Higginsville

MO-13
Higginsville, MO 64037
(660) 584-4830

Tribute Wall



“ Know the family members Mom Angie Dad Tim brother Michael and sis Erin and sis Jennifer and I love you too

Jennifer blakley - July 01, 2023 at 12:06 AM

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“ How can one post just one memory when we had so many?! We grew up together and had so much fun. Tj was more like a brother than a cousin. He would come stay the night or the weekend when we were younger. We played in the creeks and woods on our place. We rode horses and did what we did every other day. We treated him as he didn't have fragile x. To us he was just another one of the boyz just with a little more excitement lol. My brother Cody n I would always talk about the things we would do with Tj. We wanted to build a go cart so he could just drive but we was told he couldn't..... it always burned in my mind because as a Lunceford it becomes a challenge. I WON!! We had a family get together not long ago and I own a side by side. We went for a drive. I told him no matter what we could go through anything and over anything except the pond and BIG trees. We had a ball!! I honestly don't know who was happier between the two of us. Rootbeer in hand cruising the pasture running over trees and climbing hills. We drove right back to the party between all the cars and around the house right up to the front porch. His last day with us my brother and I bailed from work to go be with him. I walked in and was told he was having a bad day. I said let know we was there and he hollerd "Heyyyy!!" As he rolled over and took my hand to hold for a while. I didn't want to let go when he rolled back over but I also didn't want to have to wrestle him lol. We hung out all day picking on each other and joking like normal as he was able in his good moments. Later in the evening I told him I was going home to see my kids and he said "ok" I told him I'd see him later. He said "ok see you later". Then I told him I loved him trying not to lose my composure. He rolled over and said "I love you too" just before I walked out the door. You see we as a family was tough that death is not "goodbye" but "see you later" and we even as adult men are never too proud to tell a loved one we love them. I will see my brother again and I'll be ready for that high five and hug!!

Casey Richard Lunceford - June 30, 2023 at 12:48 AM



,Love this! Beautiful! Peace and love to the family. ❤️

Dianne Heaton Kixmiller - June 30, 2023 at 10:43 PM