



## Jeremiah Van Velkinburgh

February 22, 1988 - November 6, 2024

Jeremiah James Van Velkinburgh chose Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 to join his parents and grandparents in heaven. We may never know why he chose this day to leave us but we will forever be loving him and missing him until we meet again.

Jeremiah was born February 22, 1988, in Wenatchee, Washington to Dennis and Paula Van Velkinburgh. He was their 2nd son and joined three brothers in the family. They lived in Ephrata and he attended school there. He was active in football and baseball most of his childhood and excelled at both. He was quiet and a deep thinker. This is from his mother's journal "Jeremiah is doing well in school, we are so proud of him. He is my level-headed and responsible one, he is so like his Uncle Ted and always doing the right thing. He is my helper." That was Jeremiah, He helped care for his beloved Grandpa Albert Mack in the last years of his life when Ted had to be out of town. Oh, the stories he could tell about Grandpa. He graduated from Ephrata High School in 2006. He attended Big Bend and graduated with two AA degrees in maintenance and welding. He worked for Genie in Moses Lake and was working for MicroSoft in Quincy at the time of his death. He was well-liked and respected by all who knew him. On April 26, 2014, he married Sara Lerma in Ephrata, Washington. They were busy raising their beautiful children at his passing.

No obituary for this beloved brother, son, father, and husband would be complete without telling you of his love for all things Washington State Cougars! He especially loved their football team. He was a season ticket holder as soon as he could afford to be and went with his Uncles Ted, David, and Karl many times before then. He would tell of Ted's crazy driving there and how mad his Uncle Karl would get at the games! He rooted for his Cougs in good times and bad and his home reflected his love for the "Cougs!" He passed his passion to his oldest daughter Maya and they attended many games together. Jeremiah was also an avid hunter and fisherman. Some of his brother's favorite memories are of them hunting together with their children. His favorite places were the family farm, a Cougar game, and trekking through the woods in search of his next buck. Great memories.

He is survived by his much-loved children, Maya, Luke, and Abby. His wife Sara Van Velkinburgh. His Uncle and Surrogate father since his parent's passing Ted Mack of Soap Lake. His much-loved brothers and sister-in-laws Jared and Karinne Mack of Soap Lake, Jacob Van Velkinburgh of Ephrata, Jesse and Jeralyn Van Velkinburgh of Ephrata, Kayci Van Velkinburgh of Ephrata, Father and Mother-in-law Richard and MaryLu Hauser of Quincy, beloved nieces and nephews Gabriel, Destiny, Jenna and Nevaeh Mack of Soap Lake, Zoe Thomas, and Lala and Madi Van Velkinburgh of Ephrata. Favorite Aunt Roxanne Mack of Ephrata, Aunt Peggy (Ken) Long of Forks, Uncle David Mack of Ephrata, and Uncle Karl Mack of Post Falls, Aunt Candi (Ed) French and Uncle Doug (Deb) Van Velkinburgh, cousins and in-laws and outlaws too numerous to mention but who all loved him and will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dennis and Paula Van Velkinburgh, Grandparents Albert Mack, Charlie and Lauree Van Velkinburgh, Uncles John, Victor, and Albert Mack, Aunt Cindy Van Velkinburgh, and his brother Mike Van Velkinburgh.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 22, 2024, at the Ephrata Church of the Nazarene, 33 D Street NE, Ephrata, Washington. A potluck meal will follow with all friends and family invited to attend and help us celebrate this special young man who left us too soon.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Nazarene Church  
33 D St NE  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Family camping trip. It brought joy to my heart watching him with his children. He was totally involved, kind and having fun. I'm sure his children have some great memories.*

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**Mary Davis** - November 21, 2024 at 08:33 PM