Tyson Yount

October 30, 1969 - June 17, 2024

Tyson Nicholas Yount, passed away on Monday, June 17, 2024 in his hometown of Ephrata, Washington. He was born on October 30, 1969.

Tyson is survived by his mother, Linda Yount; his brother, Lance (Shannon) Yount; his sister, Traci (Mike) Beavers; his children, Lauren (Brett) Kehl, and Tyson Yount; his grandchildren Maverick and Greyson Kehl, and many other family members he cared deeply about. He is preceded in death by his father, Larry Yount.

Tyson loved sports and thrived while competing, especially football and baseball. His competitiveness and love for his friends and teammates carried on throughout his life. After high school, Tyson went on to play football at Wenatchee Valley College. After college Tyson lived in Olympia for a few years, spent time with his brother’s family, cousins, and while there, gained many friends in the area. He enjoyed softball and other recreational sports in his free time.

He reconnected with a classmate and friend, Julie Rohlman (then Jackman) in 1993 and shortly after moved back home. They married, and Tyson became a father to Julie’s daughter, Lauren, in 1995. They later welcomed a son, Tyson, in July of 1996.

A short time later, he began a career as a Laborer and Operator at Central Washington Asphalt. It was a job and a crew that he loved, hard and rewarding work, and that allowed him to spend the winter months at home making memories with his young family. He later took a job as a Public Works employee at the City of Ephrata where he worked in the Street Department but also roved to other areas, always willing to learn other jobs and lend a hand. During this time he reignited his love for sports and began coaching high school baseball, which was a true passion. His dedication to the success of the kids he coached was admirable.

In 2014, Tyson and Julie divorced, and a short time later he moved back to Olympia and began working in the Street Department at the Town of Steilacoom, quickly earning a supervisory role. He worked there until the end of 2023, and returned again to Ephrata to be nearer family and friends in early 2024. His friends and family are all heartbroken that their efforts to reach out and show support were not enough to keep him with us.

A memorial service for Tyson will be announced and held at a later date.

If you or someone you know struggles with the difficulties of addiction, alcoholism, or suicidal thoughts, professional help is available by calling the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 988, or the Washington Recovery Help for Addiction Hotline at 1-866-789-1511.

Tribute Wall

TV

When I was in second grade Tyson was fooling around with a marker next to me and it broke and shot ink all over my new baby blue t-shirt. I went home and my mom asked what happened and I told her about Tyson and his marker. She was not impressed. However, fast forward several years later, I'd moved out of town and started my grown up journey. I'd call my mom to check in and she'd tell me that Tyson had been into the liquor store and helped her stock shelves, lifting heavy boxes and pulling bottles forward. In the end, she ended up being very impressed! Then when we lost mom unexpectedly, Tyson stepped in to be a paul bearer at her service. This is a kindness I can never repay and gift I will never forget. I miss just knowing that this beautiful soul is no longer here on earth, but I'm sure he's lighting up heaven with his smile, kindness and laughter. RIP Tyson and thank you my friend.

Tanya Varah - August 16, 2024 at 11:07 PM

KK

My sincere condolences to Linda and family. I remember when the Babe Ruth Team rode in my motor home to tounaments all over the state...those were the "good old days". Buck, Lance and the rest of the team were such good friends. Lots of younger brothers looking up to them.

Kathie King - July 13, 2024 at 12:21 AM

TB

My deepest sympathy for you Linda Yount. My heart aches for you all. What a great man Tyson was, and always will be in the hearts of us all.

Tamara Shultz Breckenridge - July 05, 2024 at 04:13 AM

BP

Tyson and first met, somewhere around the Cashmere (my) 10 yard line, we both later admitted it was the hardest hit we'd ever taken/dished out. I was a Freshman QB at Wenatchee Valley College when Tyson was a Sophomore WR, and he and I quickly built a brotherly bond - he and a couple other receivers nicknamed me "Cannon" because I threw the football with such touch. He took me to his house in Ephrata, he promised I would be safe, where I met Larry and Linda - such wonderful people! Larry was so much a great dad and Sheriff Deputy - he put me in handcuffs so I'd never want to be in them again! We rode in that pinto singing Steve Miller Band songs, and neither Tyson or I went on to have music careers, strangely enough. We lost touch as I went off to play Soldier in the Army, but we reconnected several years ago, and it was like we hadn't missed a day! I rode my Harley up to WA last year and reached out to Tyson, who just so happened to be coming through Ellensburg, so we had lunch and reminisced. He had such a genuine smile and care for others. I was texting with him Sunday night and I wish now I would have called him. I love you Brother! I will never forget you #7 and I'm praying for you every day! Your friend forever
Brent "Cannon" Paine

Brent Paine - June 27, 2024 at 11:22 PM

UK

Dear Yount Family, our sincere condolences to each of you. Coach Yount kept us driven, focused and fired up in and off the ball field. A great coach who led by example. -Uriah (Grant) Kallstrom and family

Uriah (Grant) Kallstrom - June 27, 2024 at 05:02 PM

My deepest condolences to everyone that will be missing you. You were one of my favorite memories from my junior year at Ephrata high. I always had fun when you were around. You will be missed. Brandy Leighter

Bralei Ann - June 27, 2024 at 04:37 PM

CC

Tyson was one of my all time favorite people. We were neighbors, we were friends, we were teammates ... He was my brother. Nearly every childhood memory I have includes him and his family. It did not matter how long it was between conversations, we always picked up right where we left off. What a GREAT GUY! I will never forget his smile and that awesome laugh he had. I loved going to battle with him at the many fields and courts we competed on. That moment in the Kingdome when he made "The Throw" will never be forgotten. I will miss hearing him call me "Chuck!" and I will miss responding with "Ty Y!" Thank you for the friendship, my brother.

Charlie Carlson - June 27, 2024 at 03:46 PM

A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Tyson Yount.

June 27, 2024 at 03:05 PM

Terry Cleman

Love you brother.. we made a lot of memories. Linda and family, there are not enough words, but my heart is with you all. My deepest condolences.

Terry Cleman - June 26, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MB

Tyson you always had that beautiful smile! We are so grateful we got to spend time with you and speak with you recently. We will always love you and never forget you. 💔
Mike & Monica

Monica Bergman - June 26, 2024 at 01:14 PM

MD

Miss and love you Tyson! RIP my friend

Mike Dahl - June 25, 2024 at 09:23 PM

KN

I've only known Tyson for a few years, but in those years he always showed me love. From the day I met him he always made sure to come and greet me, even if it was for a few minutes, which typically never happened because I felt like I knew Tyson my whole life and every time we talked it was at least an hour long! Within that short time I gained a friend. No matter your background, Tyson could always find a connection with you.

Kyler Noyen - June 25, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JB

Ok, with an incredible heavy heart, here I go. I loved Ty so much, he was like a brother to me, and he entire Yount family is like another family to me. Ty was the most loving, likeable person i have ever known. Ty had the rare ability to connect with everyone, no one was a stranger to him. He always greeted you with a giant smile and hug. 1st questions were always about my kids, Hazel, and wanted to know how I was doing. He never made it about himself, he always wanted the best for the rest of us. I will never forget our times together, and will forever consider Ty one of my best friends. To Ty's family, I am so sorry, I wish I knew what to say, but I do not. Tyson was a great man, and he will be dearly missed.
Rest in Peace my brother, will live the rest of my life wishing to see you again.
John Beiermann and Family

John Beiermann - June 25, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SB

It helps us all to hear your words Johnny. You WERE a brother to him. Ty was one of the most special people we ever knew. Your words and our words could go on an on for days about that special guy. Losing him this early will make us better people, he wants that. Love you and the Younts and Beavers!!!

Sam Barnes - August 13, 2024 at 08:57 PM

SB

I regret not being a better friend to him the last year. I'll do better. I'll spend more time with people and do things in his memory.

Sam Barnes - August 13, 2024 at 09:01 PM