



Jacob Byron David Merrill

February 24, 1991 - February 21, 2021

Please see In-Lieu of Flowers notice at bottom

It is with deep sadness filled with tears that we let you know that our son Jacob is now in the presence of our Savior.

God blessed us with a beautiful 2 year old child we adopted over 27 years ago when we were growing as a family. He brought joy with an infectious smile that will remain with us.

Many who know Jacob have experienced his smile, laughter and his sense of humor. Few...however, including his family knew of his inner battles. Sadly those battles too often turn to addiction. Jake had times when he was winning those battles. The best time was when he was a young boy growing up hearing about the amazing Grace of Jesus.

We took him to a church that taught the Hope of Christ. We consistently shared passages of Scripture like John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Through all of his battles even as young boy, he realized his need for the Savior. It was then he placed his faith in Christ. Ephesians 2:8+9, "For it is by grace you have been

saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.”

It is in this that we remember the sweetness of our son. It is in this that we have peace and know Jake is healed from the years of warfare and we hold on to our Hope: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 + 14, “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”

We are so grateful for family and friends who have loved Jake up through these years. We’re grateful for the support system of counselors and doctors who are always ready and willing to help our boy in the battles. We also want to communicate to you, moms and dad who are dealing with children with these battles and addictions that there is help. There’s also support for you because we know the desperation that you feel.

You do not have to walk this journey alone.

Whether, you’re the one who is caught up in addiction or you are a parent who is struggling to help your child. Please do not stay silent, reach out and if you need help or ideas of who to talk to, just message us.

Lastly we are going through the pain staking time in planning to say goodbye to our son for now. We covet your prayers for us, along with Josh, Sarah and the girls, Jeremy and Jaimee and ask for a special prayer of comfort for our Paige. Paige is doing mission work in Australia and is not able to come home to grieve and celebrate her brother to Heaven.

We will post memorial service information for Jacob once those plans have

been finalized. Please give us some time before you reach out as we are putting arrangements together.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support.

We love you Jacob and we will miss you until we are reunited in heaven ♥

Revelation 21:4 “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

In Lieu of Flowers:

Donations can be made to support the Adoption Ministry of Northridge Church.

Please send checks to Northridge Church and in the memo line put Adoption and Foster Care Ministry.

Mailing address:

Northridge Church

49555 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Tribute Wall



“ Please follow this link on March 7 to go to David Merrill's Facebook where Jacob's service will be Livestreamed



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - February 23, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



March 07, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



March 07, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



March 05, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dave and Dorothy my wife and I are so sorry for your loss. Grieve well. In time the pain will lessen. Always be a hole in your heart and an empty place at the table. Lean into your grief. God will be faithful to see you through the days ahead . Jimmy Knott*

jimmy knott - March 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



March 04, 2021 at 01:33 PM



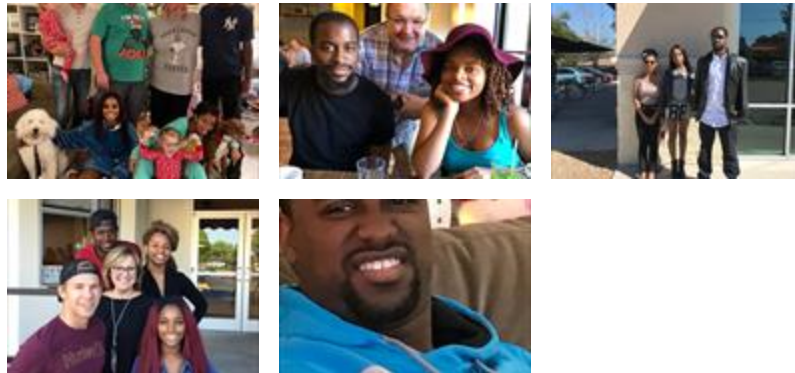
“ *Rebekah Ricks and The Homeschool Connection Family purchased the Fairest of All* for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



Rebekah Ricks and The Homeschool Connection Family -
March 02, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ 29 files added to the tribute wall



David Merrill - March 01, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



February 26, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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“ From, Clayton, Carlos, Juan, Larry, Thane & Violet purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jacob Byron David Merrill.



From, Clayton, Carlos, Juan, Larry, Thane & Violet - February 25, 2021 at 01:10 PM

SM

“ Jacob was always quick to entertain my kids when he was around them. He always made them laugh and treated them like family, as they were! He had a gift of love that made him stand out - and that smile! He may have been years older than my kids - but, he always treated them like an equal, and he made them feel like the family that they were. We didn't see each other often enough - and I wish that had been different. Our family will miss Jake - our nephew, our cousin.

Joelle shared a fun memory she has of Jacob. When she was younger, before we moved here to FL, she would come and visit Grandma & Grandpa with Ian. One time, when Jacob was over, he, Ian, and Joelle were playing in the pool. Ian being the big annoying brother that he was - was trying to throw Joelle in the pool, and picking her up in the pool and toss her. Jacob came to Joelle's rescue and saved her from her big brother! Ian became the tossed, instead of the tosser! Jacob was her hero!

Mercedes remembers playing football with Jacob and the boys, and Jacob tackled her, and she scrapped her leg, and she still has the scar to remember him by!

Ian remembers one time when he came to visit FL at Grandma and Grandpa's house, Jake came over and made Ian watch Matrix, then tried to teach him how to do Karate. He would practice Karate on Ian. Fun memories by all are had! Jacob - you were loved, you are loved - and you will be greatly missed!

Love sent to you in Heaven,

Uncle Mike, Aunt Stacy, Mercedes, Joelle, Ian, Maddi & Jamison!

Stacy Merrill - February 24, 2021 at 07:11 AM

RS

“ Jake,

I don't know where to start. You were my best friend growing up. Every day you and I would hang out. Best part was you were just the house next door. I still remember the day we were playing in your grandparents back yard when I accidentally hit you and cut just below your eye. I was so scared. One that I caused it and two that you wouldn't like me anymore. Man I was wrong. You have a forgiving nature. We grew up together. From young to old. Saw each other every day and I miss those simpler times. You are missed my brother. Rest In Peace. Love you always man

Riley Smith - February 23, 2021 at 06:57 PM