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Shawn's cause of death was sudden and unexpected. After 6 months of sobriety and working hard to recover he succumbed to temptation.

Shawn was kind and loving with other sides. He was a devoted father to Payton. Shawn would on occasion hand out food and drinks to random homeless individuals.

He made a commitment to Christ when he was 10 years old and was ultimately baptized at Calvary Assembly in Winter Park, Florida. He enjoyed many activities from a young age. Camping, fishing, Royal Rangers and Basketball to name a few. Shawn was a star on his basketball team often referred to as the Shaquille O'Neal of his team, who he as able to meet in person.

Shawn had many certification in the construction field in both aptitude and heavy equipment. He was recently learning a new trade in the field of welding.

Shawn was residing at the Fresh Start Ministries and working on his sobriety

and had plans to remain in the program until February 2022. He was actively working a long list of individuals to make amends. From his personal papers and writings it is apparent he had rededicated his life to the Lord.

Shawn was preceded in death by his daughter, Kendra Kunkle.

Shawn will be forever loved and missed and remembered for his humor and willingness to help others including his son Payton Michael Eugene Kunkle. John Kunkle, brother. Julia Kunkle, wife. Carolyn Hickerson, mother. Clyde and Linda Kunkle father and step-mother. Janet Forysthe, grandmother. Many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

Dear Shawn, rest in peace your struggles are over.

Celebration of Life Service:

Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Location: South Fern Creek Community Church * 3839 South Fern Creek Avenue * Orlando FL 32806

In lieu of flowers, donations will be appreciated to Fresh Start Ministries a Christian Addiction Ministry. Donations in memory of Shawn M Kunkle. Donate • Fresh Start Ministries of Central Florida - Rehabilitation Center Located in Orlando, Florida. <https://www.freshstartministries.com/donate/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

South Fern Creek Community Church
3839 South Fern Creek Avenue
Orlando, FL 32806

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Hi love, I saw you tonight again in my dreams 💔, i miss you so very much. Why did you have to go?

As i sit here, i can hear your voice as a whisper to me, its a comfort, as you knew it was my favorite thing, just to hear your voice, its like a warm blanket on my heart ❤️. I know you are ok in the presence of our lord, till i see you again 💜 dont worry, i am protecting our treasure 🗝️

Jaimie Cash - February 02 at 05:05 AM

PK

“ Payton Kunkle sent a virtual gift in memory of Shawn Michael Kunkle



payton kunkle - March 04, 2024 at 10:15 PM

PK

“ Hey dad, it's almost been 4 years in 48 days it will be 4 years when you passed I wish you were here right now because I just need a hug from you because I been thinking of you ever since you passed it's hard not to think about you when our song comes on in my headphones or on a speaker I start to tear up because that was the song that you sang to in the truck on the way to work and we would stop at a gas station and get food and drinks before we got to work and when I see grandma I'm going to see if she has your drivers license so I can put it in my wallet and just keep it in there to look at every time I think of you I still have the Xbox that you got me for Christmas years ago and I still play on it I just had to create a new account because the other one I couldn't log onto it. But all I wanted to tell you is that I miss you so much right now and I love you more than everything if I could have had one or three more days with you I would just cuddle with you and watch cops and go to work and just have fun before you had to go but at least I have something to think of because I made you a gator out of beads and I am going to make the bracelets that you got me one day and I said that I will make one one day I am going to ask mom if she can get the stuff down so I can make them

payton kunkle - March 04, 2024 at 10:02 PM

PA

“ You were the best dad ever and even though that I know my bio father I still call you dad because you where there for the ups and downs no matter how bad it was you where there and will always be there I hope that heaven is treating you right and you have been there since I was born and now I'm 15 about to be 16 on the 16th of January and I wish you could be here to see me grow up and be almost an adult and I wish that I could get one more talk with you but I will be okay because you always told me that you will be a star in the sky one day and now you are and I look for you every night. I cuddle with the bear that you got me in the smoky mountains and I am also listening to the songs we listened to when we were in the truck I wish that I could have the truck and sit in and drive around the yard or around the roads near mom and me and smell the inside and it would smell like you. You will always be in my heart and on my mind everyday of the week, month, year or should I say years because I am going to tell my kids be happy when I pass because I'm not going to be in much pain anymore.

payton - September 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM

JC

“ My dearest shawn, I have spend days thinking of what I would say, the thing is that you are my best friend and soul mate. The kindest person with a huge heart. You never judged me but always listened and gave great advice. We have a forever bond that only we know, and I can't wait to see you again in heaven. Until then you are holding a piece of my heart. Love always ❤️ Jaimie

Jaimie cash - April 30, 2021 at 12:20 PM

JT

Very touching and sweet Jaimie

jason Thomas - May 19, 2021 at 10:49 PM

KA

“ Dear Shawn thank you for all the memories you are one of the most amazing people I have ever met and I will cherish every moment and memory we had together thank you for always being there for me..until we meet again..~Kaitlyn

kaitlyn - April 30, 2021 at 12:15 PM

KA

“ Dear Shawn..you were one of the most amazing people I've ever met and I will cherish every moment we had together thank you for always being there for me I love you until we meet again...Yours truly Kaitlyn

kaitlyn - April 30, 2021 at 12:14 PM

KR

“ Shawn and I spent 5 years on and off together. He loved my kids like he loved his own. Jordyn was particularly close to him she was his "baby girl". We were at the beach the weekend that the Pulse shooting happened. We woke up early that Sunday morning in Cocoa (we were staying in the same place grandma Janet had a timeshare, so he kept sharing many memories) we turned on the tv to hear the tragic news. We had plans to spend some more time at the beach that day. But being that we both had friends and family that have gone to and frequented pulse we just felt the need to go home. We were both saddened and supported each other through that time. Shawn I love you. I always have and always will. The girls and I will think about you always xoxo

Kami Rubino - April 30, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DC

“ Shawn was my first born Nephew. He was a Happy Baby. In Recent years he would come over to my house to have dinner with Erick and me. He loved my cooking and would always say “Uncle David, you are the best cook. We would laugh at his antics and only Shawn could make me blush. Shawn, I will miss you. I forgive you and I Love You! Love Uncle David.

David Chatburn - April 28, 2021 at 01:12 PM

AC

“ You were such a good friend more like a brother to me! Even though we haven't talked as much through the years you always would call out the blue just to tell me what was going on and how your son was doing. I will cherish all the memories growing up for bible study at your moms to riding around town hanging out with our group of friends You kept us all laughing. You always had my back growing up and I will miss you dearly. Until we meet again RIP my friend

Amber Collins - April 28, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ I got to spend some time with Shawn and Payton many years ago while in Ohio visiting Uncle Clyde. He was so attentive and loving with his little boy, you could tell he loved him so very much. My sympathies go out to his Mother, Brother and Son. I have no doubt he will be so missed by those that loved him.

Melissa Zink-Winrick - April 26, 2021 at 11:12 PM

CH

“ Shawn, you were an amazing father and son. You will be remembered always as a devoted father, loving son and amazing friend. Love you forever and always. ~ Mom

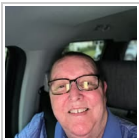
Carolyn Hickerson - April 26, 2021 at 12:30 PM

CH

“ 53 files added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Hickerson - April 26, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Shawn Photos



David Chatburn - April 25, 2021 at 09:19 AM