



## Jake Tyler Gillespie

June 18, 1999 - January 1, 2022

Jake Tyler Gillespie, 22 of Grand Island died January 1, 2022 as a result of a car accident in Buffalo County.

Services will be 10:30 AM Tuesday, January 11th at the Third City Christian Church. Burial will be in the Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Monday, January 10th also at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be determined later.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Jake was born on June 18, 1999 in Hastings the son of Tracy Gillespie and Jayson Rhoads. He attended Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Newell Elementary, Walnut Middle School and graduated from Grand Island Senior High class of 2017. While attending Walnut, Jake was chosen by his teachers with the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers on the schools Washington D.C. trip. In middle school, Jake played football, basketball, and ran cross country. He took a medal in first 8 cross country meets. In high school Jake played baseball for 4 years for GISH, 7 years of Riverdogs baseball in his youth and American Legion Baseball. He graduated with honors and in the top 15% of his class from GISH. Jake was a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska-Kearney with his Bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing.

Jake loved the outdoors, including time spent at Calamus lake, boating, wakeboarding and fishing. He loved Husker sports and most of all, time spent with family, many friends, and his 4-legged companion Husker. Jake worked

for Auto America and Midway Chevrolet, Ryan Bartels Construction, detailed cars in his spare time, and Global Life Insurance.

Jake had a heart of gold, made a statement in this world, and had a huge impact on many people's lives.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother and step father, Tracy and John Gillespie of Grand Island; his dad, Jayson Rhoads of Grand Island; sisters, Jordyn Rhoads and Brittany Gillespie of Grand Island; nephews, Rhett and Ryder and William; grandparents, Larry and Connie Tylkowski of Calamus and his aunt Kat (Krisha) Tylkowski of Omaha and her 4-legged companion Gabby; grandmother Loretta Rhoads of Grand Island; his uncle, Dean (Lucille) Rhoads of Grand Island; his uncle Mark (Kim) Gillespie of Holdrege, his aunt Lori Gillespie of Mesa, AZ, his special Uncle Dave Nall of St. Libory, NE; Jakes 4-legged companion Husker and numerous family and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack and Alyce Gillespie and Larry Rhoads, a sister, Lindsay Gillespie and a 4-legged brother Rudy.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Third City Christian Church  
4100 W. 13th St.  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jake Tyler Gillespie*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jake Tyler Gillespie.*



January 10, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Tyler Gillespie.*



January 09, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Michelle, Jim, Madison Peek, Josh Warner lit a candle in memory of Jake Tyler Gillespie*



**michelle, jim, madison peek, josh warner** - January 07, 2022 at 05:49 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you in the tragic loss of Jake. I remember when I was working that Grandma Connie would keep me posted in his activities as well as his sister Jordan's. I was shocked to read it online as we are in Arizona. He has a lot of uncles and grandparents in heaven who will welcome him with open arms and take good care of him. Again my heart aches for all of you. Peg & Gene Pesek

Peg & Gene Pesek - January 06, 2022 at 08:47 PM

MY

“ Jake was my advisee and a student in several of my marketing classes. He was so excited to graduate and worked so hard to accomplish this goal. My heart goes out to his loved ones. Love, light, and prayers to his friends and family. We have lost a dear soul.

Marsha Yeagley

Marsha Yeagley - January 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Tyler Gillespie.



January 05, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ *ToriEngland lit a candle in memory of Jake Tyler Gillespie*



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**ToriEngland** - January 05, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sending hugs and prayers.*  
*Linda Willman*

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**Linda Willman** - January 05, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jake Tyler Gillespie.*



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January 05, 2022 at 10:16 AM