



Jacob W. Tait

April 14, 1985 - September 21, 2017

Jacob William Tait, age 32, passed away suddenly on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Jacob was born on April 14th, 1985 to James and Sharon Tait of Clare, Michigan where Jacob lived most of his life. Jacob was known for his loving nature, his generous spirit and his undeniable charisma. Jacob was a loving and wonderful father to four amazing children and an awesome uncle to two beautiful nieces. Jacob loved joking around, having bonfires, listening to music while singing along, cooking, and above all else, he loved his family the most. Jacob was one to offer a helping hand whenever he found someone in need. Jacob had a smile that would light up a room. Jacob will be missed tremendously by so many people. Jacob is survived by his mother and father, his children Preston, William, MaryAnn, and Jacob Edward, and his children's mother Elise Beeckman. He is also survived by his sister Rachel (Jason) Newman, his brother Nyle Stittsworth, his nieces Alexandra Abbott and Natalie Newman, his grandmother Donna Smith, and many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jacob had expressed his wishes that there be no funeral when he passed away and his family is honoring his request. Arrangements have been made through the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home; please share your thoughts and memories with the family by leaving a post in the memories section of Jacob's online obituary.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I really miss you man! Wish you were here to talk to...



Gary Etcher - August 21, 2025 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ Jacob was my dad the best dad I could ever ask for and I just wish that I could spend so much more time with him

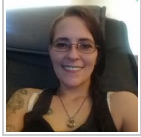
jacob E tait - March 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

ST

“ I have been heart-broken to hear of Jacob's passing and wish to express my love for the whole Tait family. I always sensed such love and warmth from each of you, and it hurts to consider the tremendous pain you are all experiencing. Like so many, I remember Jacob's kindness, and his great smile. Please know my prayers are with you.

Love,
Stacy Ashworth (Thomas)

Stacy - October 07, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *Mandy Robert lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait*



Mandy Robert - October 06, 2017 at 04:56 AM



“ *Seeing that I've known Jake ever since we were kids I have far too many good memories to pick from... what I'll miss most about him though is his smile that'd stretch from ear to ear. I know he will be missed terribly by his friends and family... and me especially.*

Emily Hages - October 05, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ *Jake was an awesome friend and neighbor. His kids play with our kids because we live on the same street. I am so saddened that he is gone and pray for his children and the rest of his family to find peace and comfort knowing that he is watching over them and with them always.*

Kristen Hilyard - September 26, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ Well... another time that I am completely at a loss on what to say... you will be missed bud... this is just insane to me... you had the most infectious smile... your dimples and the way your eyes sparkled, your laugh and humor that just lit up a room. Ugh... your babes are going to miss one amazing man... so is EVERYONE else. Fly high my friend and watch down on everyone else. Help us... carry us... shoot... drag us if need be :-) <3 <3 <3 Love you and hug all of our others that have been taken WAY WAY too soon please. Until we meet again <3

Nicole Beavers - September 26, 2017 at 06:44 AM



“ I went to school with Jake ...and our friendship stayed even after graduation...he was an amazing soul...he will be greatly missed...my prayers and thoughts are with you

Jodi Smith - September 26, 2017 at 02:02 AM



“ I met Jake when I first moved to Clare in 2003. He was a very happy fun loving guy. He was always the life of the party. He will be missed by many but never forgotten. My thoughts go out to his family.

Ashley Dawn - September 25, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ Mark And Sherri Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Jacob W. Tait



Mark and Sherri Smith - September 25, 2017 at 05:50 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Sherri Smith lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait*

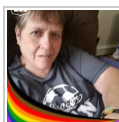


Mark & Sherri Smith - September 25, 2017 at 04:43 PM

AP

“ *Its hard to think that our family will not see you again or hear your jokes or see how goofy or loving you were its sucks not being able to see you and have our little convos or even our quick hellos when we pick up or drop our kids off at school or how we had to explain to ariana and little jacob that they were cousins all the time you were truly loved and cared about by many as family or as a friend you will be missed more then you will have ever realized love you cuz rih i will always have our great memories from being kids growing up to now*

Ashley pardo - September 25, 2017 at 02:57 PM



My heart breaks for the family. When Jacob was a youngster I was a very good friend of his parents. I remember how sweet he was.He was a good brother too.I believe he was interested in football but I'm not sure. I'm so very sorry for the void your loved ones will feel. Watch over your family and keep them safe. God Bless all of your loved ones and may God give them Peace and understanding in this awful sad time.Rest In Peace Jacob.

Dee Arden-Musser - September 25, 2017 at 09:35 PM

SO

“ Growing up with Jacob and Rachel was a wonderful experience! Having the Taits live next to my grandmother and all they did for her I can never thank you enough! I was never able to thank Jacob for the night that my grandmother passed. When the ambulance was at her house at 2:30am he came over to see what was going on and he did not leave my side until we left for the hospital. He was truly a wonderful friend and I can never thank him enough. Even though I haven't talked to him for some time, I will truly miss him, and hope he is at peace and his children and family have a guardian angel, that will forever watch over them. Until we meet again my friend, you will be greatly missed by so many.

stephanie olson - September 25, 2017 at 02:21 PM

AS

“ Jake was a great friend, with a big heart. He would help anyone who asked, or who needed him. He will be greatly missed by many! We are truly sorry for everyone's loss!

Matthew 5:4

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

-Austin & Courtnie Slater

Austin & Courtnie Slater - September 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ Mike And Becky lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait



Mike and Becky - September 25, 2017 at 07:32 AM

RN

“ Like many siblings, Jacob and I did not always get along, but by the time we both became parents, we had a close relationship. I was there at his and Elise's request for the birth of 3 of their 4 children and only missed Jakey's birth due to taking care of a sick MaryAnn. I remember being out of town when Elise was going into labor with William because Jason's grandma had passed away. Jacob called me and asked me to come to the hospital which was two and a half hours away, and I hesitated because I knew I would have to go right back to Jason's family afterwards; however, Jacob told me he really wanted me in the birthing room, so I went. Jacob evoked something so strong in all of us that made us want to please him and take care of him. He was a protective and caring brother, and I always knew he would have my back if I needed it. It breaks my heart that he is no longer here to reminisce about our childhood or talk about how our children are so much more like siblings than cousins because of how close they are. Though I am so devastated for the loss of my brother, I take comfort from the fact that he is now free of the pain he carried on Earth, and that we will all be together again one day.

Rachel Newman - September 25, 2017 at 03:48 AM



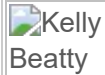
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Nicole Beavers - September 25, 2017 at 12:59 PM

GE

Reading this made me miss him alot today but was perfectly said. Thank you for writing this.

Gary Etcher - August 21, 2025 at 04:31 PM



Kelly Beatty

“ Jacob your smile alone always capture me with your farmer bibs lol and your cute nerdy glasses lol you were the nicest kindest friend of pats i enjoyed whenever you came and hung with us you brought lots of laughter. Your passing has brought sadness to so many the news to pat and I has been heart breaking

Kelly Beatty - September 24, 2017 at 11:39 PM



EB

“ Jacob gave me 4 of the most precious gifts anyone could ever ask for. I have never seen a father so loving as he was. The moment we found out we were expecting our first he would talk to and rub my belly, make sure I was eating healthy. Our children will never forget how great their daddy was. I will be forever grateful for all the wonderful memories they have of him and how much he would show and express his love for them. I see his charm, his humor and caring heart in our children. I couldn't be happier they will carry that with them forever.

Elise Beekman - September 24, 2017 at 09:46 PM



MT

What a beautiful tribute Elise. Thank you for sharing this beautiful side of Preston, William, Mary and Jacob's daddy. He loved them so.

Mary Tait - September 24, 2017 at 10:05 PM



Kelly Beatty

I agree he always talked about them he loved every second he had with them.

Kelly Beatty - September 24, 2017 at 11:34 PM

EB

I think it's important for our children to know how much their daddy loved them. I will never stop sharing memories with them and I will always do my best to never let them down. I am so very blessed that they have such an amazing family that will love and support them always.

Elise Beeckman - September 25, 2017 at 11:09 AM



Love you lady <3 <3 <3

Nicole Beavers - September 25, 2017 at 01:01 PM

GE

Hope you and the kids are still doing great Elise.

Gary Etcher - August 21, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Angie Medford Tait lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait*



Angie Medford Tait - September 24, 2017 at 09:15 PM

JR

“ *Our sweet Jacob is now at peace in heaven. If you knew Jake you know that he was loving, generous, funny, and kind. He had a heart that at times was too big. This is how our family will always remember him. During this time our immediate family is working to protect and comfort Jacob's children as we all struggle to come to terms with the loss of someone so dear to us. It is such a testament to how truly special Jacob was that so many have reached out to us during this difficult time. If you would like to help our family, please continue to pray for us to find comfort and strength.*

James, Sharon, and Rachel - September 24, 2017 at 09:13 PM

MT

Continued prayer Jim, Sharon and Rachel.

Mary Tait - September 24, 2017 at 10:08 PM

MB

Jim , Sharon and Rachel we will definitely pray and keep everyone in our thoughts.

Mike and Becky - September 24, 2017 at 10:33 PM

ML

Thoughts and prayers are with you that you may find peace and comfort during this most difficult time

Mary Carnarvon LaHousse - September 25, 2017 at 12:48 PM

AP

Prayers and thoughts with you aint Sharon uncle jim and cousin rachel lots of love in this very difficult time of you guys his childeren

Ashley pardo - September 25, 2017 at 02:48 PM

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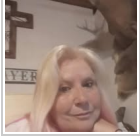
Ashley pardo - September 24, 2017 at 05:02 PM

FO

“ *Frances Owens lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait*



Frances Owens - September 24, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ From babysitting to wheatland and you pulling a wagon full of kids you had that infectious smile on your face. Hard to believe I won't see you at another mid bog or just run into you at the gas station and it takes is 45 mins or more before we actually part ways miss you R.I.P.

Angie Medford Tait - September 24, 2017 at 10:06 AM

KG

“ Kenny Gagnon lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait



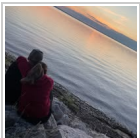
Kenny Gagnon - September 24, 2017 at 07:55 AM

MK

“ Michelle (shelley) Kelenske lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait



Michelle (shelley) Kelenske - September 23, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ So many years may have passed by, but my memories of Jake always bring a smile to my face. We were so young and still are, but I hope that all of the love I remember him sharing with all of us heals our hearts at this difficult time ❤️

Nicky 'Tait' Clements - September 23, 2017 at 09:51 PM

FO

“ Jacob will truly be miss by everyone. He was a very sweet person. Most of my memories with him are from when he was little. But I have watched him grown up and become a father of 4 beautiful children and he will live on through them. I love you little cousin.

Frances Owens - September 23, 2017 at 09:01 PM

AT

“ Jacob was funny, sweet and smart. He would help you if you needed it and we always talked about him one day maybe having a small farm so his kids could grow up like him. Jake loved his parents and knew that no matter what happened his parents would always be there for him. Jacob loved his kids they were a source of happiness for him and he always had stories to tell about their accomplishments. Every time i saw him i smiled because his humor and personality was infectious! Jacob could sing country music like a champ! We are gonna miss him .

Andrea Tait - September 23, 2017 at 06:55 PM

PR

“ Paul R.Tait lit a candle in memory of Jacob W. Tait



Paul R.Tait - September 23, 2017 at 03:39 PM

ST

Thank you, Paul.

Sharon Tait - September 23, 2017 at 04:02 PM



Well, in a way I'm sorry that I really didn't get to know Jacob as an adult, and as a man.....my memory of him will always be the goofy teenager with dimples that he was and I like that

Paul Tait - September 23, 2017 at 07:14 PM

SE

“ I have wonderful memory's of Jacob and my son Gary Jr playing video games at our Apt. since 2008. He was always so polite and giving. I'll always remember his smile when I let him in to see my son. He will be, so very much, missed.



Sally Etcher - September 23, 2017 at 03:18 PM

ST

Thank you, Sally, for you beautiful rememberane of our son, Jacob. We so appreciate knowing he was so loved.

Sharon Tait - September 23, 2017 at 04:00 PM

GJ

“ Gary Etcher Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Jacob W. Tait



Gary Etcher Jr - September 23, 2017 at 02:10 PM

ST

Thank you, Gary.

Sharon Tait - September 23, 2017 at 04:03 PM