



Matthew Jakee

July 24, 1988 - December 13, 2020

Matthew L. Jakee, 32, of Traverse City, a larger-than-life personality, began his eternal party on December 13, 2020. He left us all too soon, but his legacy will forever live on. Matt, the man that entered as a stranger, but left as a friend was born on July 24, 1988 to Richard Edmond Jakee Jr. and Brenda Kay (Welch) Jakee. He was one of two children, forming an amazing kinship with his brother, Adam as they entered their more adult years. He was the number one supporter to many things. He put family number one, he put his hobbies of hunting and fishing number one, he put his championship rounds of corn hole number one and by self-proclaimed notions he put U of M number one, although his brother disagrees with that one.

Matt was the life of the party, or the campground. The annual trips to Turtle Lake for a long weekend or a reunion with family was absolutely in his wheel house. And if none of those offers presented, he would simply hit the golf cart and go make new friends. He had a twinkle in his eye for two special ladies, his beloved bride TeAnna and his beautiful daughter Kaylee. When he married TeAnna on October 24, 2015, he said "I do" to both of those girls and has been a support and a husband and a father with fierceness. Whether it was a rousing game of euchre with his family and friends or the moments he was out in the garden with his grandfather, his larger-than-life personality, love and spirit are always going to be missed. Matthew is survived by his wife TeAnna Marie (Roush) Jakee, Daughter Kaylee Kay Hiltwein, Mother Brenda Kay(Welch) Jakee, Father Richard Edmond Jakee Jr, Brother Adam Allen Jakee(Sara Elissa Zeigler), Grandfather Richard Edmond Jakee, Father-in-law Corey Raymond Roush(Melissa Kay Roush), Sister-in-law Taylor Renea Roush and so many life long friends. Matthew is preceded in death by Kenneth Lee Welch(Ruth Marie (Schaub Welch), Bonnie June(Higgins) Jakee.

Visitation will take place Friday December 18, from 5-7pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Due to current restrictions the capacity is limited to 25 at one time in the building. A funeral service will take place Saturday December 19, at 11:00am at Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home for immediate family only. Services will be webcast for livestream viewing at www.rjfh.tv.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Reynolds Jonkhoff - December 19, 2020 at 11:48 AM

AW

“ *Ashley Woodcox lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Ashley woodcox - December 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM

TO

“ *Ty Oetting lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Ty Oetting - December 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JW

“ *Jake W lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Jake W - December 18, 2020 at 08:13 AM

MR

“ *Melissa Roush lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Melissa Roush - December 16, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MC

“ *Mary Courson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Mary Courson - December 16, 2020 at 07:37 PM

AJ

“ *Adam Jakee lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Adam Jakee - December 16, 2020 at 02:11 PM

GH

“ *Watched Matt and Adam grow from young to a adult. Went to you and TeAnnas beautiful wedding.Had many good laughs together glad I could make you laugh and joke around thank you for making me part of your family RIP Matt may we meet again Love You*

George Hillier - December 16, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jakee lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Brenda Jakee - December 16, 2020 at 06:04 AM

BJ

Matthew my son my son I remember just a few weeks ago you hug me and said love you mom Matthew I will hold that in my all the days of my life. Matthew you and Adam are my world my everything Matthew I love you my son and I will always miss you.

Brenda Jakee - December 16, 2020 at 06:14 AM

KA

“ *Katie lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Katie - December 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM

MO

“ *We miss you already my brother. Rest Easy and keep the beers cold until meet again my friend. I cannot believe you are gone from this crazy world we live in. I cant wait to hang with you again around a bonfire telling jokes and having some beer. Im glad i was able to call you my friend and spend the times i was able to with you. TeAnna and Kaylee we so lucky to have a guy like you in their corner. Just know with your passing they will continue to be cared for via close family and friends. You left behind a great legacy. Until then I got your 6.*



Matt Ohlert - December 15, 2020 at 05:51 PM

MG

“ *Matt i can't explain how much you are going to be missed. Your laugh was so contagious. One of my favorite memories with you, is when you, me and steve were on the golf cart and we had A.J. (aka Stupid) running beside the golf cart and the 3 of us were just laughing uncontrollably because he was out running the golf cart at full speed 🤪🤪🤪 we sure are going to miss you man. Fly high bud!*

Mandy Gore - December 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BY

“ I remember meeting you for the first time, Matthew... your Mom, Brenda, came in the house lugging a big ole' baby carrier. Glancing inside, I looked at her and said, "where's the baby?!" Well, believe it or not, you were in there... a teeny, tiny perfect baby boy :) You grew up way too fast for us but you never missed a beat; always participating in life and finding the joy. You left a fine legacy, Matthew, and a million wonderful stories we will share of your goodness.

Bonnie E Young - December 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

KR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Matt was the kindest, caring person I ever had the chance to know. He was genuine and cared more than anything about his family and friends. I'm so grateful I had the chance to know him. Watching him try to dress my oldest as a baby will always be my favorite and hilarious memory of him 10 years ago.



Kristen - December 15, 2020 at 08:41 AM

TJ

“ This was one of the first pictures I took with Matthew. We had just started dating and it's one of my absolute favorite photos. You can see how much love he radiated and that was him all the time 24/7. He is my favorite person in the world. I'd do anything for this man anything and everything. The Love for the outdoors him and I shared was unbelievable. Hunting to fishing we did everything together. I will miss rides around the farm together on a Sunday afternoon, Sunday shopping trips and wheel of fortune and jeopardy every night. We built so much together and I'll always be proud to be your wife I wore that title proud because you made me so proud. I love you babe so much to the moon all the way around and back. 🥺💔



TeAnna Jakee - December 14, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ *Laura Schaub lit a candle in memory of Matthew Jakee*



Laura Schaub - December 14, 2020 at 11:42 PM



I'm so sorry ,May God Wrap his arms around you and comfort you in your time of heart break.

Laura Schaub - December 14, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ *Where do I begin, im at such a loss of words and still in shock my family and I met Matt some years ago and let me tell you he was the most genuine person you'd ever meet ,so many memories I couldn't possibly mention them all so many good times I don't believe I've ever met someone in my life that was quite the person Matt was he never spoke ill of anyone and never took sides no matter the situation he was very much a family man and had a connection with his brother Adam that I've never seen in my entire life it was amazing Matt would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it such an incredible young man taken way too soon I could go on forever but most importantly I want to express my sorrow for the families loss he will be greatly missed by so many im so thankful to have known Matt and will cherish all the great memories I pray the family will find peace eventually and remember he's watching over them all now*



Nick Henrick - December 14, 2020 at 07:39 PM

KG

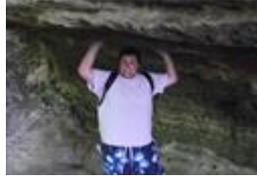
“ *A St. Patrick's Say party I'll never forget... ❤️*



Kayla Griffin - December 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM

CR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Caitlin Riley - December 14, 2020 at 05:02 PM