



Joshua David Read

July 8, 2002 - December 22, 2022

Joshua David Read, age 20, of Palm Coast, Florida passed away unexpectedly on December 22, 2022. Born in Ormond Beach, Josh spent his childhood growing up in Palm Coast, FL. After relocating to Chicago in 2015, Josh completed his education at Metea Valley High School. During these years, he was passionate about aviation, hiking, camping, kayaking, and culinary arts.

While working at Blackrock Restaurant as a line cook, Josh found a true passion for the culinary arts. His attention to detail allowed him to excel and grow in the industry. Josh always loved nature and moved back to Florida in 2021 where he found a new special work family at Houligan's. The friendship and bonds he created there will last forever. He was a hard worker and could complete anything he set his mind to accomplishing. He radiated passion and commitment. He was thought of as a pioneer in his family, always trying new things or discovering new trails. Josh was adventurous, always experiencing life in its simplest forms.

Josh was quiet and reserved to most but witty, sociable, and innovative to those he was closest to. His closest companion in life was his rescue dog named "Blitz" whom he loved more than anything. Josh and Blitz enjoyed experiencing nature and life together in every way. Josh was a remarkable young man and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his parents Jason Read and Jenifer Read, brothers Kyle Read and Andrew Read, paternal grandparents, Sharon Zetrouer, Doug Read and Connie Read, maternal grandparents, Sue Toney and David Toney as well as many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who adored him. Josh will live on in our hearts forever.

Private services will be held.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

IS

“ You should be turning 23 tomorrow and instead it will be the third year we’ve had to celebrate your life without you here. I miss you every single day. I’d give anything to spend another birthday at the diner with you drinking coffee and talking about kitchen efficiency. I love you forever.

issa - July 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

IS

“ Two years of missing you every day. I miss you more than words. I love you squashy

Issa - December 28, 2024 at 08:19 AM

ME

“ Happy 22nd my sweet Squash. I am blessed because I’ve had 22 years of loving you. I miss you every moment.

Melissa - July 08, 2024 at 07:56 PM

IS

“ You’re on my mind everyday



issa - August 20, 2023 at 06:00 PM

ME

“ *Animal whisper* □



Melissa - January 22, 2023 at 05:05 PM

ME

“ *Every time I walk outdoors I think of you. My hearts heavy today and I would do anything to talk to you and hear you respond. I found some old messages of ours today. You gave such incredible advice and loved Mason so much. He brings you up all the time. You have no idea what I'd give to go take one more walk with you and make you push the stroller when the ground got tough. I'm so thankful for every moment we shared. I love you Josh. I hope you're hiking the best trails and seeing the most incredible views. Mason's fallen in love with blitz and banjo, but he calls banjo books for some reason. I know you'd like seeing him interacting with them. Miss you forever.*



Melissa - January 12, 2023 at 07:45 PM

GS

“ My sweet Josh,
God has you in his arms and I have you in my heart, all the memories I have will be cherished forever.
I remember the first time you came to the Mtn house, we were downtown and you saw this “Davey Crockett “ hat , and had to have it, you were so proud of that hat and wore it everywhere , you were a pioneer at a young age. You loved exploring the woods and just being outside.
Our morning coffees on the deck were so special, we had some good talks❤️
Remember the raised garden bed we talked about?, I just want you to know ,Melissa and I are going to complete on in honor of you.
I love you Josh

Grandma Sharon - January 08, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TC

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tina courtway - December 31, 2022 at 05:49 PM

TC

“ Fly high young man. My momma and dad are up there with you, they will help watch over you and you can hang out with them 💖



tina courtway - December 31, 2022 at 05:48 PM

DR

“*Connie and I are deeply saddened with the sudden loss of Josh. We do know he is in a better place.*

Being a long way away from him for these past couple of years, we communicated via text messages.

He indicated that he was thinking about visiting us again, but unfortunately COVID put a hold on that.

We are going to miss seeing him grow into an adult. We have many great memories of time spent with Josh. He loved nature, was very inquisitive about everything and was so smart.

Spending time with Josh as a young boy, we loved teaching him to drive our boats, spend time kayaking, camping, hiking, going to the beach, walking the dogs and tree climbing. During one visit here in Alabama with Andrew, we had a laugh when he, Connie, and Andrew were swimming at the beach, we learned there were some sharks nearby in the surf with them.

He was also very good at playing the guitar. We wish he had pursued it more as he had the ear for music.

Josh will be with us forever in our hearts and memories.

Our condolences to all.

Grandma Connie and Grampa Doug



Doug & Connie Read - December 30, 2022 at 05:06 PM

DR

“ Jason and family, It's been ages since we've been in touch and the circumstances are the worst! We believe Josh has found peace and can only hope that you will eventually find that as well. Josh's spirit lives on in the memories of times you shared with him! Our deepest sympathy,
Uncle Dave and Aunt Jo

Dave and JoAnn Read - December 29, 2022 at 10:47 AM

BW

“ Josh, I'm so grateful to have been a part of your life. I'll never forget our coffee runs to Dunkin before work, you teaching me how to properly cook steak, and dinners at my place when you and your brothers would crack jokes to one another. I always loved our visits to nearby parks when we would go for walk with Blitz and he would get scared of the wind, haha. I remember one Christmas when I got you a coat because I was always telling you to dress warmer for the cold Chicago winters! You always put in 110% to everything you did. I'll forever keep your memory in my heart and know that we will meet again one day. Until then, I hope you know just how much you were loved by so many.
P.S. My cooking skills haven't improved all that much so don't judge! I'll keep working on that. ❤️

Brandi Wamhoff - December 29, 2022 at 09:45 AM

ST

“ Josh, my dear, sweet, grandson.
I love you deeply and completely. My heart is overwhelmed with grief right now.
I have so many precious memories of you growing up.
Such a smart little boy who had so many questions. We always stayed busy talking about anything and everything.
Being at the fishing pond with you and your brothers are among my dearest memories. You loved to swing. It took forever before you learned to swing yourself. But I didn't mind. I knew how fast you were growing up.
You loved animals, and nature, and learning about everything. And you loved being with all of your cousins.
Until I see you again under much better conditions here on the earth, you will forever be tenderly, lovingly, safely, embraced in my heart. ❤️
Your Susu

sue toney - December 28, 2022 at 06:35 PM

ME

“ Oh my sweet squash. I am so grateful for the 20 years I had with you. I was just 10 years old when you were born and I swear since that day you taught me so much. You always had the ability to challenge me to grow and be better. I will never forget the memories I shared with you. As kids I remember our summers swimming, playing games, and our trips to the cabin. My favorite trip is when you wore your raccoon hat and ate a bowl of key like ice cream with glee. We talked about that little ice cream shop for years. You were so full of joy that day. I think you liked it there so much because of the nature, but I like to believe you enjoyed exploring downtown with me too. I do remember the one antique store you loved! You had a way of understanding history and how it applied to the concepts of today so well. You were so fun to take to the barn because every animal adored you. Thank you for sharing those times with me. You just had a way with the horses. The same way you had a way with nature. Josh you have no idea how much you are forever loved. I will replay memories from our birthday breakfast, walks, afternoons riding, sarcastic pokes, and seeing you interact with Mason forever. Thank you so much for letting him get on your motorcycle just a bit ago. He has “cousin Josh” in his heart. I am so thankful he got to know you. I already miss hearing your point of view on things so much. You were one of my favorite people to talk to because I always knew I’d learn something new. Having you in my life made me a better person. I love you forever Josh.



Melissa - December 28, 2022 at 05:45 PM



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Randy Hudgins - December 28, 2022 at 04:53 PM