



# Zechariah "Zack" James Tanis

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**Z**echariah (Zack) James Tanis, 26, Coral, Michigan, died unexpectedly March 30, 2021. Zack was born April 13, 1994 in Yuma, AZ to James and Kimberly Tanis. He moved to Lakeview, Michigan with his folks when he was two years old. His parents had both accepted teaching jobs at Lakeview Middle School.

As a child, Zack asked Jesus Christ to be the King of his Heart. He was raised in the Church and the Wednesday CLC program that his parents led and helped teach. Zack became passionate about soccer at age four and continued throughout high school, and was the captain of the soccer team. He enjoyed his education through the Lakeview Community School system. He graduated with enough scholarships to attend CMU with his first year's tuition 100% paid. Zack was an avid reader.

Zack double-majored in English and advertising. He used these skills to promote the R.E.A.C.H. van, a Montcalm/Ionia County outreach begun by his mother to provide clothing and other basic needs without judgement to impoverished and migratory families. This non-profit gave Zack much satisfaction.

Music always played an important role for Zack. He played piano for years and was a self-taught acoustic and bass guitarist. Hiking and camping were just as important to him. He spent untold hours in the woods and on state land exploring and enjoying God's nature. Kayaking, fishing, and being out on the local lakes brought him pleasure. He enjoyed always learning and spent an immense of time teaching himself automotive skills.

Zechariah is survived by his parents, James & Kimberly; his brother, Jacob; his grandparents, Jim & Martha Tanis, Eugene and Cynthia Draper; Aunt Heidi (Wayne) Mueller, Aunt Shelly (Frank) Miller, Uncle Kevin Draper; cousins, Ben, Owen, Josh, Lauren Mueller, Bealey, Brooke, & Brian Herald.

Visitation will be held at Brigham Funeral Chapel, 9977 W Howard City-Edmore Rd, Lakeview, MI 48850. Visitation times are Wednesday, April 7 from noon-3:00pm. A



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private family service will be held from 4:00-5:00pm. However, the service is being live-streamed, so friends are able to view our tribute to Zechariah. Thank you, Pastor Julie Drews, for agreeing to officiate.

Zechariah selflessly volunteered to be an organ donor for Gift of Life, which is using all his organs, plus other parts to be used for scientific research. He would encourage all of us to consider doing the same. It is our hope that others will be helped for many years to come.

In lieu of flowers, people may make donations that will go to the following: Jacob's continued pursuit of higher education, purchasing a few outdoor plants (roses, ferns, and hostas) because of Zack's love of nature to build a garden, and a memorial fund to Cowden Lake Christian Church.

Due to Covid masks and social distancing protocol will be strictly followed. Condolences may be made by utilizing the guestbook at [www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com)



# Tribute Wall

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AN

**J** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

I was friends with Zach in college and knew him as a passionate, creative, kindhearted person. May he rest in peace

October 15 at 8:00 PM



KB

**Koty Busha** posted:

I know this is late but I just found out from a friend at work...he was always so nice. He was funny.. he always had a smile n man. I'm so so so sorry...

April 12 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Judy C Maxim** posted:



April 18 at 8:00 PM

HC

**Heather Carpenter** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

April 6 at 8:00 PM



TS

**Tribute Store** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. The Petermans (neighbors)

April 5 at 8:00 PM



CT

**Cyndy Teichthesen** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

we are all thinking of you. girls from class of 85. lorey s wanda l michaelanne m shannon m cyndy r and julie w.laura d.

April 5 at 8:00 PM





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Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your friends at Wildroast Coffee & Richter and Co.

April 5 at 8:00 PM



SS

**Steven Schmaltz** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

April 4 at 8:00 PM



ME

**Marc Erspamer** posted:

Zack was my first friend. I remember camping out in the basement of the former house in a tent and learning to ride a bike with him on the hill in the side yard. Had amazing times with him. Will be missed greatly.

April 2 at 8:00 PM

DN

**David & Jan Nelson** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

April 2 at 8:00 PM



JT

**Jill Tanner** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

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AB

**Anne Bishop** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

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DN

**Dianne Nelson** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".



April 2 at 8:00 PM

EB

**Erika Berry** posted:

One of my favorite ways to pass time was to watch Zack and his brother Jake work on his car in the barn until it was too cold to be out there anymore. He would always be playing good music and having a laugh with his brother and I, and sharing old memories of when they were young. I am so blessed to have met Zack. He left a special place in my heart from all the laughs, smiles, and stories we shared. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this unspeakable time of heartache. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

April 2 at 8:00 PM

JL

**Jodi Lafeldt** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

My first memory of Zack was a trip to McDonalds playplace in Greenville with Kim, Jake, Lauren, and Hunter. Zack was so well-behaved and such a sweet, little guy. I never knew Zack to be anything but kind. This was not at all surprising with James and Kim as his parents. Zack was such a caring, kind, and genuine soul.



April 2 at 8:00 PM

KL

**Kris Lindsey** posted:

My best memories of Zach were when I worked at the elementary school. Because of our early mornings and late afternoons, Zach, Jacob, Morgan and Shawn had the run of the building. We took turns trying to contain them in our classrooms bribing and providing snacks and Disney movies, so we could finish our photo copies and school improvement meetings. The joys of being teacher's kids:)

April 2 at 8:00 PM

AL

**Art & Laura** posted:

James, Kim and Jacob , extended family, our Hearts hurt for all of you. There are no words to express how sorry we are, Just know we care!

April 2 at 8:00 PM



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DD

**Den Dowling** posted:

We got to know the family when they were attending the Free Methodist Church in Lakeview. Zach was happy and very talented. My heart is so saddened for your loss, yet I have no doubt because of his upbringing he's rejoicing in Jesus arms. I send comfort and BIG HUGS!!! Den Dowling

April 2 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Brandon Brow** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I remember when Zack and I were younger and after school we would always roam the halls and the classrooms with our wild imaginations; sending love.

April 2 at 8:00 PM



JT

**James Tanis** posted:

How true! :-)

April 2 at 8:00 PM

PC

**Penny Clemence** posted:

Heartfelt hugs and prayers to family!

April 1 at 8:00 PM

KK

**Kris Kirshman** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

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AP

**Anne Piorunek** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".

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**Karen Blackmer** lit a candle in honor of Zechariah "Zack".



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**Brandon Brow** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Zechariah "Zack" by  
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