



## James Austin Zimmerman

January 8, 1997 - May 22, 2019

Our beloved son, James Austin Zimmerman, 22 years old, of Fort Collins, Colorado went to be with his Lord on May 22, 2019 while at home. James was welcomed into the world January 8, 1997 in Loveland, Colorado by his parents, Jeffrey and Jackie (Sylvester) Zimmerman along with his sister, Nicole, and his brother, Brett. James attended Heritage Christian Preschool, Kruse Elementary School, Boltz Middle School, Fort Collins High School, and Front Range Community College. He was a parishioner of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. One of his father's loving memories of James is of him receiving the holy sacraments of baptism, First Holy Communion, and confirmation.

As a child, James easily made friends wherever he went. He often travelled with his family to out of town sporting events for Nicole and Brett. He made friends with the younger siblings of the other athletes no matter what team they were with. James was a fantastic athlete, excelling at almost everything he tried. Over the years, he swam for a local swim team, was on the Boltz Middle School track team, and he played baseball, soccer, basketball, and tennis. When he played Arsenal soccer, an official was amazed that James took the ball down the left side of the field parallel to the net, kicked the ball with his left foot and bent it in for a goal. His coach joked, James if you ever get the ball, don't pass it, just take it all the way in yourself. While playing baseball, he stole home from 3rd base before the pitch crossed home plate.

He lettered in tennis at Fort Collins High School and attended the state tennis tournament two years.

James had an incredible thirst for knowledge with a wide variety of interests including geography, environmental science, and world events. After high school, running was an activity that he enjoyed immensely. One of his favorite runs was to, and through the Environmental Learning Center where he could feel at peace. This was something he shared with his Mom, and she started walking there as well for the serenity. It gives her comfort now to know that he will be there with her whenever she takes a walk.

James was a caring, old soul whose witty sense of humor led to his love of Monty Python, the Marx Brothers, the Three Stooges, Oliver and Hardy and the movie, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." He would make us laugh by imitating a silly walk from Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks or dancing to the song "Shine on Harvest Moon" like Stan Laurel in the 1939 film, "Flying Deuces." A favorite memory for Brett was how James would come downstairs and quote lines from his favorite movies, such as Jim Backus saying, "I'll have an old fashioned" from "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Word." One Christmas James asked for a plastic two foot grinning humpty dumpty sitting on a wall statue. It was meant to be put out in the yard, but James used it to make us smile and laugh. He put it on the couch and when we would come down in the morning, it would be wearing a different hat every day until James finally decided on the right one. That was our James, always wanting to make other people happy.

James loved classic rock and technology, but at the same time longed for a simpler world. Nicole and her husband, Aaron, have a special memory in their hearts of James playing with a soccer ball or baseball with their son, Magnus. That is what meant the most to them. He was such an amazing uncle, and watching James and Magnus play together always made them so happy

because that's when James was the happiest.

When James passed, a bright, flickering flame in our lives was extinguished. We will love and miss him dearly until we meet again.

James was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Catherine Zimmerman, and Howard and Anne Sylvester. He is survived by his parents, Jeffrey and Jackie Zimmerman, his sister, Nicole (Aaron) Landgren, his brother, Brett Zimmerman, his aunts, Marilyn (Lane) Williams, Sheryl (Bill) Dexter, Shelly Selesky, and Marylou (Borden) Mills, his uncles, Scott Sylvester, Eric (Caterina) Zimmerman, Mark Zimmerman, Craig (Carma) Zimmerman, Gary Zimmerman, Doug (Pam) Zimmerman, Jon Zimmerman, Lance (Trish) Zimmerman, his nephew Magnus Landgren, his nephew Rasmus Landgren who is expected to be born June 8, 2019, numerous cousins, and special buddies, miniature dachshunds, Schatzi and Suzie.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY **29**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

## Funeral Mass

MAY **30**. 9:30 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, 80521

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Just today I heard this tragic news. I remember a shy, kind, smart, and well-liked 6th grader at Kruse Elementary. My sincerest sympathies to your entire family.*

*~ Mrs. Rankin*

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**Elaine Rankin** - October 27, 2019 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Matt Struckhoff** - October 22, 2019 at 08:42 PM

MS

“ *I knew James through playing sports and attending school with him. He had an incredible and contagious sense of humor. It always brightened things around him when he shared his humor and he had a great capacity to find laughter in the small things. His brilliance and love of learning new things were always unmatched. James was a deeply caring and kind man and it is a blessing to have shared his friendship.*

*With deepest condolences,*

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**Matt Struckhoff** - October 20, 2019 at 09:01 PM

BC

“ James was a huge part of my childhood, he helped me escape the scary thought of being alone. He was a great friend, a very kind soul, and will never be forgotten. The news of this really tore into me, but the fulfilled memories will remain forever.



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**Brydon Campanella** - September 20, 2019 at 03:41 AM

NG

“ Nick G - James, an incredible athlete, student and friend. Very intelligent and kind. Curious and adventurous. A genuine human being. LOVED by so very many including myself. I am absolutely crushed. I will never forget watching him excel in the sports we played together, or the times spent off the fields just kicking back and being boys. I know James Zimmerman as an idol friend and amazing person who will not be forgotten.

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**Nick Graham** - August 11, 2019 at 10:15 PM

WC

“ From Wyatt- James. James and I were best friends for 16 years I truly hope he finds rest in heaven where I know he is. He was one of the smartest kids I've ever known. So honest and good down to his bones and soul. I wish we took more photos when we hiked. This is. True oh traumatizing to me due to the fact that he was a good, not a great kid. I just wish he was here.

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**wyatt cluff** - August 11, 2019 at 08:54 PM

PH

“ I just heard about James passing. I remember him as a sweet, quiet, somewhat shy little kindergartner who had an old soul in the body of a five-year-old. My heart is full of sadness and my deepest condolences go out to his family.

*Mrs. Hunter*

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**Paula Hunter** - June 05, 2019 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have endured. My deepest condolences.

*Michael Baldwin*

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**Michael Baldwin** - June 01, 2019 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ I'm so so sorry to hear about your loss Jeff and family you are in my prayers. If you need anything please contact me. Scott Bechthold.

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**Scott Bechthold** - May 30, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ Jeff and family. We are so sorry to hear about your son passing away. Praying for God's peace and comfort for all of you. Dan and Denise Block



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**Denise Block** - May 28, 2019 at 09:57 PM

UM

“ Uncle Mark purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.



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**Uncle Mark** - May 28, 2019 at 04:48 PM

JZ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Jackie & Jeffrey Zimmerman** - May 28, 2019 at 04:32 PM

GG

“ Gary and Laura Grueber purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.



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**Gary and Laura Grueber** - May 28, 2019 at 04:31 PM

JZ

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**Jackie & Jeffrey Zimmerman** - May 28, 2019 at 04:27 PM

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**Jackie & Jeffrey Zimmerman** - May 28, 2019 at 04:06 PM

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**Jackie & Jeffrey Zimmerman** - May 28, 2019 at 04:05 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Jackie** - May 28, 2019 at 03:36 PM

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Jackie - May 28, 2019 at 03:35 PM

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Jackie - May 28, 2019 at 03:34 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jackie - May 28, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.



May 28, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.



May 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Keon, Brenna, and Lena Zimmerman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.



**Keon, Brenna, and Lena Zimmerman** - May 28, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ Jon Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of James Austin Zimmerman



**Jon Zimmerman** - May 27, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ Lois Setzer lit a candle in memory of James Austin Zimmerman



**Lois Setzer** - May 27, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *In Memory - Angel Figurine, 9 in was purchased for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.*



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May 27, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ *I didn't know James personally but sometimes felt like I did as I worked with his mom for a few years. She spoke very highly of him and what a great son he was. I'm so very sorry for your loss. God Bless you and family, Lois*

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**Lois Setzer** - May 27, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ *Jonathan Zimmerman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Austin Zimmerman.*



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**Jonathan Zimmerman** - May 27, 2019 at 04:13 PM