



Jack O'Brien Daines

October 1, 1987 - February 24, 2018

No obituary found for this tribute.

Tribute Wall



“ Jack O'Brien Daines, 30, died Feb. 24, 2018, at his home in Ephrata after a longtime illness. He took life and his death on his own terms. He was born Oct. 1, 1987, in El Paso, Texas, to Janice and Michael Daines. With his father in the military, he lived with his family in Fort Bliss in Texas, Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Olympia, and Landstuhl military base in Germany. He moved with his family to Wenatchee in the late 1990s. At Wenatchee High School, he joined the Panther wrestling team. In his free time with his friends and family, he would use his tenacious mind to be an aggressive poker player. The family spent summers playing computer games and building forts. He was on the honor roll all four years at Wenatchee High School and graduated in 2005. He attended the University of Washington for one year, then transferred to Western Washington University in Bellingham where he graduated with a degree in computer science in 2009. He worked as a software developer in Olympia; Malibu, Calif.; and El Segundo, Calif; and Glendora, Calif. He liked to get up early in the morning to surf and play guitar on the beach while living in California. In 2012, he moved to the Wenatchee area and switched careers into the real estate appraisal business, culminating in him earning his real estate appraisal license in 2017. He moved to Ephrata in 2016 where he worked as an appraiser. He thrived as an appraiser because he enjoyed being his own boss. In 2015, he married his heart's other half, Rya Oakshott, and they made their home in both the city of Colville and Ephrata. Jack and Rya loved spending time in Colville working together on their lake house. The light of his life was his daughter, Elisa Valentine Daines, known to the family as Eevee, who was born Sept. 12, 2015.

Friends and family remember Jack best as being someone who gave full-body hugs and laughs that warmed your heart. Survivors include his wife, Rya, and daughter, Eevee, both of Ephrata; parents, Janice and Michael Daines of Wenatchee; brothers, Mike (Dina) Daines of Washington D.C., Brian Daines of Wenatchee; sister, Maggie Daines of Washington D.C.

Friends and family are encouraged to donate in Jack's name to support mental health services in Central Washington as well as the local chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Donations can be made at the following website: <https://www.gofundme.com/jack039s-memorial-for-mental-health>. Jack's family would like all to know that if you know someone struggling with mental illness help can be found at this number: (509) 663-8282

Arrangements are by Heritage Memorial Chapel in East Wenatchee.

March 01, 2018 at 05:25 PM