



# Dakota Jameson McQuirt

February 18, 2000 - August 24, 2020

Dakota Jameson McQuirt born February 18, 2000 passed away August 24, 2020.

Dakota Jameson McQuirt is the coolest guy in our family. At the age of 20, a tragic accident occurred. On August 16, 2020, when the gun fell off the hutch, Dakota put his 20-month-old son, Xander Jameson McQuirt, behind the door and was protecting his family from the bullet. The bullet entered his face destroying his eye, both lobes of his brain, frontal skull and many face and skull bones were shattered.

Dakota was in the ICU at Grant Medical Center for 8 days, alive, despite all odds and medical text. The trauma team said that most people who take a 40-caliber bullet through the head do not even make it the hospital. He was able to do a few things that the team said should be impossible considering how severe the injury was.

On August 24, 2020 at 6:38 PM Dakota was declared brain dead.

He is survived his awesome son, Xander Jameson McQuirt; beautiful fiancé, Cassie Uting; mother and stepfather, Lillie A. Scott & Michael Duncan Jr.; siblings, Colton N. Scott (Dakota's best friend), Stella L. Scott (Dakota's favorite person to annoy) and Andrew Scott (both Andrew and Dakota have a loud opinion and made sure each other knew what they thought about many subjects); grandparents, Eddie and Barb Jordan, Mark and Laurie Samczuk, Flava (Curly) and Bonnie Stepp, Mike and Donna Cooke and Kenneth A. Miller; biological father, R. McQuirt; many wonderful, caring and supportive friends that have become family, Ethan Fuler, Sara, Zoey, Taylor, Big B and many, many more; lots of loving uncles, aunts, cousins and many people that become a key part of our life.

Many thanks to the ICU staff from Grant Medical Century, the Lifeline team and many others who are keeping us in their thoughts and prayers.

Dakota was a registered organ donor and saved 2 people locally. He is a hero for protecting his fiancé and son that day and giving life to others as he was losing his own. He is preceded in death by Becky Stepp, Kimberly Moutes and a handful of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Dakota was a caring, loving, hands-on, protective, never miss any moments kind of father since the birth of his son, Xander Jameson McQuirt.

He was a loving, caring, supportive, protective, and selfless dad, fiancé, son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousins and friends. Dakota always stood up for what he felt was right

no matter what others thought of him. He stood up for others if their voice was not heard.  
He was a hard worker.

Dakota loves being a dad, brother, fishing, playing Xbox, camping, boating, baseball,  
going to Kings Island, weed and spending time with family.

He is loved and missed by many!

Memories of Dakota will keep him alive in our hearts. Family and friends will complete a  
bucket list in his honor ... Fly high Kota! You can now go fishing off the moon!

Celebration of life will be held at his mother and stepfather's in West Columbus, Ohio.

Everyone is welcome! Please text Lillie for more information at 614-517-2804.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking that you please consider bringing his son, Xander, match  
box cars, push cars or please bring an annual type of flower that will be planted to be seen  
every year.

Fly high Dakota Jameson McQuirt!

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *If I could come visit you in heaven or in the stars. I just can't believe that you are gone it's been years, it is so hard. Life has changed so much for your siblings and myself. I love you and miss you soooooo much*



Lillie. Dakota's mom - October 07, 2024 at 10:10 PM

ST

“ *you was always there , I never thought once you would be taken from us , I miss you like crazy , you was nothing but full of life and so amazing , you took care of us even tho we was jus your siblings , yes we fought but no matter what I would of took the bullet for you , if anyone deserved anything it was you . I remember you taking me and mawmaw out to dinner . Me coming over to help clean your house and help with Xander, how independent you was , one of my favorites are you making that little haunted house on the front porch because Halloween was your favorite or when you can in my room with shorts under your jeans and your jeans were really low so I told you “kota pull up your pants” and you pulled your jeans all the way down and walked around acting stupid , you was the light as soon as you walk in a room , I miss you like crazy and I always be thinking how different it would be if you was still here , it's crazy because I wish you was here to see me grow as a person and see how older I got and omg Xander he's gonna be 5 this year , I jus wish you never died . You bought us food with the last 10\$ of money you had because you cared and I know if nothing bad would of happened to you I would be living in your house rn and you would be taking care of us jus like you did when I was 11 . I know we was mean something's but I would take everything mean I ever said to u , I hope u know that , and I hope your proud of me bub, I love you and yo ur memory will always go on*

stella - July 26, 2023 at 04:38 PM

L(

“ *Missing you*

Lillie (mom) - September 14, 2021 at 05:31 AM

DL

“ It has been a few days over a year since you passed away. I still can't understand why? You ment so much to so many. I am so sorry I couldn't of some way have done something to change everything. I miss you so much, colt is lost , Stella an Andrew are just now able to talk about your death. Xander is your twin. I know your proud of your son. Dakota I have been " Out of Order" since you left me. You taught me to love my 1st child, you made me a mother and a grandma. Thank you for the time we had with you. I needed forever with you. Love you son



Dakota's Mom ( Lillie) - August 29, 2021 at 03:51 AM

JD

“ Damn bro just now finding out about this, haven't talked to you in forever man. RIP

Jacob Dotson - June 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM

DE

“ I love and miss you Kota 💕



DeAnna - June 04, 2021 at 10:36 AM

DM

“ Its getting harder

Dakotas mom - March 19, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ I still cant believe that your gone

Dakotas mom - March 18, 2021 at 11:30 PM

DM

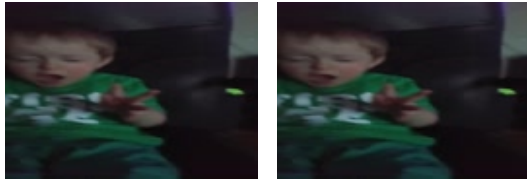
“ Approaching 8 months since you left us on earth. Xander is your twin. It is so hard to believe this. I just want say sorry for not giving you more credit. I just wanted you to to achieve your potential. I love an miss you. Until we meet again son. Love you forever an Xander will know you and know you loved him

Dakota's mom - March 13, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MH

“ I am sure your in heaven looking down on your son. I am sure you are amazed with what you created.

Xander an I look up and I tell him the adventurous, pushing the limit, and amazing man you were becoming. I am sorry that I couldn't trade places with you. Love you forever until I see you again



Mom of a hero - March 05, 2021 at 08:57 PM

LI

“ Lillie sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota Jameson McQuirt



Lillie - March 02, 2021 at 11:57 PM

LI

“ Missing you more than I can express. I was talking about your reptile bandit days. God I would I give to talk to you an see you daily again. Love you forever until we meet again



Lillie - March 02, 2021 at 11:56 PM

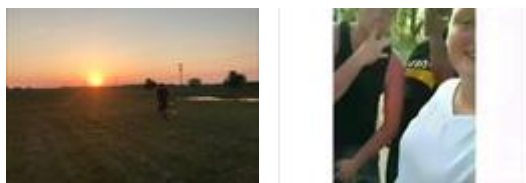
LI

“ I don't know how I am even standing with everything that has just happened. I love an miss you

Lillie - November 10, 2020 at 11:41 PM

MD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mom of DAKOTA - October 17, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mom of DAKOTA - October 17, 2020 at 08:35 PM

MD

“ Mom Of DAKOTA lit a candle in memory of Dakota Jameson McQuirt



Mom of DAKOTA - October 17, 2020 at 08:34 PM

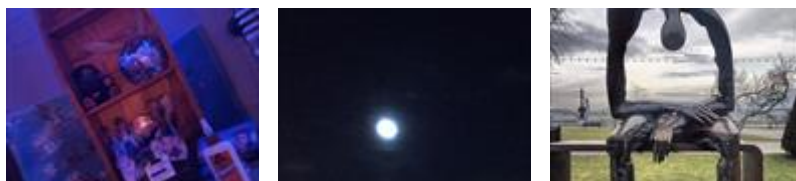
MD

“ The days don't get easier. I am thankful for Xander but definitely wishing you were here. I promise you I will always keep your memories alive. I hope you know how much I love you.

Mom of DAKOTA - October 17, 2020 at 08:33 PM

LI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lillie - October 04, 2020 at 09:15 PM

LI

“ *It's like my world stopped on 8.24.20. No one could even dare to understand my pain. I miss you an I won't let Xander forget you ever.*

*I love you, your siblings love an miss you. My heart is shattered an a piece of me died that day too.*

Lillie - October 04, 2020 at 09:12 PM

JO

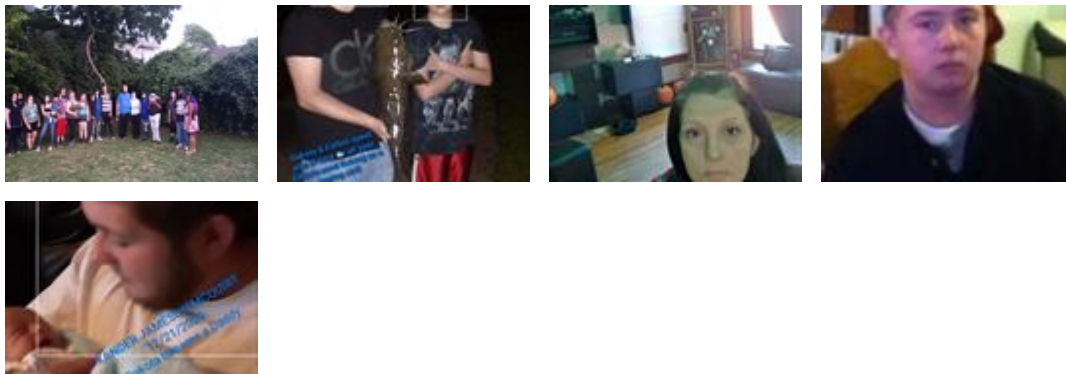
“ *Jordanlillie908@gmail.com sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota Jameson McQuirt*



jordanlillie908@gmail.com - September 26, 2020 at 11:25 AM

JO

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



jordanlillie908@gmail.com - September 26, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JO

“ *I just dont know how to feel. I miss you more than I could ever describe. I am sorry for every nonsense argument. I love you an I am.sorry that I couldn't save you from the accident. I am sorry. Love you*



jordanlillie908@gmail.com - September 26, 2020 at 11:19 AM

LS

“ *DAKOTA  
I MISS YOU*

LILLIE SCOTT - September 19, 2020 at 05:03 AM

DJ

“ I still am having a hard time accepting my nephew is gone . But I know one day I'll get to see you again. I miss our little chats we had on Facebook messenger. The last chat we had was you asking me when I come back to visit to get hold of you to see Xander. Hope you know I got to see Xander and he is the sweetest little boy I've ever seen . I'll never forget when I first saw Xander he looked at me and ran up to me and wanted held . I was in tears it was like he knew who I was immediately. I'm gonna miss you



David Jordan - September 18, 2020 at 11:50 PM

Bree Hall

“ Dakota, I really wish we had gotten to know each other better. I will regret not getting to know you better for as long as I live. I hope you know I love you, and I'm sorry I didn't take the first step.  
I love you.  
Rest in peace, honey.  
-Breanna

Bree Hall - September 17, 2020 at 01:42 PM

LS

“ LILLIE SCOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of Dakota Jameson McQuirt



LILLIE SCOTT - September 17, 2020 at 05:51 AM

LS

“ Another sleepless night. Xander here with me. He is sleeping where Dakota's ashes are close by him. He seen your pictures by the ashes an said da da da so I showed him the urn. He gave it a kiss. I miss you so much. This emptiness is not how it should be.

Your loved in life an death

LILLIE SCOTT - September 17, 2020 at 05:49 AM

BS

“ I will never forget you and that side look and smile you gave to people that you truly care about. Dad and I will do our best to help take care of Cassie and Xander. But we will also need you to guide us. Please keep watch over us. We love you ❤️



Bonnie Stepp - September 16, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ This emptiness an feelings I am no longer whole is so hard. I wish I could of done something more  
I love you



LILLIE SCOTT - September 15, 2020 at 09:14 PM

CM

“ Hugs and Prayers for comfort.

christie mays - September 15, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LS

Thanks. Dakota's ashes came home today. It's been very difficult to do anything

LILLIE SCOTT - September 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM

DC

“ I Love & Miss You Lil Cousin, Fly High 🙏



DeAnna Climer - September 15, 2020 at 05:50 PM

LS

His siblings especially his sister needs to meet you. Your gorgeous an I love you don't forget that

LILLIE SCOTT - September 15, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LS

“ LILLIE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Dakota Jameson McQuirt



LILLIE SCOTT - September 15, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LS

“ I can't express how my heart is shattered by your passing. I love you an miss you so much!

LILLIE SCOTT - September 15, 2020 at 03:09 PM

ST

*Sometimes I think about a month before u passed and our plans to hang out , how you was jus fine one day full of life and the next you was so hurt . I think about you all the time and I really wish you was here bc I really need my big brother . You always cared , and I couldn't thank u enough, I miss you picking me up and letting me clean your house for my tickets to kings island too bad we never got to go 💔. I jus hope your proud of me and I hope your with me thru my hard times it's really been on my mind and I jus wish you wasn't taken as soon as you was because you was the only one who really cared . U made sure we didn't go to bed hungry , you had 10\$ left in your name and you went out to get stuff to make all of us dinner , you were nothing but a kind soul and I'll miss u forever . I love you so damn much and it feels so weird without you every birthday and Christmas especially Halloween without you . I remember when you made that little haunted house on the front porch . I'll never forget all the life you had in you bub*

stella - July 26, 2023 at 04:27 PM