



## Zach Shoemaker

August 17, 1977 - March 22, 2020

Zach Shoemaker, of Arlington, Tennessee, formerly of Broken Arrow, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the age of 42.

Private family services will be held with burial following at Park Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit Zach at the funeral home Wednesday, April 1 from 11 AM-5 PM.

Zach was born Wednesday, August 17, 1977 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Gary Shoemaker and wife Mary (Cavender). Zach grew up in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, graduating from Broken Arrow High School in 1996. Zach played football, wrestled, and was active in Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

After high school, Zach graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Northeastern State University, and Southern Illinois University, earning numerous degrees to include a Master's degree in Behavior Analysis. Following his graduation from Southern Illinois, Zach became a Certified Behavior Analyst, one of his proudest achievements. Zach worked for many years in and around the Memphis, Tennessee, area as a behavior analyst providing care for those with mental and behavioral disabilities.

Zach had a loving heart and a true calling as a servant. Over the years, Zach taught Sunday School and ministered to those incarcerated in prison. He also volunteered countless hours in support of the Way of the Cross Ministries in Nicaragua and the Friends of Faith Ministry in Bartlett, Tennessee, a ministry in service to adults with special needs.

On April 28, 2001 Zach married the love of his life, Ginger (Thomas) in Broken Arrow and their union was blessed with 3 children; sons Tyler and Sawyer, and daughter Gracie. He enjoyed all forms of wrestling, was an avid OU Sooner football fan and loved spending time with his family.

Zach is survived by:

Wife Ginger Shoemaker of the home

Sons Tyler Shoemaker of the home

Sawyer Shoemaker of the home

Daughter Gracie Shoemaker of the home

Mother Mary Shoemaker of Broken Arrow

Brother Aaron Shoemaker of Alexandria, Virginia

Sister Rachel Shoemaker of Bixby

Zach is predeceased by:

Father Gary Shoemaker

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to:

<http://paypal.me/shoemakermemorial>

# Cemetery Details

## Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 259-8691

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Zach Shoemaker*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Zach was a Great behavioral analyst he's been working with my son for over 10 years and has made so much improvement Zach really paid attention to his clients and I thank him and his family for that*



**Dawn La Verso - Harris** - April 08, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *I've know Zack since early years of wrestling. He worked so hard, always had a smile! I found him on FB a few years ago and was so proud to see him with his little family! Loved the photos! From what I've read he became a fabulous young man! Impacted many lives! No words can ease the pain of loss. Many prayers. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**Sharon Cresswell** - April 04, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *My prayers to the Shoemaker Family. I remember Zach from the times he would make trips with Aunt Shortie to Arkansas. So sorry to have one so young leave us. I always look at these beautiful Angels as special because God needs them. Just keep your heart open and he will leave you special little things like a penny on the ground. My Mom sends me a penny everyday to tell me Good Morning and that she Loves Me. Love you Cousin and I feel so glad that I got to know you. Love Jackie(Henderson) Rains.*

**Jackie Rains** - April 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May God give you all comfort, peace, and grace during this incredibly hard time. God bless you all!*

**Kenny Day** - April 01, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Ginger - you, Gracie, Tyler and Sawyer are on our minds and in our prayers.*

*With love from the Takao Family.*



**Lesley Takao** - April 01, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *I sure do miss u zach I'm from friends if faith and I didnt speak to u much but I know what u did for them. They loved you there I am going to miss you .Zach have a wonderful time in heaven.*



**Christina Brents** - April 01, 2020 at 04:47 AM



“ *Zach, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will miss your smiling face and your humble heart.*



**Cassandra Williams-Sisk** - March 31, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Zach Shoemaker.*



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March 31, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *We always felt like Zach was a member of our family as well. We loved him and wish the best for Ginger and the kids!*

*The Birches*

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**Larry Birch** - March 31, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Ginger and family, I was saddened to hear about your loss. May God hold you all in the palm of his loving hand. Ann Williams*

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**Ann Williams** - March 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*



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**Dan Mckee** - March 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM

JH

“ I am sorry for his family. Every time I saw Zach he always had a smile on his face and willing to help anyone out. He will definitely be miss.

Jami Helm - March 27, 2020 at 09:43 AM

CK

“ This really hurts...I pray you are resting in peace my friend 💔😔

Crystal Buckland Kauffman - March 27, 2020 at 07:09 AM

LB

“ I was Zach's sophomore English teacher at North Intermediate High School, and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I enjoyed having him as a student. I am praying for comfort for his family and friends.

Linn Ball - March 26, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Shoemaker family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Zachary.

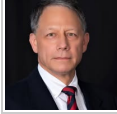


Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

CS

My heart goes out to his family Mary you are in my thoughts and prayers every day a mother's love is so special and I am only a phone call away if you need me

carol Shepard - March 31, 2020 at 10:36 PM



*I thank the Lord for giving Zach a loving family. I admire Zach's ability to complete a graduate degree, his compassion to counsel others in need, his insight to coach, and his inspiration to teach Bible study. Delighted to know he was an Eagle scout. Zach continues to be a blessing for many of us.*

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**David Harrison** - April 01, 2020 at 12:20 AM