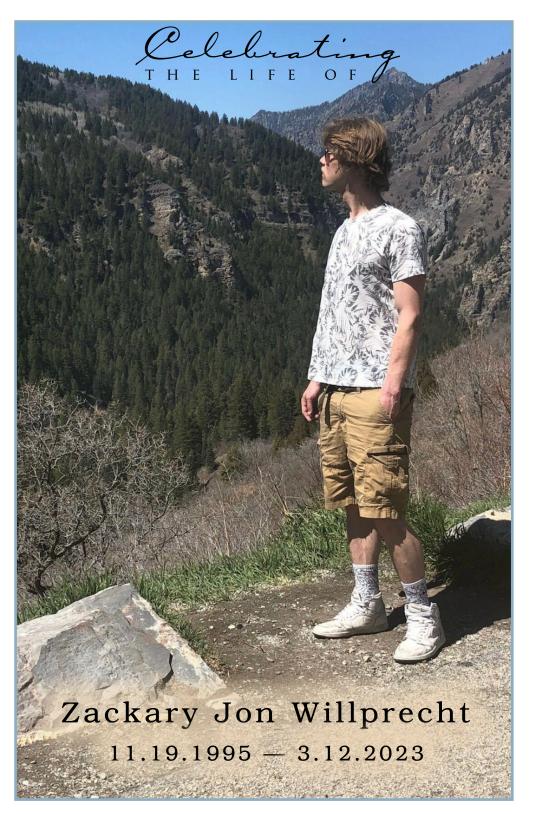
# These wheels will be my *escape*

I pray they take me away Along smooth pavements And winding hills I'll have headphones To whisper life into my bones And light to lead me This is where I belong Cruising through the world Chasing shadows My board and I Opening up to the outside.



Z ack was welcomed into this world on November 19, 1995, in Fort Leavenworth, KS, by Christopher Willprecht, Trista (Willprecht) Hodges, and his older brother, Connor. Trista and the boys lived in a few different states before making their home in Breckenridge, where Zack was raised. He was baptized at Breckenridge Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve and attended the Breckenridge Public Schools. His high school career boasted of sports achievements, and he participated fiercely in wrestling and football. After his formal education, he was trained in plumbing, then worked for Twin City Refrigeration and Pizza Hut; he was a jack of all trades. In 2017, Zack lived in Sioux Falls, SD, and worked for Chad Olson specializing at that time in construction but feverishly loved spending his free time mountain climbing in Falls Park.

Zack went wherever the road took him. With a brilliant and creative mind, he purchased and renovated an old van that served as his home on wheels while traveling across the country to pursue his love of snowboarding. He was an adventure-loving thrill seeker; from a young age, he quickly became skilled in skateboarding and loved shredding asphalt or snow. During the height of the season, Zack worked at ski resorts in California and Colorado. Notably, he had a chance encounter with Elton John while working on the ski lift. Zack was the life of the party; his presence brightened the room and radiated an immense joy and love for life. His heart treasured his family, especially his mom; he was a mama's boy through and through. It crushed him to see her experience the devastating news of her cancer diagnosis, but he did everything in his power to show up and support her in any way he could.

Most recently, Zack was residing in Indiana, and while living there, he took an opportunity that brought him on a fishing boat in Alaska for months at a time.

Zack's humor, smile, and kind heart will be forever missed by his parents, Trista and Kurt Hodges, and Christopher and Candice Willprecht; grandparents, Hugh and Julie Mikkelson, Judi Mikkelson, Delyle and Sandra Willprecht; brother, Connor and Kaylie Willprecht; sister, Faith Willprecht; sister, Alyssa Hodges and Layton Maher; brother, Logan and Sabrina King; brother, Jacob Amour; aunts and uncles, Tara and Glenn Klostreich, Tertia and Kyle Christensen, Ty and Stef Mikkelson, and David and Brandy Willprecht; cousins, Spencer and Jaclyn Hollands, Seth and Mandy Klostreich, Cole and Jennifer Praus, Addie Christensen, Zane and Chase Mikkelson, Gunnar Holte, and Collin; nephew, Sawyer Willprecht; niece, Aubri "Aubs" Rinnels; special great-uncle, Gary Hollands; godmother, Christine Petersen; spiritual family, Joe, Johanna, Gracee, and Grandma Nan; and numerous stepaunts, step-uncles, and step-cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal great-grandparents, George and Doris Hollands, Clarence and Leona Mikkelson, and Wes and Donna Hodges; paternal great-grandparents, Al and Nora Willprecht and, James and Marie Larson; and special great-aunt, Rev. Sandy Hollands.



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Born: November 19, 1995 • Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Died: March 12, 2023 • Martinsville, Indiana

**FUNERAL SERVICE** Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home Breckenridge, Minnesota 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023



### **PARTICIPANTS** Pastor Timothy Nyarandi, MD • Officiant Addie Christensen • Musician

#### PALLBEARERS

Connor Willprecht • Spencer Hollands • Faith Willprecht Sawyer Willprecht • Seth Klostreich • Cole Praus Zane Mikkelson • Chase Mikkelson • Forrest McKibben Josh Petersen • Alyssa Hodges • Aubriella Rinnels

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Jealous of the Angels • Amazing Grace Go Rest High on That Mountain • Fight Song Amazing Grace & Fight Song, performed by Addie Christensen

WeBURIAL AT A LATER DATEmlssFaith Lutheran Cemeterycn % feDwight, North Dakota

Forever my big brother. I love you always. Thank you forshaing your soul withus. L love you zackie.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Zack with your presence at the service.