



Jeremy Brent Waggoner

March 10, 1971 - June 10, 2008


Jeremy Brent Waggoner, age 37 of Detroit, June 10, 2008. Beloved son of Kathleen and the late ♦ Robert Waggoner. Dear brother of Jennifer L. Vargo. Loving grandson of Alfred Martin and the late Jane E. Martin. Beloved partner of Robert Cafagna. Also leaves many dear aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation Friday 5-9 PM and Saturday 1-4 and 6-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth MI 48170. Funeral service Sunday 3 PM. Contributions in memory of Jeremy may be made to the Belle Isle Conservatory Society, Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, 8109 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit MI 48214.

Jeremy loved gardening. It was his mission to find new exotic plants and get them to grow. His yard was a gardener's dream, and everything in it was bound for growth with his inherited green thumb from his gma and his mother. Jeremy was a hairstylist for 14 years. His most beloved "guinea pig" was of course his sister Jennifer, and yes, she did lose her eyebrows from over waxing while he was in beauty school! Jeremy enjoyed the challenges in his job, but also looked at his job as part of his ministry while here on earth. He understood with great depth the opportunity he had to actively listen to other people and emanate joy back through them with his own energy. He realized that people were coming for more than just a hair cut and that everyone who sat in his chair would not only look different outside, but be changed on the inside as well.

Jeremy loved camping up north in the summertime. Even when he couldn't go

camping up north he "created" his own vacation right in his own back yard, so to speak. In the summer months it was not unusual to see him and Hugo crawling out of the tent that took up residence in the back yard, and every night became "backyard tent night."

Recently Jeremy, like many others he knew, faced many personal challenges in his life. Meditation, self-healing, and organic and a wholistic lifestyle became a real source of elevation, healing and growth. These practices helped him achieve a personal calm about this life. He always said "This world is only a stopping place, the real happiness is on the other side." He was really on the path to a much higher self, and those who knew him and loved him could only be impressed by the calm and beautiful person emerging, like one of a thousand or more plants that he himself nurtured. His quest for spiritual truth and innate respect for eternal life is probably what made him so interesting to friends who found him unassuming. To his pets-his children- he was the nurturer, the playmate and the friend that you looked forward to seeing. To all of us who loved him we will look forward to seeing him on the other side.

To share memories of Jeremy, please click on the online condolences link on this page. 

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeremy Brent Waggoner*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *It has been ten years since hearing about Jeremy and his tragic too early death. I send my deepest sympathies to his loved ones. I did not have the opportunity to meet him while he was alive but I will never forget him.*

Kristin - June 27, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *I can't even express in words how sorry I am for you two. I wish I could say or do something. My love and prayers are with you.*

KC Crain (Younkin) - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JD

“ I have a great memory of Jeremy when we went on a family trip to Florida with our closest family friends. We all got to stay at home when the parents went out to dinner. There was a bunch of us kids, and we had so much fun.

I heard some 80s songs the other day after I heard about Jeremy's death. They reminded me of him - way back in school he was into the newest styles and bands. He was never "mainstream". I wonder if he ever laughed at those memories. I'm so sorry I never got to reminisce with him over those days. I'm glad the hard times he had never seemed to make him bitter. It sounds like he had a good life, and I'm glad.

Good to know you, Jeremy.

Jennifer (Gillies) Driller - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KC

“ I was so saddened to receive this horrible news this morning. Jeremy was one of my closest friends in high school. I fondly remember summer days with Jeremy, Jen, and Bryan. We had not been able to keep in touch over the years, but I thought of him often. Jeremy was such a unique spirit. He will be sorely missed.

Kristi L. Crawford - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

GP

“ *Jeremy was one of my best friends in high school and he was a true friend. He always was good for a laugh, a hug or just listening. I remember one of my most embarrassing moments was shared with Jeremy. We decided to sing a song together for a program at school. Jeremy played the piano (which he was very talented at) and I was suppose to sing. As a true friend, Jeremy saved me when I got such stage fright that I could not remember the words. He was also a good singer by the way. I also have great memories of me, Jeremy and his cousin Bryan out on the lake at his grandparents on their pontoon boat. We had such a great time together. the senseless loss of someone so special is completely unbelievable. My deepest sympathy goes out to all his family and friends. His gorgeous smile and electric peronality will be missed.*

*Love,
Gina (French) Perino*

Gina (French) Perino - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

RS

“ *My deepest condolences – My thoughts and prayers are with all of Jeremy’s family and friends. May Jeremy find peace in the presence of our Father, and that be shed upon all who were blessed to have known such a kind man.*

Rebecca Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ Kathy,
Sharon let me know of the terrible news about Jeremy's death. I was so shocked eventhough we have been out if touch for so many years but I can relate to your tragic loss. Just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless
Judy

Judy Moyle-Setty - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MF

“ My deepest condolences to Jeremy's partner, family and friends. I am a long time client of his and always looked forward to seeing his smiling face at the salon. He is a wonderful person that always had a way of making everyone feel so happy and I truly believe he had a heart of gold. May he rest in eternal peace and may God comfort you.

Maria Feghali - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MK

“ Dear Kathy and Jennifer,
What a shock to hear about Jeremy and I immediately prayed for you and your family. I haven't seen Jeremy since graduation from WHCA but I could not forget him. As others have shared, Jeremy had a great heart and a humble spirit. I will not be able to join you to celebrate his life but I will lift you all in prayer and have you in my heart.
Hugs,
Marge Knable

Marge Knable - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MT

“ *My Dearst Cousin Bobby,*

We are so sorry for your loss.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and Jeremy's family at this very sad time.

Know that I am holding you in my heart and send angels to comfort you. I am so sorry,Bobby. We are loss for words.

We will pray for Jeremy as well as you.

We love you.

Dale, Marcy, Mandi, Stacey, Craig, & Kevin & Auntie Lou

marcy tear - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

SH

“ *Kathy,*

I am so sorry for your loss. The fond memories that I have are from when we used to teach Sunday school. The camping trip and the puppets? I haven't seen you or Jeremy for 20 years or more. It sounds like he turned out to be quite a fine young man, you, Jenny and his partner are in my thoughts and prayers as well as my girls, Elida, Valerie & Abigayle.

Scott Harris - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JD

“ To the family and friends of Jeremy Waggoner i am deeply saddened to hear of this my thoughts and prayers go out to you i will be thinking and praying for you all and Jeremy and i sincerely hope that his killer or killers are found and punished to the fullest extend of the law.

Jim Ditton - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TW

“ Jennifer,
although I did not know your brother, I'm sure that you were extremely close to him. Im so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find some comfort in memories of times you shared with your brother. Wishing you and your family peace and comfort at this sad time.

Tina Witherspoon - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MM

“ Dear Jennifer & Family:

I am sorry for the loss of your brother Jeremy. May you find comfort in your memories together. My sincere condolences. Mary Jo

Mary Jo Maksym - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TM

“ I have such fond memories of Jeremy, growing up, as cousins together. My most memorable was one of the times he played "house" with my sister, Wendy, & I. We could never talk my brother Randy into playing the Dad's role & Jeremy was all too willing to play with us. We constructed a huge tent "house" out of afghans in our basement & had a ball! Jeremy always had a smile that was contagious & a warm hug. Jenny & Aunt Kathy, I cannot imagine the difficult load you are bearing, just know that you are in our thoughts & prayers at this time. May God strengthen you & bring you His peace. In love, Tammy

Tammy (Claramunt) Mayer - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ I knew Jeremy through Jamie Michalski and absolutely adored him so much. He was such a lovable human being. You couldn't be around him and not smile or laugh because of his amazing aura. I cannot describe how sad I am to hear the news of this terrible loss. Jeremy will truly be missed.

Mervit Bashi - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

CV

“ Kathy,
I am very saddened to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

CJ Valerio - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy, his family and life partner. I knew him from West Highland and have such fond memories of him. He was always so kind and would always carry a peaceful presence with him. May the strength of prayer and those around help comfort at this time.

Debbie Allen - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your families loss. I was one of 10 that had the privilege of graduating with Jeremy and even though we didn't keep in touch after graduation, how can you forget one of the other 9 that had a part of your "TOP 10".
Jenny my heart goes out to you and your family. May the grace of God and the comfort of family and friends help you through this difficult time!

Liz "pedley" Holdwick - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

VH

“ To Kathy, family, and friends,

I am at a loss for words. My heart is broke for you and I am so sorry to hear about Jeremy. I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and I will be praying for you.

With all my love

Vivian

Vivian Hackney - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

EF

“ *This is an unspeakable tragedy for such a wonderful soul. I will always remember Jeremy's smiling face, bubbly personality, and his genuine love of life. To Jeremy's family, I extend my sincere condolences to you. God Bless.*

Erin Ford - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

PK

“ *We knew Jeremy through Hugo, his Great Dane, Jeremy bought from us years ago. Jeremy had a kind heart and loved his animals and would do anything for them. He will be missed by us at Notre Dane and our prayers go out to his family, and to his special friend, Robert.*

Pam and Greg Kuehnle - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

WS

“ *I am terribly devastated by Jeremy's loss and my deepest sympathy goes out to Kathy, Jenny, and all of Jeremy's MANY close friends and family. God is holding Jeremy tight in HIS arms and I pray that HE will give us the strength to cope with this terrible loss.*

Wendy Sears - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM

RF

“ *Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Jeremy, as the father of a son almost the same age as Jeremy please know that my thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy's family at this very sad and most difficult time.*

Ron Fenwick - December 12, 2014 at 10:24 AM