



Dakota Scott Hendricks

October 29, 1993 - October 15, 2018

Dakota Scott Hendricks, age 24, of Saratoga Springs, Utah, passed away on October 15, 2018 in Glassboro, New Jersey, where he was currently working and residing. Dakota has returned home to our loving Heavenly Father after a long and very hard-fought battle with addiction. This devastating disease occupied Dakota's body, mind and soul for a good share of his young life. He tried numerous times to overcome this disease, but it always seemed too much for him to endure. He wanted more than anything to live a clean and healthy life for his family, who were so very proud of the man he was trying to become. We will forever miss his smile and the way he could light up a room, however, we now know he is finally at peace.

Dakota was born October 29, 1993 in Pleasant Grove, Utah. He was always known for being loving and kind. He had a laugh that was contagious and would lure you in for more. He wanted to be a friend to every person that crossed his path and would give a stranger the shirt off his back. He loved his family more than anything and was a loyal friend. As a young boy he was a fantastic pitcher and had a love of baseball. He also loved skateboarding. When he was 11, he defeated many skaters, some almost twice his age, to be the youngest skater in an exhibition with the WARP Tour held at Invesco Field in Denver, Colorado. He loved showing off to his younger siblings and cousins with any new trick he could come up with. Countless hours were spent at skate parks perfecting his style. Dakota also had a love for music. He always wanted to have a career in the music field. Dakota was the oldest of 7 siblings and numerous cousins whom all looked up to and adored him dearly.

Dakota was preceded in death by two cousins, Alyssa Sage Hendricks and Carlee Sobzak. Dakota is survived by his father, Thaddeus D. Hendricks and step mother Tara (Ramos) Hendricks of Lehi; his mother Kenna Lee (Kindle) Mitchell of Pleasant Grove; seven younger siblings, Makade, Jocelyn, Britlyn and Korbyn Hendricks of Lehi and Garrett, Laker and Kennadee Kindle of Pleasant Grove; his Papa and Nana, Scott D. Hendricks and Toni (Shepherd) Hendricks of Saratoga Springs; grandparents Lee Ann (Colledge) Baum and Kenneth Baum of Pleasant Grove; grandparents Kenny and Sharon

Kindle of St. George and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him dearly.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Lehi 6th Ward meeting house, located at 220 West 200 South Lehi, Utah. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, October 24th at the same location. Prior to the funeral service, family and friends may attend a viewing from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment will be at Lehi City Cemetery directly following the funeral. To leave condolences for the family, please visit Serenity Funeral Home at <https://www.serenityfhs.com>.

Addiction awareness is something our family feels very passionate about. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider a donation in Dakota's honor to a non-profit that is very near and dear to our hearts, Overdose Awareness Utah. Donations can be accepted through PayPal at [OverdoseAwarenessUtah](https://www.OverdoseAwarenessUtah.com) or by check payable to Overdose Awareness Utah.

Our hope is that those who read this will take the time to educate themselves regarding the addiction epidemic. Overdose deaths claim the lives of over 180 people every single day in the United States alone. Please remember, addiction is not a choice, it is a very complex disease that grabs hold of your life and takes you to places of unimaginable darkness and despair. Every single addict deserves your love and support, they are all someone's child too.

Cemetery

Lehi City Cemetery

1000 N St. 400 E

Lehi, UT,

Events

OCT 23 **Viewing** 06:30PM - 08:30PM

Lehi 6th Ward

220 West 200 South, Lehi, UT, US, 84043

OCT 24 **Viewing #2** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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OCT 24 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Although I don't know your family, I want to send my sincere condolences to your family. Thank you for sharing your beautiful words. Marilyn Barney

marilyn barney - October 22, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kindness...

Toni Hendricks - October 22, 2018 at 10:02 PM



“ I don't know you, but God Bless you! I lost my second brother to this awful disease. Thank you for turning your grief into a learning lesson for families.

Shannon - October 22, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ I, also, am a stranger to your family. I am not, however, a stranger to your story. My heart sorrows for each of you in this tragedy. Thank you for your courage and your openness in sharing the circumstances surrounding Dakota's death. I understand the harsh realities of this disease called Addiction. I am the mother of two addicts, one in recovery, one still caught in the dark and unrelenting web of this disease. Please know that there are many who applaud your efforts to join the fight against this insidious disease. Through your own grief you have chosen to champion a cause that has been misunderstood and not readily addressed so publicly. May God bless you with His sweet peace as you move through this time of your greatest sorrow.

Kris Pinegar

Kris Pinegar - October 23, 2018 at 12:21 AM



“ I'd like to add my condolences. We lost our son eight years ago to this same disease. Like your son, he was a loving, talented man, who tried multiple times to get clean and sober. We miss him every day. I hope you feel the support of all the other families in our community who have fought or are fighting this same battle.

Bart Wiest

Bart Wiest - October 23, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Shannon, Kris and Bart,

Thank you so much for your remarks. Our hearts are so sad at this time. We've already lost a beautiful grand-daughter from an opioid overdose recently. Dakota's battle is over now but we will continue to fight this disease for others who are suffering. God Bless You All!

Toni Hendricks - October 23, 2018 at 12:36 PM