



Charles Lee Dorris Jr

February 5, 2001 - August 21, 2021

Graveside Zoom Link:

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Charles Lee Dorris, Jr., was born on February 05, 2001, in Klamath Falls, OR. Known to his family at birth as CJ, he quickly became a bright, and often mischievous, light for his entire family.

As a baby, his dad was wrapped around his finger, his grandparents adored him, and being the only child around, his aunts and uncle were happily subjected to a lot of wrestling and SpongeBob. He soon had cousins to play with and although they lived far away, they always got into the best kind of trouble when they saw each other. CJ was a practical joker and often would have his older family members running from him as he chased them with bugs, much to the delight of his cousins and sisters.

CJ's love for, and dedication to, his family was no secret. He was an incredible son and an awesome big brother who annoyed his sisters like it was his chosen career. However, as much he drove them crazy, they all knew that he was doing it with love and that he would be the first person there if they were ever truly sad or scared. He was the best partner in crime that a sibling could

have asked for.

Throughout his childhood and early teen years, CJ was fearless and bold and curious, and this led him to uncover a wealth of talents. He used his analytical skills to excel in boy scouts, building anything and everything, playing video games, and becoming a chess master. CJ's early love of wrestling followed him throughout life, and he lettered his senior year. He also practiced Jiu Jitsu and Kenpo. He was creative beyond what was imaginable. He played guitar and violin, and on a whim would do things like teach himself bagpipes and ukulele. He loved music and often wrote and recorded his own songs. His love for the arts continued with theater and playing every part in it. Whether sound man, set builder, or lead actor in plays like Beauty and the Beast and Once Upon a time, CJ always gave it his all.

Much like his dedication to his family and his passions, CJ also had a love for God. He was most recently a member of a Christian Denominational Church, the True Life Center in Cedar City, UT. When he graduated high school, Class of 2019 from Canyon View High School, his family, friends, and church congregation were all in attendance. He had amazing plans for his life and instilled that excitement into everyone around him.

After graduating, he followed his (one of many) dreams of serving in the military services. He immediately enlisted into the Utah Army National Guard, Forward Support Company, 1st Battallion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as an 88M (truck driver). CJ then moved on to become SPC Dorris. He proudly served on orders supporting a Special Forces Urban Combat Course for Green Berets. While serving as a member of Forward Support Company, 1st BN, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), SPC Dorris was instrumental in the success of getting Utah residents COVID-19 vaccines and helping to save lives.

SPC Dorris' awards include: Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, and the Basic Parachutist Badge.

CJ's love, talent, generosity, humor, and bright light will be missed always.

Charles Lee Dorris, Jr., is survived by his Father and Mother: Charles Lee Dorris, Sr., and Bridget Dorris of Cedary City, UT; his much-loved sisters, Breann Sanderson, Christina Vinzant, Trinity Dorris, and Rebecca Grace Dorris; his Grandparents, Ronald Dorris, Becky (Barney) Hill, and Darleen and Kent Sanderson; his Uncles Jared Chrisman, Nick Sanderson, and Travis Sanderson; Aunts Cheri (Eric) Conner, Corrie (Ryan) Camp, Darlene (Randy) Martinez, and Stacia Rink. He is also survived by his cousins, Justin, Julie, Jessie, Alex, Joshua, Jonah, and Owen, Brittany, Tucker, Cynthia, Anthony, Isaiah, Alaina, Aaron, Matthew, Eijah, Jayden, Braxton, Hudson, and Bryson. He is preceded in death by his Aunt Christy Dorris.

A celebration of life will be held in Cedar City, UT. on October 23rd. Time and location to be determined

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 255-2801
<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 12:30 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams
17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Tribute Wall

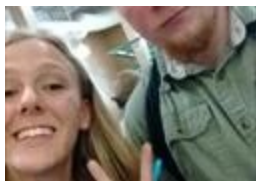


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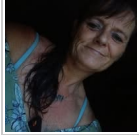
October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I haven't talked to Charles since before starting basic training, and I was just wondering what Chuck was up to and saw this online. My heart is broken, and I send condolences to the family of this awesome guy. I sat right next to Chuck in Madrigals, and that dude would t e a s e me constantly. He often would steal my chair and hide it in a manner of seconds, or more often than not, set it upside down with the legs pointing up. It was terrifying every time, but it was also so fun. I shared many laughs with that dude, and when I think of my time in Madrigals I think of him. Actually, something funny about him is that he was the only person in high school who called me by my birth name, Cambria, and it drove me c r a z y. I couldn't stand it, but I knew that if I ever heard a “Cambria” from across the hall, I immediately knew it was him. I think he got into my head and converted me, because ever since going to college, I've gone by Cambria, not Cami. Dang it, he convinced me that I actually liked my name. I'm really thankful for Chuck, and I just want his family to know that he was an amazing guy to those of us who attended school with him. Thank you for raising such a cool guy:sparkling_heart



Cambria Eastman - May 02, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ *As cjs mother myself and the rest of his family down here in Texas we were all horrified to suddenly see a picture of his headstone, as we are all awaiting answers...*

Starr Valdez - January 20, 2022 at 12:40 PM

SG

“ *As one of CJ's teachers here in Klamath Falls, I read the news of his passing with sadness. He was funny, goofy, smart, busy and kind. Love to all who are missing him. I'm sorry for your loss.*

sg - October 20, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DB

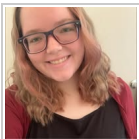
Haven't seen CJ since he was a baby. Looks like he grew into a wonderful young man. Thank you for your service. Love your Great Aunt Diana.

Diana Bewkes - January 16, 2022 at 10:23 PM



Great nothing you helped hide my son from me now look what happened I will never get the chance to meet my son and you are part to blame wonder Jo's hour God feels about that

Charles Sirmon - February 04, 2022 at 11:15 PM



“ *Alisha Crawford lit a candle in memory of Charles Lee Dorris Jr*



Alisha Crawford - October 12, 2021 at 11:14 AM

JP

“ Hey Chuck, thanks for being a good friend to me. I can't process the fact that you're gone and it sucks that we won't be able to have you around anymore. I'll see you up there in a little bit, I love you.

Justine Padilla - October 11, 2021 at 01:54 PM

AL

“ Aunt Leigh Lamie lit a candle in memory of Charles Lee Dorris Jr



Aunt Leigh Lamie - September 20, 2021 at 11:35 PM

CC

“ Keeping CJ's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. What an amazing young man. 🙏💜
David and Claire Camp



Claire Camp - September 07, 2021 at 10:13 PM

JC

“ Words are hard. He was an amazing friend to me. I'm so glad that I was able to know him in high school, even if it was only for 2 years. He was so strong, but was a great shoulder to cry on when you needed him. He will be missed.



Jeremy Cain - September 07, 2021 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ Dear Charles,
I remember when you were with my daughter,
you would tease and joke, but knew when to
be serious. You always cooked the best
meals and brought a light that was matched
by no one else. Thank you for taking care of my daughter! She
really loved you and I know you loved her too. It breaks my heart
how it ended. Our family misses you, and we love you very much.



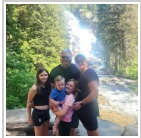
Sheri Rains - September 06, 2021 at 11:53 PM

SR

“ Sheila Rains lit a candle in memory of
Charles Lee Dorris Jr



Sheila Rains - September 06, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Megan Paoletti lit a candle in memory of
Charles Lee Dorris Jr



Megan Paoletti - September 04, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RB

“ I remember always respecting chuck for his work in building the set of beauty and the beast. He went off script opening night and kissed Kate. He was always kind to me. He made everyone laugh and was always made me smile. I was a freshman and admired him being a senior. I had tremendous respect for the guy, even when he did stupid stuff. My last memory of time with him was when he came to my house the night before he left for basic and talked with me for a couple hours. I'll miss you bud!

Ryen Bailey - September 02, 2021 at 10:47 PM

TB

“ Tennille Bailey lit a candle in memory of Charles Lee Dorris Jr



Tennille Bailey - September 02, 2021 at 10:38 PM

TB

“Chuck”, “Kazpyr”, “CJ” was such an amazing friend to my boys. I remember teaching him in Chemistry and how he seemed to always know the answer without having to do any work . He was naturally gifted and bright. He brought joy each and everyday he was in class.

Tennille Bailey - September 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM