



Jeremy Brett Merlette

December 31, 1976 - October 13, 2024

In Loving Memory of Jeremy Brett Merlette Born: December 31, 1976 Passed Away: October 13, 2024

On October 13, 2024, Jeremy Brett Merlette tragically passed away at his home. Born on December 31, 1976, in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jeremy was the son of John Barton Merlette Sr. and Jeri Chichester Merlette. He grew up in a loving household, surrounded by family and cherished memories.

Throughout his youth, Jeremy was actively involved in soccer, scouting, and snowboarding. After obtaining his driver's license, he took great joy in cruising State Street in his customized low-rider truck, named "Bam Bam.". He also loved his white mustang. He was a true car enthusiast, Jeremy was always eager to lend a hand with automotive repairs, showcasing his skill and passion.

In December 2015, Jeremy met the love of his life, Barbie Salsbury. From their first encounter, he knew he had found his soulmate. They were married in May 2016, and together they raised eight wonderful children: Dylan Young, Samantha Merlette, Destiny (Daniel) Rymer, Rayni (Blake) Lopez, Devin Searfoss, Jennica Pankey, and Chevelle Pankey. Jeremy's love for Barbie and his children knew no bounds; he dedicated himself to ensuring they had everything they dreamed of, striving for their happiness and well-being. His presence made their lives immeasurably brighter.

Known for his infectious humor and outgoing personality, Jeremy had a talent for performing voice impressions and engaging in spirited discussions about

current events. Jeremy had so much joy for his games, he loved playing them and being involved in video games any chance he got. His signature dad jokes, though often corny, never failed to bring laughter to those around him. Conversations with Jeremy were always engaging and filled with warmth, leaving everyone wishing those moments could last forever. His ability to light up a room with laughter and joy made him truly special.

Jeremy was also a dedicated veteran, serving his country with distinction as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Utah Army National Guard, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class. He completed multiple tours of duty as both a soldier and a civilian contractor. Committed to education, Jeremy earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Military Intelligence Studies and Information Technology. He recently completed a Master of Science degree in Cyber Security Studies and was pursuing a Doctoral degree. Jeremy was a very intelligent guy, he worked so hard to get what he got in life. At the time of his passing, he served as an information systems security officer for System High Corporation, supporting the United States Air Force at Hill Air Force Base.

Jeremy is survived by the love of his life, Barbie Merlette, and their children: Nikki Strieby, Dylan Young, Samantha Merlette, Destiny (Daniel) Rymer, Rayni (Blake) Lopez, Devin Searfoss, Jennica Pankey, and Chevelle Pankey. He is also survived by his parents, John (Red) Merlette Sr. and Jeri Merlette; father-in-law John (Jana) Salsbury; brothers John (Colbie) Merlette and James (Christine) Merlette; his fur babies Bella and grandpuppy Nora; and many others who were lucky to have met Jeremy.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his daughter Nikki Strieby, stepfather Hans Siebold, grandson Cameron Merlette, and numerous aunts and uncles.

A viewing will be held at the Sunrise Chapel on Camp Williams, Utah at 10 am on Tuesday, 29 October 2024, followed by funeral services at 11 am.

The Family's wish to publicly thank Jeremy's fellow Service Members, supervisors and co-workers, neighbors, and friends, for supporting our family during this difficult time. We would also like to offer special thanks to Master

Sergeant Daniel Wood of the Utah National Guard for providing casualty assistance support to Barbie and her family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a GoFundMe that has been set up to assist Barbie with bills and unforeseen expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-barbie-after-jeremys-passing>.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Sunrise Hall- Camp Williams
17800 S Camp Williams Rd
8160
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Funeral

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Sunrise Hall- Camp Williams
17800 S Camp Williams Rd
8160
Bluffdale, UT 84065

Tribute Wall

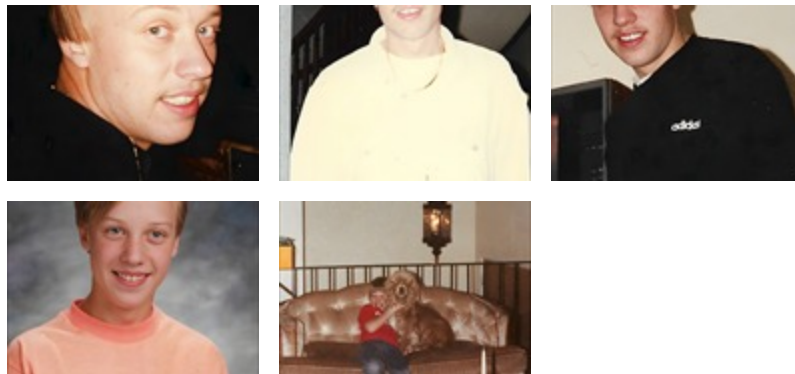
BA

“ This month will be 11 years I met the man that became my husband and the love of my life . Everyday that has past since you passed has been horrible I miss everything about u . I still can't breath my voice is almost gone and everytime I shut my eyes I see u the day I found you . The pain of being here without you no words can describe. But I can say the 10 years that we spent together I wouldn't trade for anything! I miss when u got off work the first thing you did when u walked through the door was find me and kiss me . U showed me what love was . I have so much I would love to say but I havnt even begun to grieve him so this is really hard doing this . This week we lost one of my best friends that became Jeremy's best friend Brian workman and also Jeremy's last phone call he made was to Brian . I hope they get to hang out and have fun up there like they did together when they were together here . I love and miss u both and I can't wait till I get to join u both !

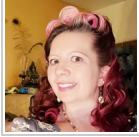
barbie - December 11, 2025 at 02:46 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Melba Wise - December 12, 2024 at 02:14 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about this 😞 it has been many years since I have seen Jeremy but he will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️ love you all, Melba

Melba Wise - December 01, 2024 at 01:10 AM



“ Jeremy was a good dude and a great instructor. I enjoyed working with him. He will be missed.

Yancee Hardy - November 07, 2024 at 07:19 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Barbie and her children for the passing of their most Cherish member of their family. In so sorry to hear of this sudden passing. May God give you strength and comfort during this most difficult time. We remember. Jeremy just as you beautifully describe him. He will be missed. Love Uncle Jim and Aunt Cecilia



Cecilia Salsbury - October 30, 2024 at 11:43 PM



Ty . I hope all is well and that u both are doing good

barbie merlette - January 14, 2025 at 04:05 AM



“ Sending my condolences to Jeremy's family and friends. He was a solid soldier and could always be relied on when I worked with him.

Zac Walton - October 28, 2024 at 02:28 PM

IM

So sorry to the family for the loss. Rest in peace . 🙏

Inez McMahon - October 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM

RP

He was a good Soldier, a good friend, a good man and he will be missed condolences to the family.

Robert R Pope - October 29, 2024 at 10:13 AM