



## Joshua Dereck "Josh" Gonzalez

February 6, 1980 - January 9, 2022

Joshua Dereck "Josh" Gonzalez, son of Russell Steven Gonzalez and Carol Ann (Parr) Gonzalez, was born February 6, 1980 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During his growing up years, Josh's father was in the military, so they were transferred to several different duty stations. Josh lived in 10 different states including Germany. He attended elementary school in Ft. Polk, Louisiana, middle school and part of high school in San Antonio, Texas, and he graduated high school in Washingtonville, New York.

Josh came to the Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri area and in 2009 he began working for EDP Enterprises on the military installation where he was still currently employed.

In his spare time, Josh enjoyed cooking and piddling in his garage. He was always telling a joke or quoting a line from a movie or television show. He was a jack of all trades, master of many and never hesitated to help a friend in need. Josh grew up as Roman Catholic and was a loyal conservative. He was not afraid to try something new and determined to accomplish any challenge.

His greatest joy was his son, Matthew. He enjoyed doing different things with him, but they always enjoyed going to monster truck and car shows and riding the ATV together. Josh loved Matthew unconditionally and always treasured

the times they spent together.

Josh passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022 in his home having attained the age of 41 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Josh leaves to cherish his memory, one son: Matthew Gonzalez of the home; parents: Russell and Carol Gonzalez of Clearwater, FL; one brother: Anthony Gonzalez (Elizabeth) of Spanaway, WA; Matthew's mother: Amanda Westfall of the home; grandparents: Richard and Glenna Gonzalez of Wellington, FL; nephew: Nathan; niece: Aurora; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Josh was preceded in death by maternal grandparents: Glendell and Mary Parr; paternal grandmother: Margaret Gonzalez; and one uncle: Richard Gonzalez

Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2022 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Josh Gonzalez and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Dereck "Josh" Gonzalez*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I just heard about Josh and I'm deeply saddened I had the pleasure of training him when he was with Cable America and have so many memories of him we still talk about him today. I went home every night with a stomach ache from laughing the whole Day. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

*Chuck Holsten*

**Chuck Holsten** - January 18, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



**Katie** - January 13, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 13, 2022 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ Praying for Carol, Russell, Matthew, Amanda, Anthony, and everyone else during these tough times. May Josh be at peace and his memory always be with us.



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**The Allis Family** - January 12, 2022 at 11:35 AM

HB

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers for all of family and friends. We share in your grief. May comfort, strength, courage, hope and peace be steadfast companions in your time of need during this season of bereavement.

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**Harold and Brigitte Burluson** - January 12, 2022 at 11:16 AM

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“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Joshua Dereck "Josh" Gonzalez



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - January 12, 2022 at 11:07 AM

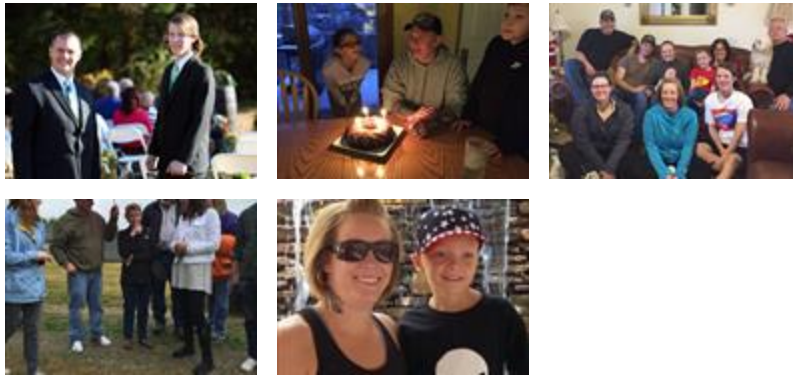
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“ I care so much for his son Matthew and his life partner Amanda. They are in my thoughts for their loss.

Debbie - January 11, 2022 at 11:23 PM

WW

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Wm. Westfall - January 11, 2022 at 09:19 PM

WW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wm. Westfall - January 11, 2022 at 08:43 PM

WW

*Josh had a wry sense of humor. Once he showed up at Amanda's parent's house for Thanksgiving coincidentally dressed identically to Amanda's father—in a black T-shirt and jeans, much to the amusement of the rest of the family. He played it up all day.*

**Wm. Westfall** - January 13, 2022 at 01:20 PM

SB

“*Too Easy*” you're famous daily words....you are missed at 908 RIP Josh.



**Sherry Benton** - January 11, 2022 at 08:19 PM

PC

“*Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Joshua Dereck "Josh" Gonzalez*



**Pamela Cox** - January 11, 2022 at 07:27 PM

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**Pamela Cox** - January 11, 2022 at 07:26 PM