



Rhyan Lakota Kahler

December 18, 2019

Rhyan Lakota Kahler, 42 when he passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 18th, at his home in Fort Collins. He was an adored and loving father, son, brother, uncle and friend.

Born in Larimer County, Rhyan became the foster child of Peter and Georganne Kahler who anxiously waited for legalities to clear the way for them to joyously become his adoptive parents. Pete and Georganne gave Rhyan the middle name of Lakota to honor his Sioux heritage.

Even as an infant, his athletic ability became evident; Rhyan walked at 10 months. He started playing soccer in grade school and it became his passion. He progressed from recreation soccer and was accepted to play for the Stingers Soccer Club through Junior High, and eventually played for Evergreen High School. The highlight of his soccer experience was being chosen by the Lakewood Fury Soccer Team to travel on an Adidas sponsored South Pacific Tour. They played games in Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii.

In 2001 he married his high school sweetheart, Amber Suppi and they had two children together, Mason Takota age 13, and Cole Koda age 8. Cole, with his cute smile, called the 3 of them (including his Dad) the “Koda Kids.” Although Rhyan and Amber divorced 16 years later, they have remained friends, sharing equally the time and responsibility of parenting.

Rhyan was totally devoted to his sons. Continuing his love of soccer, Rhyan nurtured the boys' soccer skills, taking pride in their accomplishments. He took them to practice, even helping as an assistant coach for Mason when one was needed. He never missed a game, unless schedule conflicts made it impossible to attend the games of both sons. In addition to organized sports, Rhyan's favorite activities involved his boys, hiking, biking, playing Ping-Pong in the garage, going down to the river or the park, snowboarding, and spending time with Rhyan's special friends and their families.

Always a hard worker, Rhyan began learning carpentry skills in Evergreen High School's Building Trades class. As a group, the class built a beautiful home, doing all of the actual construction and finish work. Rhyan worked for several companies throughout his career, each one adding to his knowledge and skill. He worked for Zach Ikeler building custom and spec homes. Next, Rhyan further honed his carpentry skills while working 12 years for Harry Polman's Construction Company. Rhyan always took immense pride in his work and became a consummate carpenter, one of the few workers Harry kept during a major economic downturn in construction. For the last several years, Rhyan enjoyed working as an independent contractor for Nicholas Steffen's Optimum Builders, specializing in finish carpentry. Nick and Rhyan developed a special friendship and collaborated on construction matters. One of the last major projects, heavily dependent on Rhyan's knowledge and skill, was building Nick's new home.

Rhyan is survived by parents, Georganne and Pete, sons, Mason and Cole, brother, Rhone, nephew and niece, Jacob and Cloey, Uncle Bill Von Vihl and Aunt Patti, cousins, Becca Von Vihl, Laura Malone, and Katie Kloska, Aunt Debbie Von Vihl and Uncle Mike, Aunt Mary Kahler, Aunt Margaret Ann Sheer and Uncle Tom, Uncle Ron Kahler and numerous other cousins and great aunts, enjoyed at family gatherings and reunions.

In honor of his Sioux heritage, he is survived by his birth mother Mary Murray, half-sister, Leah Murray, half-brother, Sean Murray, and grandmother, Lois Marie Raymond.

A celebration of Rhyan's life will be held beginning at 11:00 AM, January 11th, 2020 at Club Tico in Fort Collins. The service will include some inspirational readings, eulogy, and an opportunity for friends and family to share memories and tributes to Rhyan. Lunch will be served following the service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (MT)

Club Tico at City Park
1599 City Park Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

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Luncheon

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rhyan Lakota Kahler*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories of Rhyan*



Rhone Kahler - January 11, 2020 at 03:40 AM



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Rhone Kahler - January 11, 2020 at 03:37 AM

RK

“ Rhyan...What is there to say about such a loving son, parent and nephew, only to add that he was and always will be truly loved and remembered by all who knew him. I remember first meeting Rhyan, he as a lovable adopted child of Pete and Georgeanne, my brother and sister-in-law so many years ago. It doesn't seem possible that his life has been taken from all who knew and loved him. I would describe Rhyan as a gentle giant among many of his peers. He was a loving father for his two sons, Mason and Cole, but before they were in his life, I fervently remember his marriage with Amber, the wedding so beautiful there at Evergreen Lake. He always called me "Uncle Ronny".

Since I had not lived in Colorado for many of Rhyan's years, I did not really know him well, but what I did know was that he was a person with whom everyone was impressed. Such a hard worker, dedicated to his craft, and truly a person that all who knew him, admired deeply. A loss to all and he will be deeply missed. I and my wife Helena, know that he has been welcomed by the Lord and ready to enjoy all that the great hereafter can possibly provide. He was and is greatly loved by Pete and Georgeanne. May they remember him well always.

In loving memory, Ron and Helena Kahler

Ronald B. Kahler - January 09, 2020 at 12:40 AM

TS

“ The Murrays -- Mary, Steve, Leah and Sean purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Rhyan Lakota Kahler.



The Murrays -- Mary, Steve, Leah and Sean - January 07, 2020 at 07:55 PM

SJ

“ Although I did not know Rhyan personally, I had the privilege of knowing about him through his lovely aunt, Debbie. I know he was a kind, talented, wonderful man and a loving father who cared so much about his family and the friends he held close. I pray the memories he had with his parents, sons, dear family and friends will always bring comfort and that his love for these people he held close will always bring peace and joy.

I am sure the services this Saturday will be so honoring to Rhyan. I send my sincere sympathy and love to Debbie, Mike, Georgianne, Pete, Bill, Patty, Mason, Cole and the rest of the family. Please know I am praying that you all will be comforted by our great and powerful Lord and that you will feel His presence as you remember Rhyan, both now and in the future.

Love, Susie

Susie St John - January 07, 2020 at 05:08 PM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Rhyan for just a short time..During that time there was not a day that went by that he did not talk about his boys he was so very proud of them..Everytime we had a conversation there was always mention of Mason and Cole.. His love for all his family was so amazing..

Many prayers to Rhyans boys and the rest of his family.. My heart breaks for all of you Rhyan was a great friend and I know he will be missed by many....

Lisa Clemens - January 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DV

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of our nephew and our heart goes out to Georganne and Pete, his boys, and all of us who loved and admired Rhyan. I always looked forward to seeing him and will remember his warm smile and being greeted with such affection. I treasure the time we spent with him and appreciated the help he gave us on several projects. Rhyan's work on any kind of construction, particularly finish carpentry, was stellar. He took pride in his work and being a master craftsman. Most of all, Rhyan took pride in his sons, and was a loving and devoted dad. Rhyan's grandfather had a sweet expression for when one transitioned...he referred to it as the time one flew with the angels. I choose to think of Rhyan as soaring with the angels; an angel-dad, a loving presence continuing to watch over his boys through their challenges and triumphs.
Aunt Debbie

Debbie Von Vihl - December 26, 2019 at 10:35 PM

LM

“ So very sorry for your loss. We are holding you in our hearts during this very difficult time. All of our love from Minnesota.



Leah Murray - December 23, 2019 at 11:55 AM

CA

“ My grandson Romeo is Cole's friend. We're so sorry to hear about this. Please tell Cole Romeo is thinking about him and we all send our love to your family.

Carol - December 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM

KK

“ Kelly Kahler lit a candle in memory of Rhyan Lakota Kahler



Kelly Kahler - December 20, 2019 at 03:00 PM


Christine
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Christine Stephen Anglin - December 20, 2019 at 01:02 AM


Christine
Stephen

Ryhan was so special to me, I enjoyed every moment I spent with him the last two years. He had a huge heart and kind soul. He was a wonderful father to Mason and Cole. My heart goes out to them and all family and friends. He was very loved and will be missed by all. ❤️

Christine Stephen Anglin - January 06, 2020 at 09:59 PM