



## Zachary Allen Scott

September 29, 2024

Zachary Allen Scott, age 33, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away on September 29, 2024 after spending the day outdoors surrounded by family in the Colorado sunshine.

Zachary was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, on August 30, 1991 and lived most of his life in this community. After experiencing a neonatal stroke at 12 days old, Zachary was diagnosed with severe cerebral palsy and a profound seizure disorder. This diagnosis launched him on a journey into uncharted territory.

Instead of a life limited by disability, loneliness and isolation, Zachary's life was defined by profound relationships built in unexpected ways. With the help of his parents and many others, Zachary traveled to 21 states, including seven national parks. He participated in adaptive ice skating and downhill skiing at eight resorts. In 2008, Zachary helped launch Athletes in Tandem, a nonprofit organization that allows anyone, regardless of physical ability, to compete in outdoor events. He and other athletes competed in more than 50 triathlons together. Zachary graduated from Fossil Ridge High School in 2009 and was often greeted around town by past teachers, staff and peers.

As an adult, Zachary spent his time with friends and family doing yoga, swimming, creating art, and watching sports. He loved live music, nature,

sports bars and spending time with people willing to take risks, mess around, fail and learn. He lit up when people were deeply in the moment; especially when it involved movement or sounds with their body. He also showed pure joy when sitting on the porch with others.

Zachary never walked, talked, rolled over or ate on his own, yet his life thrived because of the “who’s” that showed up fully with ideas of “how” to convert a vision or idea into action. A big thank you to the physicians, clinicians, caregivers, family, and friends who helped him thrive for all of his years. A special thank you to the team at Mosaic of Northern Colorado for the constant support of Zachary and many others.

Zachary is survived by his parents, Sandra (Yocum) Scott and Michael Houdek; brother Taylor (Emily) Scott; nieces Hazel Scott and Lucy Scott; aunts Kathleen (Yocum) Michie and Kristin Yocum; father John (Cheryl) Scott; and sisters Jaden Scott and Kaley Scott. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Robert and Mary Yocum; grandparents Dale and LouJean Scott; uncle Allen Scott; and uncle Kevin Michie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family, with a vision of building an adaptive bench with an epic view in northern Colorado.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Soldier Canyon Event Facility  
708 Lodgepole Dr  
Bellvue, CO 80512

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ Remembering Zachary, I keep coming back to yin yoga sessions with my mat next to the mat Zachary and Sandy would occupy. Sharing these moments of just "being" together, punctuated with intermittent approval noises from Zachary, always made me smile.  
*Deb Schell-Frank*

Deb - October 18, 2024 at 12:14 AM

PB

“ Deepest condolences to all the family (a special shout out to Taylor). I recently told a favorite story about Zachary getting the giggles when we did a lockdown drill in the classroom. Lights were off and all the children huddled together, but who knew that was a fun thing to do at home and here we were doing it at school. But we were supposed to be quiet!, Oh well, Zach made it fun not stressful for all of us.

Patricia Rundell Bell - October 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM

BH

“ I was saddened to learn of Zachary's passing. I remember well the stories of the light he brought to the world. I am sure that joy will follow him along his next journey. My condolences.  
*Bert*



bert honea - October 06, 2024 at 10:02 AM

DV

“ A short film on a great adventure with Zachary  
[https://youtu.be/qJ\\_ibLX3VRE](https://youtu.be/qJ_ibLX3VRE)

Dennis Vanderheiden - October 05, 2024 at 12:20 AM

KA

*Dennis, I could watch this video 1,000 times !!!! Actually, I think I will* 💕💕  
😊🙏

**kathleen** - October 07, 2024 at 03:07 PM

ST

*I will never forget Zachary and all their inspiration he provided me. The Horsetooth open water swim where I met him and his crew is in my heart and mind for eternity. Beautiful video of you all. Rest in Peace Zachary. Thank you Dennis for all you do and have done. Forever grateful* ☐ 😊

**Steve** - October 20, 2024 at 08:51 AM

DV

“ [https://youtu.be/qJ\\_ibLX3VRE](https://youtu.be/qJ_ibLX3VRE)



**Dennis Vanderheiden** - October 05, 2024 at 12:10 AM