



Austin Scott Jecko

September 14, 1986 - September 6, 2024

On September 6th, 2024, the substance abuse that dimmed Austin Scott Jecko's light took his life. Family and friends remember him for being a sensitive, loving, caring, easy going person with a great sense of humor. A beautiful soul, whose potential was cut short. Prior to Austin's challenges, he was a loving father, caring son, and friend to many. The struggles with substance abuse and mental health do not always turn out as we hope and pray for. He is at peace, no longer struggling or feeling pain.

Austin is survived by his children, Asa (Kelly Hart) and Madeline (Cassandra Klein); Parents Scott Jecko (Judy) and Holly Ayscue Hale (Steven); Grandparents Kay-Ellen Ayscue, Susan Jecko, and George Campbell; Aunts Audrey Jecko Coulbourn (Danny), Brittany Jecko Ciango (Jacob), Holly Severn Steiner (Will), Candy Ayscue Mesner (Bruce), and Wendy Ayscue Sims; Uncles Mike Jecko (Laura), Scott Severn (Marla), Trent Ayscue; Cousins Mary Coulbourn, Haley Coulbourn, Viggo Jecko, Ozzie Jecko, Elijah Ciango, Cheyenne Ayscue, Tyler Sims, Skylar Sims, Kane Sims, Hattie Ayscue, Maggie Ayscue, Meagan Mesner, Olivia Mesner Marshall, Brooke Mesner. Austin is preceded in death by his grandmother Mary Jecko and grandfathers Michael W. Jecko and William Ayscue.

Austin was born in Washington D.C. on September 14, 1986. He lived in Gaithersburg Maryland until 1996. He moved to Central Florida in the summer

of 1996. He attended Atlantic High School in Port Orange and University of Central Florida in Orlando. He had an extremely tight group of friends in high school. Their favorite things to do were skateboarding, seeing local bands, and playing in a garage band (Austin was the drummer). Austin was skilled in every aspect of the restaurant business, from dishwasher at age 14 to a number of management roles at fine dining restaurants in Orlando. He was an avid movie and history buff and could converse on pretty much any current topic. He was a lifelong Washington football fan and grew up going to Redskin games as was a tradition in the Jecko family.

The loves of his life were his children, Asa and Madeline (“Max”). Austin was never happier than on days spent with his children. They put the light in his eyes and the pep in his step. He stated that his children were the best things that ever happened to him. We know that Austin would want us all to focus on the positive; to keep living and loving each other, remembering, and being thankful for all the good times we shared with him.

If you’re struggling with substance abuse, please reach out for help from a local agency, friends, or family. In lieu of cards or flowers, please consider a donation in Austin’s name to Gateways of Jacksonville, Florida, or your local Salvation Army.

<https://gatewaycommunity.com/>

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>

“Ripple”

If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice come through the music?
Would you hold it near as it were your own?
It’s a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken

Perhaps they're better left unsung
I don't know, don't really care
Let there be songs to fill the air
Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow
Reach out your hand, if your cup be empty
If your cup is full, may it be again
Let it be known there is a fountain

That was not made by the hands of men
There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go, no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone
Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow
You who choose to lead must follow
But if you fall you fall alone
If you should stand then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way I would take you home

~ Ripple. Grateful Dead

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Jecko family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ So sorry to just now hear this. Condolences from Selina and I. Our hearts are with you.

Ron and Selina Kalimon - October 25, 2024 at 08:56 PM

JC

“ Julie C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Austin Scott Jecko.

Julie C. - September 19, 2024 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ Judy and John Slupecki purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Austin Scott Jecko.



Judy and John Slupecki - September 14, 2024 at 07:45 PM

RR

“ Robert Parrish AKA Robo. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Austin Scott Jecko.

Robert Parrish AKA Robo. - September 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM



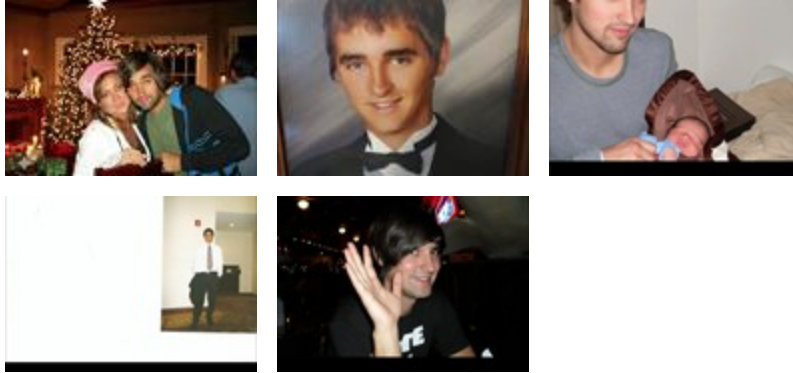
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Austin Scott Jecko.



September 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM

HH

“ Austin was the light of my life. He had so much more to give. I hope everyone will always remember what a caring, loving person he was. I will never let his candle dim.



Holly Hale - September 12, 2024 at 11:37 AM

CA

“ You've always been my favorite cousin and you'll always be loved and missed. ❤️👍



Cheyenne N Ayscue - September 11, 2024 at 01:17 PM

AM

“ Ashley M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Austin Scott Jecko.

Ashley M. - September 11, 2024 at 12:07 PM

KH

“ <https://youtu.be/C4lyAPNtz50?si=uc8PrM1aN8LSoLjF>

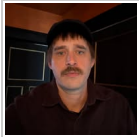
A video from 14 years ago of a weekend we spent at his dad and Judy's lake house.

kelly hart - September 10, 2024 at 09:28 PM

MJ

Always loved this video. Beautiful! Thank you Kelly! I can see the love in his eyes!

Michael Scott Jecko - September 11, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Danny Skelley - September 10, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JW

“ My name is Jason Wolfe, I am a friend and old coworker of his. I last spoke to Austin about 3 years ago to this day actually, My son was about to be born and he was giving me fatherly advice and offered me a job because since K Restaurant we always wanted to work together again. Austin was a dear friend and I had no idea that his addiction had gotten so bad. He was the only person to come visit me when I lived in New Orleans and a memory i would like to share is on his birthday he and I went to the NOLA hard rock casino and I told him to put \$20 on black 10, which drunkenly he walked over and threw the 20 on the roulette table and said “20 on Black 10”. The dealer was annoyed That he threw the \$20 bill at her but she still cashed it in for a chip and put it on black 10. It hit and Austin’s whole trip was paid as he won about \$800! lol, he was a great guy and cared about everyone. My condolences to his family and loved ones. He will be missed.

jason Wolfe - September 10, 2024 at 02:23 PM

KH

“ My name is Kelly, I am the mother of Austin's first child, Asa. I would like to share a memory of Austin from 2010.

One thing that my family and I will never forget is when Austin saved my oldest son, Jude's life. We were leaving a restaurant near a busy road and while I was putting our son Asa into his car seat my 3 year old son Jude bolted down an alley way between two buildings towards the busy road. I ran after him but could not catch up, I threw my keys to try and stop him but missed. I fell to the ground screaming. There was nothing I could do, he was steps away from the curb where cars were racing by, and they couldn't even see him coming because of the buildings. Just as I had given up, destined to watch a horrific scene play out before me, a whoosh of air passed me, so forceful it blew my hair into my face. Austin somehow, with super human speed, had caught up to my running toddler and scooped him up just as his little feet were stepping off the curb. He brought him back to me without saying a word. I was crying. We sat in the car in silence. I said thank you. He started the car and said... " That was crazy."

Forever grateful for this and many other things.

kelly hart - September 10, 2024 at 01:55 PM

KH

“ Austin in 2009



kelly hart - September 10, 2024 at 01:16 PM