



## Zachary Junkin

August 17, 2023

It is with profound sadness that Brooke Lee-Junkin and Marvin and Candice Junkin announce the death of their husband and son Zachary, who died of natural causes on Thursday August 17th. Zach will be deeply missed by his dear wife Brooke, daughter Celeste, and Baby Junkin, due to arrive in November, as well as by siblings Jeremy (Katy) Junkin, Emily (Stephen) Boss, and Isaac (Hannah) Junkin. Devoted uncle to Hannah, Charlotte, Jack, Felicity, Luke, Wesley, Piper, John, and Teddy. Cherished son-in-law to Rob and Elaine Lee, close friend and brother-in-law to Shane (Mel) and Erinn. Zach grew up on a dairy farm and loved working on the farm. His younger brother Isaac quickly realized that the angrier Zach became, the more hay bales he would throw, and the sooner the wagon was unloaded, leaving less bales for Isaac to deal with.

He attended EL Crossley Secondary School. His independent spirit was evident when, at the young age of 16, he and a good friend went by themselves on a BMX excursion in Texas. Though he enjoyed exasperating his teachers, at the end of the day, Zach was an intelligent, well-liked student. After obtaining a master's degree from Waterloo University, Zach had many varied interests, and gave his wholehearted enthusiasm to every endeavour he undertook. Some of these undertakings include: completing an Iron Man marathon, becoming a professional MMA fighter, co-authoring a book, performing stand-up comedy, working as editor for the Voice of Pelham newspaper, and accompanying Canadian Explorer Adam Shoalts on two

expeditions into the Canadian wilderness.

Five years ago Zach undertook his greatest adventure yet when he married his soulmate, Brooke (nee Lee). They bought their first house together in Sarnia, and in 2021 welcomed their daughter, Celeste. Zach loved being a husband and a father and devoted himself to these roles with joy, and of course with his signature wholehearted dedication. He loved making plans with Brooke for their future together, and always had a funny story to share about new things Celeste was learning. Whether he was playing classical music specially chosen for its baby-brain-enhancing capabilities, or running around the house with Celeste hiding from pretend ghosts, there was nothing Zach loved more than his role as Daddy. Zach and Brooke had recently purchased a new home in Port Lambton, and were looking forward to welcoming their second child.

Zach was also an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, birding, and haranguing family about planting more native plants and trees. He was also an avid reader and never missed an opportunity for a debate. His wit and sense of humour will be deeply missed.

Zach was many things to different people, but always compassionate and generous at his core. He always put others first and brought out the best in everyone. Your life was truly better knowing Zach.

Father, husband, son, brother, author, professional fighter, outdoor enthusiast, adventurer, dearly missed.

So many memories left unmade.

Donations can be made to the Sydenham Field Naturalists, where Zach was co-Vice President with his wife Brooke.

A GoFundMe has been set up to help support Brooke and their children: <https://gofund.me/114ee24f>

Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, from 6-8 PM on Wednesday and 2-4 & 6-8 PM on Thursday. The funeral will be celebrated at the funeral home on Friday, August 25 at 1 PM. A celebration of Zach's life is also being planned

for the Fall in Niagara. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Zachary Junkin



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 23, 2023 at 02:55 PM

LW

*This is beautiful*

Lana Wilde - August 23, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JH

*Our deepest sympathall to Brooke, their children, Marv and Candi as well as the Junkin and Lee families. John and Sandra Harding*

J&S Harding - August 23, 2023 at 07:20 PM

AP

*Candi and family  
I was totally shocked when I heard the news of Zachary. My heart goes out to all of you . A young life gone way too soon ! I remember Zach as a little boy when I used to cut his hair he was always shy and so good in the chair . My prayers are with you Candi and your family . Time will ease the pain and all your memories . Anna Pishedda ( Bella Donna)*

Anna Pishedda - August 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM

LR

*Treasured memories. ❤️❤️❤️*

Linda Ramage - August 24, 2023 at 01:35 PM

LM

*Loving Memories of a life ended way too soon.*

**Liz Morrison** - August 25, 2023 at 09:38 PM

NC

*Marvin and Candi,  
Our sincere sympathy on this tragic loss. You are in our thoughts.  
Your friends in Niagara Trout Unlimited Canada*

**Niagara Chapter Trout Unlimited Canada** - August 26, 2023 at 03:26 PM

BI

*guy lived a vibrant life*

**bill** - August 28, 2023 at 06:04 AM

BE

“ *Elaine..my sympathies to you and your family as well as his family..  
I know how you were so proud of them and looking forward to the  
new addition to their family..my thoughts are with you*

**BettyAitken** - September 01, 2023 at 08:09 PM

DE

“ *Please accept our condolences on this tragic loss. Dennis and  
Leslie Edell*

**Dennis Edell** - August 27, 2023 at 12:27 PM

HH

“ *Our condolences to Brooke and her family  
and the Lee and Junkin families.*



**Harvey and Susan Handsor** - August 26, 2023 at 09:55 AM

SS

“ *This is such a painful loss. We are so incredibly sorry.*  
*The Stromski Family*

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**Stan Stromski** - August 25, 2023 at 08:33 PM

CG

“ *Charlene Garrard lit a candle in memory of*  
*Zachary Junkin*



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**Charlene Garrard** - August 25, 2023 at 07:32 PM

LM

“ *Laura MacLean lit a candle in memory of*  
*Zachary Junkin*



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**Laura MacLean** - August 25, 2023 at 07:30 PM

AG

“ *We will miss you and your ability to always*  
*make us smile. Rest in peace.*

*So very sorry for your loss.*

*Our condolences and prayers,*

*Tony and Alessandra Gervasio*



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**Alessandra Gervasio** - August 25, 2023 at 08:32 AM

MM

“ Brooke and family, words can not express my sorrow for you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts. Sending you prayers and condolences during this difficult time. Brooke you are a stronger then you know!!!

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**melissa mallette** - August 24, 2023 at 11:00 PM

DB

“ Deb Brewer lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



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**Deb Brewer** - August 24, 2023 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ Deepest sympathy to the entire family of Zachary ..... although I have never met this young man he is the picture of one amazing person..... no words can console for this unbelievable loss 🙏  
....Hugs and Prayers!!

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**Deb Brewer** - August 24, 2023 at 07:49 PM

CG

“ Charlene Garrard lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



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**Charlene Garrard** - August 24, 2023 at 07:23 PM

DF

“ Zach was truly larger than life. We worked together at Sun Life. His wit, charm, interests, intelligence and ridiculousness were truly one of a kind. I loved when he brought Celeste to our zoom meetings ... a very proud father and husband. To his family and many dear friends, I'm so sorry. Peace be with you.

Daina Feick - August 24, 2023 at 06:28 PM

PH

“ We were so shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Zach's sudden passing. Sending our love and condolences to Brooke and Celeste, Rob and Elaine and family, as well as all of the Junkin family.

Patty and Pat Henderson - August 24, 2023 at 04:21 PM

KA

“ To the Lee family,  
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Al and Kathy Butler

Kathy - August 24, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ Nanette Kewayosh lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



Nanette Kewayosh - August 24, 2023 at 10:43 AM

AM

“ Utterly shocked and deeply saddened to hear the loss of Zach. He was sharp, funny and sometimes super annoying – that was his charm. He had a generous heart and good soul.

*I'll remember him from that time he fell through the ice while walking over a frozen river, or that time he accidentally drove off the side of a mountain (thank goodness for guardrails!), but mostly for his steadfast commitment to being a wonderful friend during a tumultuous time in my life.*

*To Brooke, the Junkin and Lee families, and the friends that loved him fiercely – we are so sorry for your loss.*

*Rest in Peace, Zachary.*

*Sincerely,  
The Basit-Pinder Family  
Amna, Matt and Alia*

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**Amna** - August 24, 2023 at 08:51 AM

SV

“ Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



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**Sherry VanGeersdaele** - August 23, 2023 at 11:35 PM

CD

“ We extend our deepest sympathies on your grievous loss. Zach was open, cheerful and so amusing, he will be missed.

*Bill and Cris Young*

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**Cris Dawson** - August 23, 2023 at 10:26 PM

MB

“ Brooke, I'm so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to the Lee and Junkin families.

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**Maureen De Baene** - August 23, 2023 at 09:57 PM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences to Brooke, Celeste and the families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time .

*Teresa Thurston and Family*

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**Jackie Dally** - August 23, 2023 at 09:08 PM

CL

“ Cassie Landsborough lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



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**Cassie Landsborough** - August 23, 2023 at 05:49 PM

NM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Brooke. Keeping your family in my prayers.



Nicole Martin - August 23, 2023 at 05:09 PM

NM

“ Nicole Martin lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



Nicole Martin - August 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM

CW

“ Sincere condolences to Brooke, her children and the Lee & Junkin families. Sending light & love to you all. Jeff, Cara and Will Wadsworth

c wadsworth - August 23, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DK

“ Extremely shocked and saddened of the loss of such a young man. Our prayers go out to you Brooke, and the Lee and Junkin families. So very sorry for your loss.



Sincerely,  
The Kellett Family  
Jan, Denise, Curtis and Kevin

Denise Kellett - August 23, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JR

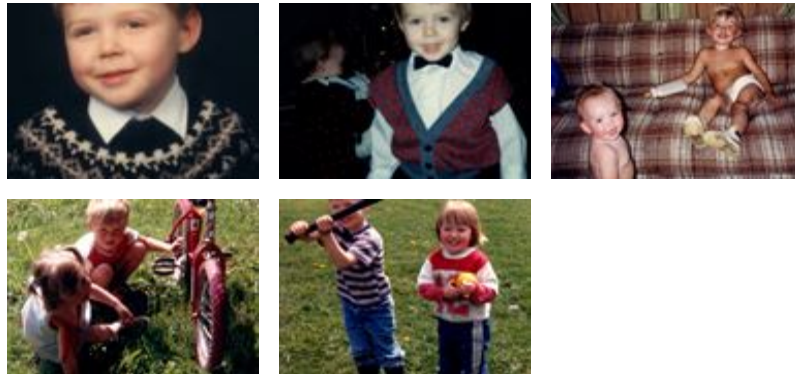
“ July 2019 belt grading



jason Reis - August 23, 2023 at 02:31 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - August 23, 2023 at 02:05 PM

MC

“ Meaghan Csikos lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



Meaghan Csikos - August 23, 2023 at 02:04 PM

BP

“ To the Junkin Family, Our prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to you all Love from the Casler Family.

Bev purchase - August 23, 2023 at 01:55 PM

TC

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Zach at Sun Life then again at NetSuite. He was such a talented, witty, loving person. He loved his family so much. I never tired of hearing stories about Brooke, Celeste, and growing up on the farm – and he never tired of telling them in his unique, hilarious way. Please know that there are so many people sending support. As his work crew, you may never have heard of us, but we’ve heard about you and thought the world of Zach.

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**Tanya Chapman** - August 23, 2023 at 01:18 PM

TC

“ Mayor Junkin, Candice and family,

*We are thinking of you and your family with deepest sympathy at this very sad time.*

*May you both find strength and comfort from the memories you have of Zachary.*

*Tom & Margaret Campbell*

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**Tom and Margaret Campbell** - August 23, 2023 at 12:32 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Zachary Junkin



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**Gerry Flynn** - August 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ So very sorry Elaine to read of your son-in-laws passing ,may your family together find the strength to carry on and eventually the memories help



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**Theresa Freeburn** - August 23, 2023 at 11:48 AM

KN

“ Working with Zach for the past year at Oracle NetSuite has been a genuine pleasure. His wit, dry humour and adventure stories made for so much entertainment, and his kindness always shone through. From helping me figure out my feet when I first joined to having a long chat all about our home moving plans as June-bugs, Zach was a really wonderful person.  
Thoughts and love to all of his family at this awful time, you're all in my heart.

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**Katie Nicholls** - August 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM

LP

“ I worked with Zach over the last 14 months and his stories, humour and "Junkin charm" (as he phrased it!) made it an absolute pleasure. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.

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**Louise Page** - August 23, 2023 at 11:02 AM

HS

“ Thinking of you and your family Erinn, and sending you lots of love and support - your Cabinet Office colleagues

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**Heather Shuman** - August 23, 2023 at 10:54 AM

VB

“ My condolences to all on the loss of Zach, too young. You will all be in my prayers and thoughts through out this difficult time. May your memories give you strength.

Vera Bering - August 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.



Chris & Chrissy Mahu - August 23, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JE

“ Our sincere condolences to Brooke and the Lee and Junkin families on this tragic loss of Zach in your family. Sending thoughts of healing strength your way as we keep you in our prayers.

Sincerely,  
Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean&Dave Elliott - August 23, 2023 at 09:34 AM

DM

“ My heart breaks for your loss of Zach. He was truly a wonderful guy.



Dawne Mudford - August 23, 2023 at 09:19 AM

JT

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the Junkin and Lee families at this very sad time.



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**JONI TREMBLEY** - August 23, 2023 at 08:49 AM

BR

“ Dear Mayor and Mrs. Junkin and family, Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your son, brother, husband and father. May love and cherished memories keep you strong. Sincerely, Barbara Rybiak and Travis Secord

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**Barbara Rybiak** - August 23, 2023 at 07:44 AM

HH

“ Dear Marv, Candice and family,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of your son Zach. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days 🙏!!!  
Sincerely, Herman and Jackie Heikoop

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**Herman Heikoop** - August 23, 2023 at 07:00 AM

TR

“ My sincere condolences to the Lee and Junkin family at this time.  
Terry Roman and family

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**Terry Roman** - August 23, 2023 at 06:54 AM

SW

“ Zach, a man of heart so wide,  
In love and laughter, he took pride.  
For Brooke, Celeste, family dear,  
His devotion was always clear.

With fishing rods and nature's call,  
He found his joy in it all.  
In moments shared and stories told,  
His love for life truly bold.

Husband, father, bonds so strong,  
In his embrace, you nall belong.  
Zach's legacy, a love that stays,  
Guiding you through life's winding ways



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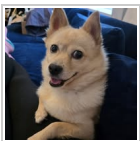
**Sherri-Anne Wills** - August 22, 2023 at 11:48 PM

MJ

*Do not cry because it has ended;  
Smile because it happened.  
Love you Son..Mom and Dad*

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**marvin junkin** - February 03, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I met Zach when we played softball together in Welland, on the Anti-heroes. We all had such a great time playing ball together, laughing and joking, winning and losing, and generally closing down the parking lot after the games. It was an honour to share #4 with you, Junk!

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**Candace Niejadlik** - August 22, 2023 at 11:32 PM

LM

“ Brooke and Celeste, Rob and Elaine and family and the Junkin family our profound sympathy on the loss of Zach. We can not begin to to imagine the great loss and sorrow you are experiencing. Zack sounds like a great man of many skills and interests who loved life and his family. We are so sorry for your great loss. Our thoughts are with you in this sorrowful time and in the future. Liz and Tom Morrison

Liz Morrison - August 22, 2023 at 10:37 PM

HJ

“ Our condolences to you Elaine & Rob on the loss of your son-in-law, to your daughter Brooke, granddaughter Celeste, Shane, Erinn, and Zach’s family.



Herb and Brenda de Jong - August 22, 2023 at 10:03 PM

RB

“ So shocked and saddened to hear this heart breaking news. Sending our deepest sympathies to the Lee and Junkin families. Rick and Cathy Boak

Rick and Cathy Boak - August 22, 2023 at 07:37 PM

PK

“ From both of us, our deepest sympathy to you Brooke, Celeste and all the family of Zack. Peter and Francine Krailo



Peter & Francine Krailo - August 22, 2023 at 07:15 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss Brooke....our hearts break for you. Prayers for you and Celeste in the days ahead as well as your parents and Zach’s family. 🙏  
Doug & Nancy MacLennan

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**Doug & Nancy MacLennan** - August 22, 2023 at 05:41 PM

WO

“ To Candi, Marv, Brooke, Celeste, a truly beautiful name, and the Junkin and Lee Families

*May I express to all of you, our deepest sympathy and our hope that you will be able to find comfort in your happy memories of Zachary. He was a remarkable man in so many respects.*

*With sincere sympathy, Wayne Olson and Family*

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**Wayne Olson** - August 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Brooke. I will be thinking of you and your family as you navigate the loss of Zach.

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**judy Bachus** - August 22, 2023 at 03:53 PM