Skyler Blake Waddell

October 25, 1996 - May 30, 2024

Skyler Blake Waddell, age 27, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Born on October 25, 1996, in Atlanta, Georgia, he was raised in Winder, Georgia with his brother Randy by his mother Celeste. The biological father's parental rights were voluntarily terminated. When Skyler was ten, they moved to Lawrenceville, Georgia, where he gained a step-father who raised him as his own child.

Skyler endured a lot in his short life. He had to overcome language and communication barriers, due to learning disabilities, and addiction, due to a trusted adult at school introducing him to drugs at sixteen years old. Skyler fought hard for years to overcome the battle of addiction. Skyler attended at least seven different rehabs to battle this addiction to better himself. In August of 2023 Skyler checked in to Sober living in Atlanta. He was doing great, he was employed and paying his bills on time. Unfortunately, someone from his past, who was not good for his battle, took him out of sober living, which led to the domino effect to how his life ended.

Throughout his childhood, Skyler’s bond with his mother was unbreakable. Skyler’s Grandma used to always refer to him as his mother’s second skin, he would not leave his mother’s side. Even throughout his adult years, he couldn’t walk by his mother without patting her head, coming in for a hug, and singing “I love you, I love you, I LOOOVVEE YOU” imitating the movie Elf. It was this sweet, childish disposition that made Skyler so lovable.

Though Skyler’s love and bond with his mother was unmatched, Skyler and his brother, Preston, had a very similar love and bond. They loved finding a new Lego set that they could sit down and build together. They would sit down together with various Lego sets and spend hours building them. When they weren’t building Lego sets, they were taking apart game consoles to modify. They would beg and convince Skyler’s stepfather to buy them a cheap console from resale sites; by saying they were going to sell them for more, but in reality, they just wanted to deconstruct the consoles to try to modify them for enjoyment. Though, more often than not, they failed and broke them, leaving behind a mound of unusable consoles.

Skyler’s relationship with his stepfather, John, was incredible from the very beginning. They enjoyed activities such as playing golf, riding dirt bikes, and kayaking, walking the mall, sitting in the vape shop, or simply sitting on the couch watching TV, those two enjoyed so many adventures together. One thing that stands out is every time, around Halloween, they HAD to visit ALL of the corn mazes possible, and they couldn’t just walk through the corn maze. No, they would take turns hiding in the corn to jump out and scare each other, walk past one another and shove them into the corn, and just pure love and enjoyment. They shared a bond through their childish, goofy, thrill-seeking personalities. John always supported Skyler through his recovery, he put him through six of the rehabs Skyler attended.

Skyler was always smiling and laughing, and his laugh, oh his laugh, it was contagious. No matter what he was doing, he always found a way to make it fun and goofy. That contagious laugh will be missed by all.

Skyler’s love for animals was unmatched. He would love, and practically beg, to visit the zoo and the aquarium. Skyler never found an animal that he didn’t love. He especially loved cats. He would always try to bring home ALL of the stray cats he found, and if he couldn’t catch them to bring them home, he would make sure it had food and water outside.

Though he is severely missed, Skyler is finally free from fighting the demons. Whenever we pass by a bookstore, we will always stop in and sniff a book for

Skyler, as he loved the smell of a new book, which is how his brother lovingly nicknamed him “book sniffer”.
The family will be holding a private service sometime during the next coming weeks. Please be aware that someone has posted a fake notice and are asking for cash. This is not true so please disregard.

Tribute Wall

BC

Prayers for the entire family are being sent. Hugs to Celeste and Preston especially.

Barbara Cortopassi - April 15 at 12:48 AM

JD

Miss you kid. Thinking alot about you this month. So glad you got to celebrate Alaina's 18th birthday with us. We all miss you so much!

Jennifer Dominy - May 13, 2025 at 06:57 PM

OW

I didn't know skylar that munch but blessings

Owen Waddell - November 17, 2024 at 10:10 PM

CN

We had so many good times together. You always told me you couldn't live without me… I don't know how to live without you. I miss you so much.

Celeste Noll - June 10, 2024 at 12:53 PM

CN

These words are from Skyler's little brother Preston…
I miss you so much brother. " come back right meow"

celeste Noll - June 09, 2024 at 09:42 AM

CN

10 files added to the tribute wall

celeste Noll - June 09, 2024 at 09:38 AM

BC

He's a handsome kid. Sending prayers of peace for his mom and brother.

Barbara Cortopassi - October 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM

Skyler was just a beautiful soul to know. He really did know how to connect with someone and make them feel welcome whenever he was around. Skyler was such an incredible person to know. From his corny jokes, to his silly imitations.
Being able to watch him get healthy, and become happier always brought a smile to my face. Watching him around his cousin, Michael, and seeing how they interacted was such a pure joy to behold.
The last time I talked to Skyler was right before he went into rehab. I haven't seen or actually talked to him in a couple years now… This saddens my soul in so many, different ways. He's gone. And it's so hard to fathom that I won't be able to say anything to him again.
He's not feeling anymore pain and I hope his spirit is now at ease.
Rest in peace, Skyler. You'll forever be missed. Love you.

Alexandria Anderson - June 08, 2024 at 10:07 AM

KB

Skyler your high school "surrogate" mom is deeply saddened by your loss. You always brought sunshine and happiness to our home when you came over. I am sorry that Tyler and I couldn't help you the way you needed in high school. I do so hope that the so called teacher who started you down the bad road feels her responsibility in your death.

We will always love you and remember the fun times, whether it was Disney or Miami.

Celeste and family, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kimberly Berkman - June 07, 2024 at 04:59 PM

CN

Thank you so much. Skyler loved y'all so so much. We are doing a private Service for Skyler and we will let you know when. Be aware that someone is posting fake obituaries and fake services. If you don't hear about the service from us, it is not real.
Celeste

celeste Noll - June 09, 2024 at 10:10 AM

KB

Keep me posted. Tyler and I want to be there for Skylar and you.

Kimberly Berkman - June 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM

CN

Thank you. I will. ❤️

Celeste Noll - June 11, 2024 at 01:07 PM