



Joshua Chad Michael Bauer

February 7, 2004 - April 6, 2025

Joshua Bauer was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended Grace Abbott Elementary, Kiewit Middle School, and Millard North High School his Freshman year before transferring to Millard South High School to enroll in AFJROTC, from where he graduated in 2022.

He considered joining the Marines out of High School, because he wanted to be a part of a brotherhood. Ultimately, because of his desire to help people, he pursued becoming a firefighter at Boys Town Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed the opportunity to learn, and grow, and build his compassion for others. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, but he remained very fond of that experience.

He was on a journey to discover himself and finally landed a job at Fiserv working in a different department than his dad. When he'd run into his dad in the hallway his immediate reaction was to go in for a hug, and his dad always had to remind him, "Not at work son." He loved the crew he worked with and was especially excited to get forklift certified. He always did have a thing for anything on wheels!

He was with Fiserv for a year and a half before an incredible opportunity opened up for him with Jacobs. It was a complete God thing for him to meet the right person, Brook, who saw Josh for who he was and hired him along with his best friend Mark in November 2024. As a Civil Engineer Inspector there he fell in love with the job and working in the field. He developed friendships with the people he worked for, and those he worked with, out in

the field.

Growing up Josh loved spending time with his friends in the neighborhood, riding his bike, riding his skateboard, and coming home covered in muck from their excursions to the creek. He always brought home countless rocks and told stories of the critters he would find and want to keep. His time indoors was spent with his friends on Xbox. He had a love for soccer and played goalie in his youth.

Once he reached driving age, his dad bought him a yellow 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser, which he immediately and appropriately named Sheila. From there he made many friends in the Toyota offroad community. He was constantly upgrading and adding accessories. Yellow became his favorite color. He also had an affinity for cars and would go to car meets with his best friends.

Soon after, he developed a love for motorcycles, and immediately started looking for a bike, especially anything yellow. Once he had his first bike he was hooked and managed to make friends anywhere he went. He was excited when he found the yellow 2009 R1 50th Anniversary. He loved that bike and felt a part of a community with the group of riders that became fast friends.

His life was well lived, he was well loved, and he will be greatly missed. We take comfort in his faith and belief in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has known the Lord his whole life and was baptized on July 6th, 2014 at the age of 10. He has been bold and courageous in sharing his faith with everyone and that is his testimony. He genuinely loved and cared for anyone he would meet, offering a kind word, listening ear, and giving advice. He truly loved reaching people through laughter, sarcasm, voice impersonations, and shenanigans.

That's our Joshua.

We love and miss you, our sweet boy.

Mom and Dad

Joshua Chad Michael Bauer, 21, of Omaha, passed away 4/6/25. Preceded in death by brother Dane Bauer (miscarriage). Survived by parents Chad and

Denise Bauer of Omaha, brother Brandon Kennedy of Omaha, grandparents Phyllis Barton of Omaha, Ron Werner (Patsy Nolting-deceased) of Red Oak, TX, Avis Arps of Fremont, NE, and David Bauer of Lincoln, NE, and many loving aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends.

Celebration of life service 10:30 AM Tuesday, at Grace Fellowship Church, 1211 S. 211th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Visitation Monday from 4-7 PM at the church. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Millard South High School AFJROTC or the Boystown Fire Department.

A livestream of Joshua's service will be available at facebook.com/GraceFellowshipOmaha

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Fellowship Church
1211 South 211th Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Celebration of Life Service

APR **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship Church
1211 South 211th Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 11, 2025 at 09:15 AM

NI

As a friend who played xbox with him, he will be greatly missed. Josh was one of my closest online friends, someone who always knows how to light up the room. Prayers to everyone and his family. On behalf of my friends and me, he will be greatly missed.

nick - April 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

DB

“ Here is the link to Joshua Bauer's service yesterday.

We are grateful for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers from everyone who attended his visitation and funeral. For those who Chad and I weren't able to visit with or personally thank, we saw you, we appreciate you, and hope to reach out to you at some point.

Thank you to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances who have reached out via text, phone call, Facebook, messenger, sending cards or flowers, and bringing us meals even though we haven't had much of an appetite. Your thoughtfulness has touched our hearts.

His roadside memorial is overwhelming and seems to get bigger everyday. To those who stop by to pay their respects and leave flowers or sign his cross, our hearts are with you and we know how deeply you share in our grief.

Chad and I feel like our family circle has increased exponentially, which is the biggest blessing in all of this, and Josh would be amazed!

To his rider group who arranged and participated in his bike rally, designed tshirts, and contributed to the collection for him, we love each of you and hope that you will continue to share stories of him and reach out to us if there's anything you need at all. We implore you to ride carefully, we know you know the risks every time you get on your bike, but now you know the devastation that comes with it. All the money you collected will be divided between the two memorials that Josh loved and his memory will live on through them.

To the Toyota Outlaws from the bottom of our hearts thank you for taking care of Josh's beloved Sheila (Toyota FJ Cruiser). He would have loved to have seen her all sparkling clean on the inside and out, and thrilled at the fresh coat of gottch's goo on her undercarriage!! Chad and I look forward to joining the group and I'm

excited my RAV4 can be included!!

The loss of Josh hurts and it will for a long time, but what an incredible legacy he leaves behind. We are thankful for every moment we were able to spend with him, watching him grow up to become the godly man he was, and to know that he touched the lives of so many people. Please continue to remember him and hold him in your hearts.

We are grateful to our church family who share in our love for Josh and our grief. Pastor George gave him quite the send off yesterday!!

The Livestream didn't play the music we selected due to copyright issues, but I will post a link to the songs in the comments.

Thank you to the many people who stood up to share their stories of Josh with us, and it's unfortunate that the audio wasn't captured in the Livestream, but you touched our hearts and made us smile and laugh a little.

Parents hug your babies tight...they are only ours for a little while.

Josh we love and miss you so much, there really are no words to express how difficult this is and will continue to be, but you are always in our hearts and on our minds. I know we will see you on the other side. With all our love and strength, mom and dad.

Until we meet again

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AH7daWyLB/>

Denise Bauer - April 16, 2025 at 08:45 PM

TC

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Bauer family for the loss of your son Josh. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
The Cady Family



Tanya Cady - April 13, 2025 at 08:23 PM

S,

“ S,A,J,T&F purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



S,A,J,T&F - April 12, 2025 at 09:29 PM

KB

“ Kara Bachman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



Kara Bachman - April 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM

MJ

“ Mark J purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



Mark J - April 11, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MJ

“ Josh was my brother, I've never had a friend like him and I don't think I ever will again. Josh was the most genuine person I've ever known. He was there for me no matter what the time or day, and when I had nobody else I always had Josh. He brought so much joy into my life, and I am going to miss him dearly for the rest of it. I'll always have my brother in my heart, and I'll never forget or lose the value in the precious time we did have.

Mark Jareo - April 11, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DE

That's so beautiful Mark!! He definitely loved you like a brother! As we said, you have been officially adopted into our family!! We love you

Denise - April 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MH

“ Matt H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.

Matt H. - April 11, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DC

“ Josh, the incredible memories of the vibrant yellow FJ, the unforgettable experiences of exploring Omaha's endless possibilities, from singing along to Megadeth in the car and enjoying relaxing moments in parking garages to taking in the breathtaking views of the countryside. No words can express the profound impact Josh had on my life, except maybe that he was the human version of a coffee machine - always buzzing, always ready to fuel my adventures. We shared countless adventures together, and by countless, I mean I lost count after the first dozen. Josh was that extraordinary individual who would be there to lend a listening ear at 2 in the morning, always ready to offer support and guidance, mainly because he was probably up playing video games anyway. Josh was the reliable friend who would ensure I arrived home safely most days, except for that one time he fell asleep at the wheel, but we don't talk about that. Josh was the go-to person we would call to spend quality time together, without needing a plan or agenda, and we would inevitably create unforgettable memories, mainly because we're both clumsy and accident-prone. Even in challenging moments, like when Josh's tire blew out on the interstate, he remained that inspiring individual who could uplift everyone's spirits. Fly high man.



David Christensen - April 10, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



April 10, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *The boys were always very proud of the volunteer work they did and the hours they put in!*



Cassie Christensen - April 10, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *JJ & Anna laea purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



JJ & Anna laea - April 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ *Your friends at Jacobs purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



Your friends at Jacobs - April 10, 2025 at 12:29 PM

YJ

“ Your friends at Jacobs purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



Your friends at Jacobs - April 10, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DB

“ David B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



David B. - April 10, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ After reading these tributes its comforting to know that Joshua had such good friends; and who cared about him. It's good that Josh lived such a caring life. It's pleasing to read the kind things said about him. Dave Bauer

David Bauer - April 10, 2025 at 09:47 AM

TF

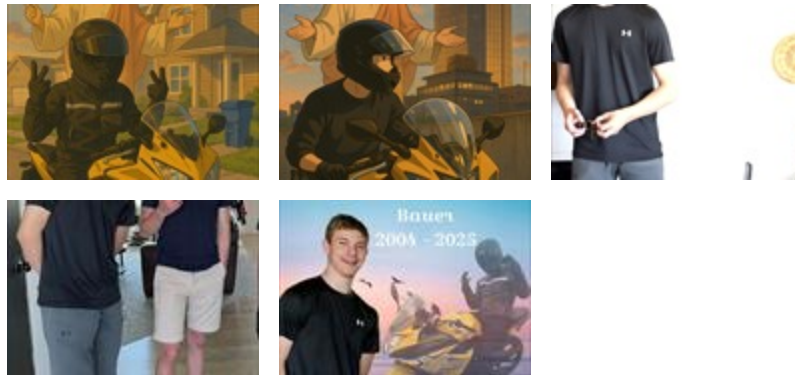
“ Todd & Wendie Fischer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.



Todd & Wendie Fischer - April 10, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ I posted my condolences already, which didn't allow me to post photos, but I wanted to come back and post these photos. The first couple were when he and the boys stopped by randomly because they missed my son Brayden since he moved away to FL with his dad and they just wanted to drop by. They got him on a speaker call and begged him to come back. They'd drive by and honk and wave at the house, even though he wasn't there. Josh was the first one to take my son in, become his friend and then brought in the others. He made him feel a part of something. They were like a small little family. I'm so appreciative of what Josh did for my son, how sweet he was, and his contagious smile. I feel like I lost a son and will always grieve his passing. We will always miss you!



Tonya Moore - April 09, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DB

Hi Tonya, Thank you for sharing about Josh and creating the wonderful pictures. Josh spoke of Brayden often. We are all feeling this tremendous loss and it is comforting to hear stories of the impact Josh had on those he cared about. Denise

Denise Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM



You truly said this to a T!! Must have been something he did with his friends because he definitely took David in and accept him for him and was absolutely there when David needed someone and was going thru some hard life changes. Thank you for posting the picture of Josh and David!

Cassie Christensen - April 10, 2025 at 04:42 PM

EC

“ *Ervin Cable Construction purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



Ervin Cable Construction - April 09, 2025 at 01:27 PM

CE

“ *I have so many wonderful memories being Josh's mentor through Teammates. Watching him grow since the 3rd grade, all the Creighton games, Zoo trips, laughs, going to movies with him and mom, all the funny conversations. I feel so blessed I was able to be a part of his life. My heart breaks for you all. He was such a special kid.*

Carmon Erickson - April 09, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DB

Thank you Carmon, we are so grateful for Teammates. Joshua really needed that sense of community during his dad's battle with bladder cancer. Forever appreciated. Denise

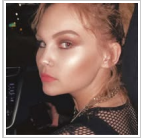
Denise Bauer - April 11, 2025 at 03:10 PM



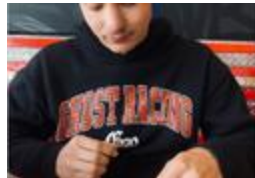
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



April 09, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *I was only close with Joshua for a short time but in that time, he taught me so much. What a kind soul he was. He has forever changed my life and I am so blessed to have gotten the time I did with him. He was the best person i've ever met. So kind and understanding. He was so accepting of everyone and had so much grace in his heart.*



Sydney Meyer - April 08, 2025 at 11:34 PM

CB

Sydney, thank you for those kind words about Joshua, we are soo thankful for the time you got to know him. Please stay true to your faith in Jesus, He helps us and is there for us...always. Denise and I love these pictures. We love all the pictures that are posted here. May God bless you and keep you!

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 09:01 AM



I knew Josh thru my son Brayden. He was one of his first friends in HS. They were always riding together in his beloved Sheila. Every time we'd pass a yellow FJ, even in Florida, we'd all yell "Josh!!" and we still will continue that tradition to this very day and going forward. Josh was such a sweet kid who always had a smile on his face. When my son moved away to Florida with his dad, Josh randomly grabbed the group of boys and showed up at my door and made a phone call to my son, begging him to come back home. They'd drive by my house, even though my son no longer lived there, and honk at the house and wave. I have such good memories of this group of boys and how they took my son in and made him feel a part of something. Josh was like one of my sons and I am grieving as if I lost my child. Josh, you touched so many in this life and you truly will never be forgotten. Fly high, buddy! We love you!

Tonya Moore - April 09, 2025 at 03:27 PM

TH

“ Josh was my best friend here in Omaha. I'm not even sure if he knew this or if he knew how much he meant to me because I only hung out with him a few times over the past 6 months — but he made a huge impact on my life.



His kindness and warmth and humor was so infectious and kept me smiling through a lot of rough times. He was one of the few people since I've been stationed here for the past few years to really make me feel included and like I had a genuine friend. To make me feel like I belonged somewhere and that I could relate to someone.

His company and friendship with me was heartbreakingly cut short. And I wasn't the only one. He made so many people happy, so many people laugh, and so many people feel the way that I do about him.

He was an amazing soul. He was goofy and laughing and cracking jokes all the time. One of my fondest memories here is the time I helped him put those fairings on his R1. We had an awesome time listening to music and just chatting. It tears me up inside when I realize that I won't be able to make more memories like that with him.

He was such a genuine and amazing person and if any of his loved ones are reading this; I hope you have immense pride in the man you cultivated within him. The world lost an amazing man, and I pray that he watches over and protects all of us as a guardian angel from above.

Tristan Hoffman - April 08, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CB

Thank you, Tristan, for those kind words about Joshua. He is what we would call an "Old Soul". We cannot take credit for the man Josh became all that credit goes to his love for his Savior, Jesus and allowing Him to work inside Joshua. As I've said in prior posts, he genuinely loved and cared for his friends, and we are soo thankful for knowing about your friendship with Joshua. May God bless you and keep you. Please, please, please ride safe!!

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 08:43 AM

DI

“ *One of the best guys I ever met. So much energy you had everyone wish they had. We will all miss you down here bro. Ride those golden roads and watch over us. Till we ride again bro. Eat as many ice cream sandwich's that you can up there* ❤️



Dillin - April 08, 2025 at 10:01 PM

CB

Thank you Dillin for those kind words of Joshua. We are so grateful knowing about your friendship with Joshua. He genuinely loved and cared about all his friends. May God bless you and keep you. Please, please, please ride safe!

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CA

“ *Your infectious smile and warm personality will forever be etched in the memories of your friends. I feel incredibly fortunate to have crossed paths with you, and I am so deeply grateful for the time we spent together.*



Carlee - April 08, 2025 at 09:55 PM

CB

Carlee, we are soo thankful for knowing about your friendship with Joshua. We too are grateful for the time you got to know him. May God bless you and keep you.

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ *Karaoke nights won't be the same without you. Thankful for all the times we had and I'm glad I got to meet you*



Caleb Brush - April 08, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CB

Caleb. Joshua looked forward to Karaoke nights and spending time with his friends, singing. He would usually tell me about it the next day what songs he sang. We are so thankful for the time you had with him and knowing about your friendship with Joshua. May God bless you and keep you. Please, please, please ride safe!

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 07:57 AM

ES

“ *Edward F stefan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joshua Chad Michael Bauer.*



Edward F stefan - April 08, 2025 at 08:35 PM

DO

“ *The most kind hearted soul i have ever met in my life and the quickest brother i have ever made. It's going to be tough without you*



Donald - April 08, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CB

Thank you, Donald, for those kind and heartfelt words. Joshua genuinely loved and cared for everyone he met; it means a lot to us knowing the friendship you have with him. May God bless you and keep you.

Chad Bauer - April 09, 2025 at 07:45 AM

PH

*There's a very special garden
Where the trees of memory grow
Nurtured by the kindness
And concern that good friends show.
The roots are cherished memories Of good times in the past.
The branches tender promises that souls endure and last.
It's a place of peace and beauty
Where bright new hopes can start
It's memory's lovely garden that soothes the hurting heart*

Author unknown Love to all. Love Aunt Peggy and Family.

Peggy A Haug - April 14, 2025 at 02:34 AM