



Zachary S. Eckert

August 9, 1991 - December 18, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Zachary S. Eckert, age 30, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at home

Zach was born in Jasper, Indiana, on August 9, 1991, to Steven and Diane (Michel) Eckert.

He was a 2010 graduate of Jasper High School. He then attended Indiana University and in December of 2020 received his Juris Doctor degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. He currently worked for the Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinED). Prior to working for the foundation, he served as a policy analyst for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus focusing on education policy, worked as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee, and for the Chairman of the Senate School Funding Subcommittee.

Zach was on the Board of Directors for the Yeti Orphanage.

Zach enjoyed hunting, golf, spending time outdoors, grilling and spending time with his friends, traveling, and was an avid sports fan, especially of I.U.

basketball.

Surviving are his mother, Diane (Brian) Jones, Velpen, IN, his father, Steve (Tiffany) Eckert, Jasper, IN, one brother, Ethan Eckert, step sister, Dallas Jones, step brother, Mitchell Jones, his maternal grandmother, Doris Michel, Huntingburg, IN, his paternal grandparents, Ed and Nancy Eckert, Jasper, IN, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his maternal grandfather, Ralph Michel and one cousin, Emily Michel-Mayle

A Memorial Mass for Zachary S. Eckert will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to Yeti Orphanage.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Memorial Visitation

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Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Think about you every day, Z. I miss our chats and debates -R.I.P

Sheena - November 14, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Zachary S. Eckert

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

MM

“ Jasper Youth Soccer, Spring 1997
Zach was tallest on the team with Diane as his coach



Matt May - December 27, 2021 at 04:10 PM

MM

“ Zach was a kind and passionate soul who never met a stranger. I had the privilege of Zach being my first friend when we were 3 years old. You will always be missed.

Rest In Peace Eck



Matt May - December 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

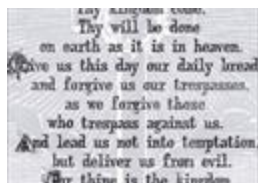
DK

“ Zach was my legislative assistant for four years. He was an excellent assistant. We spent much time together. I will miss Zach very much. From: Senator Dennis Kruse, Auburn, Indiana.

Dennis Kruse - December 25, 2021 at 12:49 PM

GD

“ May peace be with you and your entire family.
Gregory Durham (Ruth Ann Eckert Durham oldest son).



gregory durham - December 23, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ I worked with Zach in law and public policy. And he was my friend. He was smart and to-the-point. I wish I knew everything that was on his mind, but I do know that what he shared with me was valuable and real. I'll miss our discussions about the latest in education policy, and generally. That void will not be filled. Condolences to his family and others that knew him well. Seamus Boyce

Seamus Boyce - December 23, 2021 at 07:01 AM

LB

Dear Diane, you have my deepest sympathy on the passing of your son. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

Lina Beckman - December 23, 2021 at 01:31 PM

KD

“ You have our deepest sympathy. Prayers to you Diane and your entire family.

Keith and Mary Dick - December 22, 2021 at 09:16 PM

TH

“ Zach was a great friend and mentor. It was a honor to know and work alongside him at the Statehouse. My deepest condolences to his family during this time.

Taylor Hollenbeck - December 22, 2021 at 08:05 PM

SM

“ Extending my deepest sympathy to Steve, Diane and their families. So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Steven Mehringer - December 22, 2021 at 07:55 PM



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Ross Brosmer - December 22, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MI

“ Zach was a great young man who I had the pleasure of coaching basketball at Holy Family. He was a very hard worker and was very determined to push himself to be the best he could be. I am saddened to hear of his passing.....My thoughts and prayers go out to the Eckert family.

Mike - December 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM

HC

“ Zach, thank you for always making work fun and being a great friend. I'll remember your warm hearted smile. Rest easy, buddy.



Hillary Cherry - December 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ So sad to hear about Zach's passing, I will miss seeing him around the statehouse!

Erin Moorhous - December 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM

CH

“ My sincere sympathy and prayers to the entire Eckert family.



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - December 22, 2021 at 07:15 AM

CM

“ Eckert family,
So sad to hear of Zach's passing. I have fond memories of coaching he and his classmates at Holy Family and Zach had always made a point to stay in touch with me since then. My best to the Eckert family at this difficult time.

Chip Morris

Chip Morris - December 22, 2021 at 05:55 AM

MC

“ Cheers, my friend. It was an honor to know you, you’ll always be missed.



Mike Cross - December 22, 2021 at 01:15 AM

JA

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Jared - December 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM

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Jared - December 21, 2021 at 08:33 PM

SM

“ Extending my deepest sympathy to Diane and the family. So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sheila Mehringer

Sheila Mehringer - December 21, 2021 at 06:18 PM

RH

“ So sorry for the family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Roxanne and Terry Harmon (Ruth Eckert Durham's daughter and son in law)

Roxanne Harmon - December 21, 2021 at 04:12 PM

TB

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Tara Bawel - December 21, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TB

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Tara Bawel - December 21, 2021 at 03:07 PM

CB

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Courtney Brosmer - December 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM

SA

“ Always making me smile, thank you.



Samantha - December 21, 2021 at 02:30 PM

MM

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Maddison Miller - December 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

AB

“ You will be so missed, Zach!



Ali Bartlett - December 21, 2021 at 01:42 PM

TK

“ Love and Miss ya z



Tyler Krempp - December 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ Miss you brother.



Zack Sand - December 21, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SH

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you...God bless you & your family.

Shirley Harter - December 21, 2021 at 01:12 PM

TY

“ *Rest In Peace my friend, you are solely missed.* ”



Tres York - December 21, 2021 at 01:00 PM

NR

“ *I'll always love and miss you, Z.* ”



Natalie Russell - December 21, 2021 at 12:44 PM

ND

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Niki Dasilva - December 21, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SC

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Sam Charron - December 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy & condolences, to family/friends. 🙏

James Birkle - December 21, 2021 at 12:28 PM



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Ross Brosmer - December 21, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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Austin Ahrens - December 21, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the family. I had coached Zach in his younger days. Was a good and hardworking kid.*

Brad Schmidt - December 21, 2021 at 11:34 AM