

# ZACHARY ALLEN HEIDISH

March 14, 1988 - July 3, 2023



Zack, a kind, gentle and loving soul, fought a long and courageous battle, determined to overcome the disease of addiction that had caused him so much pain, and was close to finding his way to healing and a return to the life he wanted. Despite his challenges, he brought so much to the world during his 35 years:

He brought great joy to family, many friends, and neighbors, and especially to his parents who dearly love him and looked on him as their precious gift. He always knew how much his parents cherished him and made it clear to them that he loved them in return. Zack and his parents remained close all his life. If love alone could have saved him, he never would have died.

He worked 10 years as a Safety Officer at Western Psychiatric Hospital. They knew him as someone full of compassion in caring for patients and supporting staff. He took care of his grandparents as they dealt with illness in their final years. They looked on him as a blessing in their lives. He had a special love for dogs and all animals. They responded to him with love.

A big part of Zack's essence was that he never had a bad thing to say about anyone and in return everyone he ever knew had wonderful things to say about him.

Zack is survived by his parents Maurice and Peggy Heidish of Edgewood; brothers Spencer (Stephanie) Heidish, and Max Heidish both of Minnesota; multiple nieces and nephews, and his dog Tillie. Peggy and Maurice are eternally grateful to all those who Zack loved and were his good friends over so many years, making his life rich and meaningful. The family is grateful to all the professionals and others who worked so hard to support his recovery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sorec Behavioral Health, 1789 S. Braddock Ave, Suite 550, Pittsburgh PA, 15218. Friends will be received Saturday, July 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., followed at 4:00 by a Celebration of Life, at the **THOMAS L. NIED FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 7441 Washington St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15218. [www.niedfuneralhome.com](http://www.niedfuneralhome.com)

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