



## Tyler "TJ" Micka

September 9, 1978 - June 26, 2023

It is with deep sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Tyler James "TJ" Micka , age 44, who passed away peacefully in his home in Nashville, Tennessee on June 26, 2023, after losing his hard-fought battle with addiction and depression.

Tyler was born on September 9, 1978, in Grand Forks, North Dakota before moving to Washington with his mother in 1981. He spent his childhood in Benton City with his three siblings, James, Chelsey and Jack until he returned to North Dakota to live with his father in 1996, graduating from Central High School in 1997. As a young adult, he lived in Nashville, Tennessee traveling across the country with his brother James setting up/tearing down music equipment before eventually moving back to Washington to be closer to his mother and family. Tyler spent many years operating a forklift before finding his niche in landscaping, and eventually specializing in irrigation.

Tyler had many dreams and aspirations, he pursued barbering and attended barbering school at Victoria's Academy of Cosmetology in Kennewick, Washington. But most of all, he wanted to help others struggling with addiction and become a drug counselor. He also dreamed of being a fashion designer, having a unique and innate sense of style and love for clothing.

Tyler had a sense of humor that never stopped. He had a passion for sports

and found joy in cheering for the Tennessee Titans, exploring the outdoors, and scouring local antique stores for unique treasures. Tyler loved his family above all else, he was a loyal friend and adored children. He firmly stood for everyone's right to be treated equally. He was a hard worker and a man with a heart the size of no other. His mom was his best friend who always supported his goals and forever believed in him.

Our family is grateful to know that Tyler is finally at peace with his Lord and Savior with family by his side. He will be forever loved and forever remembered.

Tyler was predeceased by his grandparents John and Laverne Micka, and Jack and Genevieve Olson. He is survived by his mother Laurie Otto (Olson), his stepfather Jerry Otto, his father Edward Micka, stepmother Linda Micka, his brothers James Otto (Amy) and Jack Otto (Tessa), his sister Chelsey Henderson (Jesse), and his nieces and nephew, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he loved so much.

A celebration of life will be held at Hillspring Church on August 11 at 1:00PM, all are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Hillspring Church  
1153 Gage Blvd  
Richland, WA 99352

# Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tyler "TJ" Micka.*



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August 09, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tyler "TJ" Micka.*



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August 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM



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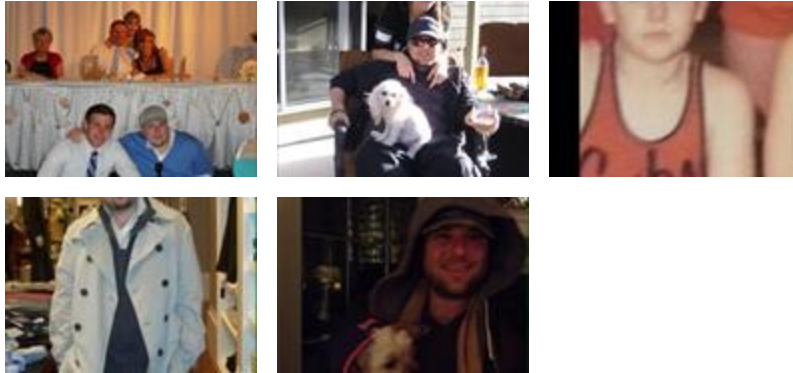


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**Joanne Olson Olderbak** - July 20, 2023 at 06:56 AM

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Laurie otto - July 19, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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“ We will love you forever T. RIP my brother. -  
Sis



Chelsey Henderson - July 17, 2023 at 03:27 PM

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RIP son. I am hopelessly lost without you. We all miss you so much.  
Biggest heart ever❤️. Mom

Otto Laurie - July 18, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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You are my Angel now and forever.

Otto Laurie - July 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM