

Jack William McCarthy, 19, passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at his home in Birmingham, Michigan. Jack had ordered 4 “prescription pills” and his Snapchat dealer gave him “something extra”. That is the one that killed him. Jack came downstairs to get coffee to revive himself, and died sitting up by the coffee maker. It was enough fentanyl to kill 4 men.



Jack grew up in Birmingham and attended Westmaple Nursery, Quarton Elementary, and Derby Middle School. He played soccer, baseball, football, and enjoyed skateboarding, listening to music, fishing, learning guitar, making videos, and hanging out with his friends. Jack graduated from Ernest W. Seaholm High School in 2020, where he was involved in wrestling and developed a passion for UFC fighting. He had just begun his sophomore year at Oakland University, earned a spot on the Dean’s List, and was undecided on his major.

In the short 19 years Jack was with us, he has touched so many lives. Jack was very charismatic. His beautiful smile along with his quick wit could wipe away a bad day in an instant. Jack was extremely polite, respectful, and genuinely interested in others. He cared deeply about the people in his life, listened intently, and was very inquisitive. Jack valued all the relationships he formed throughout his 19 years. One of his favorite pastimes with “the boys” (his friends) was hitting up Detroit Wing Company for buffalo wings with bleu cheese dip.

He was also very proud of his Irish heritage and he had planned to visit Ireland in the future. Jack liked to explore new places and has traveled to Europe, Florida, Washington D.C., South Carolina, Illinois, New York, Alabama, and Arizona.

As much as Jack loved going out with his friends, he very much cherished his family time. Jack often expressed his desire to have his own family one day. His version of the perfect Saturday consisted of grabbing a morning nitro cold brew from Starbucks with his sister, Samantha, sharing funny dog Tik-Toks and Instagram reels with his mom, working out, and caring for his aging labradoodle, Roxy. He was always so happy when his “Nanas” would drop in for visits and absolutely loved to top the day off by viewing UFC Fight Night with his dad. His dad James Co-founded FentanylFathers for Awareness education in High Schools.

