



Shelby Tyler McGinnis

March 15, 1990 - February 21, 2019

Shelby Tyler McGinnis, 28, Topeka, Kansas, spent 10, 563 days on this Earth and lived every day like it was his last. On the afternoon of February 21, 2019, after a courageous 14 month battle with the “C” word, he took his final breath.

Shelby was born on March 15, 1990, to Don and Brenda Hoffman McGinnis. He was a colicky baby that caused his parents to get little rest but otherwise, was a good baby. As a pre-teen, Shelby raced Junior Dragsters in Topeka and the surrounding area. He attended USD 501 School and graduated from Topeka High School in 2008. Shelby was remarkably healthy throughout his academic career, only missing two days due to illness. He had much better attendance than his dad, who liked to skip school. Shelby worked for ISS Facility Services for ten years, where his attention to detail was one of his finest qualities.

Everyone knew of Shelby’s love for all forms of auto racing, online gaming, and an eclectic taste in music from The Beatles to Lynyrd Skynyrd to Tech N9ne. He was, at one time, globally ranked number 8 in the Rocket League. Shelby never missed going to the NHRA National Events at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, beginning with his first one while he was still in the womb. Which is probably the reason he could sleep through pro qualifying when he would get tired as a child.

Shelby had a positive impact on all that knew him, other than a rare few haters. Through is gaming, he developed solid relationships with people across the country.

To the staff at KU Medical Center, and IU/PUI in Indianapolis: may all your patients have the McGinnis sense of humor. It keeps one on their toes and it's certain that Bailey, Hannah and the gang on the 11th floor would agree.

Grateful to have shared in Shelby's life his father and step-mother, Don and Jean McGinnis; mother and step-father, Brenda Hoffman and Don Sinning; sister, Crystal Brown: and "sista", Jacque Horn.

Shelby's sendoff will be Saturday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Visitation will start at noon with words of wisdom from Jesse Madaffri at 1 p.m. Cremation is planned following the words of wisdom and private inurnment will be at a later date.

The requested dress code for Shelby's sendoff is casual, with racing, Chiefs or KU attire. Shelby was raised a Wildcat but transitioned into a Jayhawk in Middle School. He also wanted all who have them to drive their Hot Rods.

Let's hope for a warm, sunny day.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children's Mercy Hospital, to benefit Big Slick KC which benefits the Cancer Center at Children's Mercy.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Funeral Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 28, 2019 at 02:46 PM

DA

Awesome job.

Dad - February 28, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ *Shelby Tyler McGinnis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

KH

“ *Don and Jean - I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Shelby having such a big heart and cared so much for everyone. He was such a nice young man and such a great friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kimberly Harris - March 11, 2019 at 06:24 PM

MM

“ *Don and Jean - So very sorry to hear about your loss. I remember Shelby well from those early years on Webster Street. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mike Meyers - March 03, 2019 at 02:09 PM

RW

“ Randy and I are so sorry to hear of your son Shelby's passing. You and your family were very lucky to have such a fine young man in your life. God bless and we will be praying for you both. Randy and Donnis Williams

Randy Williams - March 03, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I'm sorry Shelby had to battle this terrible killer, cancer. There are no words. Just know my heart breaks for you all.

Laura Gosa - March 02, 2019 at 06:50 PM

EF

“ Don and Jean. My heart is breaking for you and your family. Everyone lost Shelby much too soon. He gave it quite a battle, and so did you. Wish that I could be there with you today but work and a horrible head cold is keeping me away. Shelby is at peace and is watching over us all. He was quite a nice young man .My thoughts and prayers are with you always. Elaine Forst

Elaine Forst - March 02, 2019 at 02:21 PM

RR

“ Don and Jean, so heart-broken at the passing of Shelby. He was always so respectful and friendly to me. May his spirit rest in the Cosmos, as he awaits the re-joining of all his friends and family. Rejoice for he is already in a free and painless space.



Robert Rightmire - March 02, 2019 at 01:53 PM

AS

“ Don and Jean I'm so sorry to hear of Shelbys passing. Hugs and prayers to help comfort you.

Alice Stever - March 01, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shelby Tyler McGinnis.



March 01, 2019 at 07:36 AM

TP

“ Sorry to hear about Shelby. We worked together in Lawrence at the Westar Plant. I picked him up every morning. Wow such a shock. Rest In Peace my friend.

Timothy J. Phelps - February 28, 2019 at 07:29 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Cooley lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis



Jennifer Cooley - February 28, 2019 at 06:19 PM

Robin Williams

“ He is your guardian angel now 😭. This breaks my heart.



Robin Williams - February 28, 2019 at 11:27 AM

TM

“ Theresa McCulley lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis



Theresa McCulley - February 28, 2019 at 09:48 AM

LW

“ Shelby will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you. Bob and Lori Weakland



lori weakland - February 28, 2019 at 07:28 AM

Julia Downing

“ Julia Downing lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis



Julia Downing - February 27, 2019 at 08:30 PM

NM

“ *Noah Moreno lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis*



noah moreno - February 27, 2019 at 08:16 PM

SP

“ *Sandy Hoffman Parish lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis*



Sandy Hoffman Parish - February 27, 2019 at 03:29 PM

 Barb
Moreno

“ *Barb Moreno lit a candle in memory of Shelby Tyler McGinnis*



Barb Moreno - February 27, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shelby Tyler McGinnis.*



February 27, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelby Tyler McGinnis.*



February 25, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shelby Tyler McGinnis.*



February 25, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *Jean and Don, Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. No words can express the pain that you are going through at the loss of Shelby. Our prayer is that God will give you strength to face the coming days ahead. Kathy & Bill Gosa*

Kathy Gosa - February 25, 2019 at 07:21 AM



“ *Donny & Jean, you guys are in our thoughts and prayers. Every time we talked your love for Shelby came thru in your word . May you find peace and comfort.*
Gary & Kay Shipp

kay shipp - February 24, 2019 at 05:35 PM

LD

“ *Our hearts are with your family in this time of sorrow--Leo & Jan*

Leo Daprato - February 24, 2019 at 11:57 AM

AW

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Don and Jean. RIP Shelby*

Angie Wessel - February 23, 2019 at 05:33 PM

AR

“ *We have shared so many things about our sons, that I almost felt like I knew Shelby. He will always be in your heart and in your daily thoughts, your love for him will always shine through. You did your very best to support him in a tough time for all of you. You are a good Dad Don!.....God speed Shelby!*

Al Ritter - February 23, 2019 at 08:11 AM

DW

“ *I remember when he was into driving his race car. We still have the picture he autographed for us*

Dolores Weekley - February 22, 2019 at 11:45 PM

SB

“ *Shelby, although we never met in person, I believe I knew you through your father. You were his pride and joy. May you Rest In Peace sir.*

Scott Brown - February 22, 2019 at 11:44 PM