



Joshua David Wolak

September 26, 1984 - January 1, 2025

Joshua David Wolak was born September 26, 1984 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He graduated with Honors from De la Salle High School in 2002 and attended Belmont University in Nashville shortly thereafter. He graduated with a B.A. in Philosophy in 2006 before grabbing his guitar to make an adventure out of the world.

Josh wrote music that came from his incredibly talented, brilliant, musical brain. He was fluent in the trombone, guitar, mandolin, piano, and harmonica. He sang beautifully and earnestly, with a twang of wit and humor. From Angus Whyte and the Irish Rednecks to Humming House, Hickory Slims, and Genuine Joy, Josh's musical career spanned over 15 years. Humming House took Josh's musical journey the farthest with 5 albums and over 500 shows spread across the U.S., the Caribbean, and even a tour in Central Asia as Music Ambassadors for the Department of State. In Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, he was a rockstar.

Josh filled the gaps between music tours by crafting thrilling experiences with Ravenchase Adventures. Capturing imaginations with ribbon-wrapped scrolls and invisible ink, his adventure race events crossed paths with Eva Longoria, Roselyn Sanchez, Drew Brees, the San Antonio Spurs, the Indianapolis Colts, and countless code-crackers and puzzle-solvers charmed by Josh's boundlessly creative spirit.

On September 27, 2019, Josh was diagnosed with glioblastoma and given a prognosis of 12-18 months. He defied these odds and we were blessed with another 5 years, 3 months, and 3 days with him. He endured 4 brain surgeries, sinus surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. Throughout it all, he shined.

Josh is remembered by his innumerable friends, his proud aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his parents David and Sharon Wolak who are a beacon and a home to their many loved ones. He loved kicking butt on the pickleball court and whooping his parents at board games—their games of Carcassonne were particularly fierce.

He was optimistic and fearless. He radiated pure joy. Simply to know him was to love him.

Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. Funeral Monday 10:30am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), Sterling Heights. The Funeral Service will be live streamed beginning at 10:30am with the following link: https://youtube.com/live/6qtb1CL_vEA?feature=share . Inurnment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Compassion Pregnancy Center (<https://www.compassionpregnancy.org>) are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *May his music never cease*

Matt DeLizio - January 05, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Matt D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joshua David Wolak.*

Matt D. - January 05, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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“ *Deepest condolences on the loss of your son.*



Janice Isabell - January 05, 2025 at 01:47 PM