



## Jeremiah J. Kruntorad

January 4, 2002 - April 21, 2024

PIERCE – Funeral service for Jeremiah Joseph Kruntorad, 22 of Pierce, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Officiating the service will be Pastor Josh Alloway. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Visitation will take place from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the Nebraska National Guard and the Tomek-Otto Post #72 American Legion of Pierce. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, <https://t2t.org/>. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Jeremiah died in the early morning of Sunday, April 21, 2024 at his apartment in Wayne. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born in Norfolk to parents Joseph and Korina Kruntorad on January 4, 2002. He was followed by brothers Michael and Peyton Kruntorad. He was also raised alongside his cousins Thomas Burr and Christian Beery, taken in by Jeremiah's parents. Numerous family members, friends, and school companions have memories that speak volumes about his character and how much he was loved and appreciated in life.

Greta Guercilena, a friend of Jeremiah who met him during her study-abroad

year at Pierce High School, said that her visit to the United States was truly marked by his humor and sunny disposition and that she fondly remembers the time she spent with him.

If you were lucky enough to have known Jeremiah, or “JJ,” or “Jerry,” or “Juice,” you know he was a caring, intelligent, hardworking, lovable, and overall, outstanding young man. He was a blessing to all those who were close to him.

Jeremiah graduated in the 2020 class from Pierce High School and was involved in football, wrestling, band, and summer baseball for the Legion team in Pierce. He attended Chadron State College for three years and Wayne State College for a partial year before his death. He majored in criminal justice.

Jeremiah was a great help working for his father’s business, Kruntorad Construction. He also served in the National Guard for nearly four years.

Up until the age of five, Jeremiah lived in Belden, Nebraska. His family then moved to Pierce where he spent the rest of his elementary and high school years. He briefly lived in Fort Benning, Georgia, for National Guard basic training. He moved to Chardon, Nebraska, and then to Wayne for school. Jeremiah was a confirmed member of the Cornerstone Christian Church, formerly the United Methodist Church.

Some special interests of Jeremiah included UFC, Star Wars, boating, hiking, boxing, working out, gaming with friends, snowboarding, and skiing. He was also an avid sports fan, especially the Green Bay Packers football team.

Jeremiah is survived by his parents Joseph (Korina) Kruntorad of Pierce; and his brothers Michael Kruntorad, of Wayne, Nebraska; and Peyton Kruntorad of

Pierce. His surviving grandparents include and Maurice “Butch” (Kathy) Hahlbeck of rural Foster, Nebraska; and Dixie Kruntorad of Wagner, South Dakota. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles: Nicholas and Robin Hahlbeck of Kansas City, Missouri; Daniel and Kamille Risinger of Foster; and John Kruntorad of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His surviving cousins include Thomas Burr; Christian Beery, Christian’s former spouse Sasha Beery; Kaden, Gabe, and Evelyn Kruntorad; Jena Hahlbeck; and Emma, Lily, and Keegan Risinger. Other surviving family includes Thomas Burr’s son and Christian Beery and Sasha Beery’s children: Ziyah Burr and Reese and Kendrick Beery. He is also survived by his childhood pet cat Katie and dog Jordan. Jeremiah was predeceased by his grandfather Duane Kruntorad and his aunt Jean Burr.

The family thanks all those in the community who have poured out their love and support during this difficult time. Jeremiah was an amazing person and is loved and deeply missed by so many.

Casket bearers will be Michael Kruntorad, Peyton Kruntorad, Christian Beery, Thomas Burr, Carter Rohrich, Jayden Coulter, Chase Rasmussen, Alex McKeown, Patrick Blake, Noah Burtis, Ethan Dohmen, and Blake Rutten.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce  
520 East Main Street  
Pierce, NE 68767  
<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ Are hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with your family. Becky Dallman & Family (Audrey's daughter).



Becky Dallman - April 29, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



April 29, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



April 29, 2024 at 02:24 AM

JH

“ Janae Hoffmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.

Janae Hoffmann - April 29, 2024 at 02:24 AM

TF

“ Todd and Tina Jochum and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



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**Todd and Tina Jochum and family** - April 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



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April 26, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



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April 26, 2024 at 12:15 PM

UT

“ UMD Associated Wholesale Grocers Tea, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.

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**UMD Associated Wholesale Grocers Tea**, - April 26, 2024 at 12:15 PM

BS

“ *Bravo Troop 1-134th Cavalry Squadron purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



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**Bravo Troop 1-134th Cavalry Squadron** - April 25, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



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April 25, 2024 at 04:44 PM

JS

“ *JFHQ Group Support Staff lit a candle in memory of Jeremiah Krontorad*



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**JFHQ Command Group Support Staff** - April 25, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JS

“ *JFHQ Group Support Staff lit a candle in memory of Jeremiah Krontorad*



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**JFHQ Command Group Support Staff** - April 25, 2024 at 04:38 PM

TO

“ Korina, Jo and family, our deepest condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Love, The Ostermeyer’s



The Ostermeyer’s - April 25, 2024 at 03:58 PM

AG

“ Associated Wholesale Grocers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



Associated Wholesale Grocers - April 25, 2024 at 02:14 PM

P2

“ PHS Class of 2022 purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



PHS Class of 2022 - April 25, 2024 at 01:44 PM

BB

“ My Deepest Sympathy.

Betty Bollwitt - April 25, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



April 25, 2024 at 06:25 AM



“ *Kenzie, Austin, Ashlyn Rudolf and Jenni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*

**Kenzie, Austin, Ashlyn Rudolf and Jenni** - April 25, 2024 at 06:25 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



April 24, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ *Chadron Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



**Chadron Family** - April 24, 2024 at 09:21 PM

CF

“ Chadron Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.

Chadron Family - April 24, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



April 24, 2024 at 08:14 PM

EG

“ Emilia Goetsch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.

Emilia Goetsch - April 24, 2024 at 08:14 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



April 24, 2024 at 05:52 PM

MB

“ Korina and family, my deepest condolences to you and your family. My prayers go out to all of you.



Marilyn Bailey - April 24, 2024 at 05:04 PM

GT

“ Great-Aunts: Sue, Peg and Tam purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



Great-Aunts: Sue, Peg and Tam - April 24, 2024 at 04:42 PM

GT

“ Great-Aunts: Sue, Peg and Tam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.

Great-Aunts: Sue, Peg and Tam - April 24, 2024 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Kruntorad.



April 24, 2024 at 04:01 PM

LO

“ My prayers are with your family at this time. - From a fellow WildCat

Lacey Oldenburg - April 24, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



April 24, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BP

“ Brent, Angela Seth Alexis & Torie Premer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.



Brent, Angela Seth Alexis & Torie Premer - April 24, 2024 at 11:59 AM

BP

“ Brent, Angela Seth Alexis & Torie Premer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremiah J. Krontorad.

Brent, Angela Seth Alexis & Torie Premer - April 24, 2024 at 11:59 AM

TT

“ *Kori and family.  
My deepest condolences. May he carry you  
through this very difficult time.*  
Teresa



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**teresa truen** - April 24, 2024 at 10:27 AM

PW

“ *Korina and family - my heart goes out to you  
and I will be keeping you in my prayers.*



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**Patty Williams** - April 24, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Jeremiah J. Krontorad.*



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April 23, 2024 at 10:31 PM

TF

“ *Tim Annie Farrar lit a candle in memory of  
Jeremiah Krontorad*



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**Tim and Annie Farrar** - April 23, 2024 at 09:54 PM

DK

“ *Our Angel! You are so Loved*💕 *Grandma Dixie*

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**Dixie Kruntorad** - April 23, 2024 at 07:49 PM