



# SHAWN YOUNG

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## **Shawn Randall Young (September 24, 1973 – August 27, 2022)**

Shawn unexpectedly passed away on Aug 27, 2022, in Calgary, Alberta. He was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where he attended elementary and high school making many lifelong friends along the way for whom he would do anything. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1996. Those who knew him, knew his intellect was unrivaled when it came to math, complex problems, strategy, and of course, Star Wars.

Shawn moved to Calgary in 2000 for employment followed by short periods of time spent in Moncton and Vancouver with his first wife Lisa, eventually returning to Calgary. He was an entrepreneur for most of his life and loved the challenge of today and always sought out the challenge of tomorrow.



Shawn had numerous hobbies including basketball, volleyball, body building, reading science fiction, watching superhero movies, and his love of world history which you would learn all about without any choice in the matter if he started talking to you. Collecting basketball shoes, especially numbered Air Jordans, was near the top of his list as was evidenced by the many pairs he proudly owned and displayed.

Shawn met his spouse Stefanie, the love of his life, seven years ago and that is where he truly found his peace. Their unbreakable bond and eternal love was evident by everyone that knew them. In the summer you'd find the two of them riding their Harley's or paddleboarding together, and in the winter, on the ski hill with their boys. Family meant everything to Shawn, and he loved celebrating each day with all of them. He was able to cultivate a bond that was as unique and as strong as each of the boys he was helping to raise. His passions included doing anything and everything with his four boys (Nate, Trevin, Noah, & Cameron) including snowboarding, shooting hoops and pool, helping them with homework (especially math), weightlifting, and of course teaching them about everything he loved anytime they would listen. His ability to recall facts and knowledge was amazing. He even learned to ice skate so he could become a hockey coach for his kids. Shawn also loved to travel, and family vacations were never boring with Shawn leading the fun.

Shawn loved his dogs and would let them lick him endlessly. He specifically named each of his dogs that came in his life starting with Harley, then Kuma, and ending with Dr. Dre & Snoop Dogg, who already miss him.

Shawn lived life to the fullest and took on adventures others would not. No challenge was too big or complex and his mindset was that anything could be accomplished. His personality was larger than life as was evident by the multiple stories he would tell you when you were catching up! He always played by his own rules while at the same time searching out ways to bring a smile to your face whether you were a close friend or a stranger. It made no difference to him. His heart was equally as big as that charming personality we all knew and loved. The void that is left behind is immeasurable. Shawn will never be forgotten and will be forever loved by everyone that had the opportunity to know him.

### ***Shawn leaves behind:***

*His wife and love of his life, Stefanie Young (nee Pysh), sons Nathaniel Young and Trevin Young, stepsons Noah Copple and Cameron Copple, friend and mother of his children, Lisa Young (nee Kawalauskas), parents Randy & Shirley Young, sister and brother-in-law, Stacey and Rob Markowsky, numerous nieces, nephews, and many family members.*

*We plan to celebrate his life by gathering to reminisce with all those who loved him at a future date to be determined.*