



## Jaykob Ray Pruitt

July 27, 2003 - March 4, 2023

Specialist Jaykob Ray Pruitt, age 19, of Bennington, Oklahoma was chasing his military dreams when he entered his Eternal Rest during active duty on Saturday, March 4, 2023. Jaykob was born on July 27, 2003, in Denver, Colorado to loving parents Michael and Bobbie Pruitt. Jaykob and his family moved to Bennington in 2007, where he attended school and was the valedictorian of his 8th grade graduating class and was a 2021 graduate of Bennington High School. A well-loved student and friend of many, Jaykob held several offices in the FFA, including President his senior year. He was also Captain of the Academic Team, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Jaykob enlisted in the United States Army National Guard, beginning his military career 4 days after graduation. At the time of his death, his MOS was 19 D Calvary Scout. During his nearly two years of military service, Pruitt earned several awards and decorations including the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon. Besides the military, Jaykob previously held multiple jobs, including working at the stockyard in Durant. An avid outdoorsman, Jaykob enjoyed archery, shooting sports, hunting, AirSoft, playing golf, fishing, and most recently, bull riding. He excelled at all the events at YHEC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge), taking home multiple medals including winning senior grand champion. He was creative, talented, and was always making something like bull whips, silver smithing, or surprise gifts for those he cared about. Jaykob,

also known to his family as “Scoots” and friends as “Poncho Punchy” or “Whiplash”, was generous, brilliant, kind-hearted, and befriended everyone he met.

Jaykob will be laid to rest with full military honors. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Rod Ham and great grandfather Dutch Anderson. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Bobbie Pruitt, and his younger brother, Kody, all of the home; grandmother Brenda Jerrold; grandfather Dennis Anderson and wife Laurie; granny Joyce Ladner-Rupp; great grandmother Betty Anderson; aunts and uncles, Kris and Karen Pruitt, Ladd Anderson, Heather Anderson, Amber Anderson, Cole Ernst, and Corey Denning and numerous cousins, extended family, and chosen family.

Funeral services to honor Jaykob will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 12:00 PM at the Bennington High School Gymnasium. Pastor George Toma will officiate. MG Thomas Mancino Adjutant General, Oklahoma National Guard will be speaking. Interment will follow with Full Military Honors at Wade Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Friday evening at 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for a donation to either Wounded Warriors Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or the Justin Sports Medicine Foundation <https://justinsportsmedicineteam.com/crisis-fund/>.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown’s Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/7FBWZZ2MWN7FWYSY>

# Cemetery Details

## Wade Cemetery

Wade, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bennington High School Gym  
729 North Perry  
Bennington, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jaykob Ray Pruitt*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - March 09, 2023 at 03:25 PM

CS

*Beautiful Tribute to Jaykob! ❤️*

**Charlene Schneider** - March 10, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JA

*So proud of Jaykob! Praying for ya! Jaykob was loved by many!*

**Janice Andrews** - March 10, 2023 at 08:06 PM

PW

*Prayers for your family may God bless y'all.*

**Peggy Weger** - March 10, 2023 at 10:47 PM



*Jaykob was one of a kind, such a wonderful young man.*

**Jo Bianchi** - March 11, 2023 at 03:58 AM



“ Thank you, SPC Pruitt for your service to our great Nation.



*Thank you to the family for supporting the Wounded Warrior Project. It's a noble veteran group that does a lot of good for our Service Members and Veterans.*

*One more veteran organization I would like to suggest is the Til Valhalla Project. Scout deserves be honored with a Hero Plaque and a listing on their Wall of Heroes. The program is free to family, supported by donations and paid for by your family member's blood, sweat and tears. Our Fallen Hero package took about a year to get but it's priceless. I've included a link for someone in the know to complete to get it ordered.*

*My family will be making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in SPC Pruitt's name.*

*<https://tilvalhallaproject.typeform.com/to/HqKpCzna?typeform-source=tilvalhallaproject.com>*

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**Sherri Thomas** - March 23, 2023 at 11:12 PM

KC

“ Kiamichi Technology Centers Hugo Campus purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



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**Kiamichi Technology Centers Hugo Campus** - March 10, 2023 at 01:22 PM

GF

“ Gregory Bickle & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



Gregory Bickle & Family - March 10, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 10, 2023 at 12:23 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 09, 2023 at 09:08 PM

SF

“ Shelley Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Jaykob Ray Pruitt



Shelley Smith and family - March 09, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 09, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 09, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 09, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Michelle Burhenn lit a candle in memory of Jaykob Ray Pruitt*



**Michelle Burhenn** - March 08, 2023 at 08:43 PM

PP

“ Pamela S Pearce lit a candle in memory of Jaykob Ray Pruitt



Pamela S Pearce - March 08, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



March 08, 2023 at 03:43 PM

JG

“ Janet Garrett purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.



Janet Garrett - March 08, 2023 at 03:25 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you during this time and all the days ahead, our love and prayers with you always ❤️🙏  
-Bob Simon and family



Bob Simon - March 08, 2023 at 03:09 PM

GF

“ *Gariner family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.*



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**Gariner family** - March 08, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jaykob Ray Pruitt.*



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March 07, 2023 at 09:55 PM