



## Zachary Thomas Trette

October 20, 1991 - December 30, 2020

Zachary Thomas Trette, 29, much loved eldest son of Frank E and Sally Clark Trette arrived on October 20th, 1991, in Austin, TX and left us suddenly due to unexpected natural causes on December 30th, 2020.

Zachary is survived by his parents, Frank E and Sally Clark Trette of Royse City, TX; his siblings Clayton Samuel Trette of Cincinnati, OH, Evelyn Sayre Koger (Justin) of Fort Worth, TX, Olivia Sheridan Trette of Rockwall, TX, and Matthew Albert Trette of Roswell, GA; grandparents, Marilyn Lacy Clark and the late Lowell W. Clark of Frankfort, KY, the late Albert C. and Margaret Trette of Concord, CA; uncles Michael Warren Clark of Frankfort, KY, Lowell Thomas Clark (Mark Lyons) of Chicago, IL, Albert Cuthbert Trette (Sharon) of Pleasant Hill, CA and many other loving family members.

Zach was an avid reader and music lover. To describe Zach as a book lover is an understatement. He attended many book releases, read and reread multiple book series, won awards and was given pre-release book copies from the local bookstore for being a #1 customer. He became a published poet in 5th grade (2003) when his art teacher recognized his potential and submitted his poem "Butterflies dance..." that was ultimately chosen to be published by the Poetry Council of North Carolina. Zach enjoyed making a joyful noise whether it was playing handbells or singing at church throughout his life. Zach attended numerous church mission trips, church camp stays at Camp Calvary

in Mackville, KY and was baptized July 1st, 2001 at Peaks Mill Christian Church by his dad. He had a strong and personal faith and we are confident he is in his heavenly home now.

Zach's love of acting began early with many roles in church and community theater including winning his first role with Missoula Children's Theatre in Dublin, GA in 1998. He was also cast in Our Town as Joe Crowell, Jr. in the Foothills Arts Council production in Elkin, NC. His dramatic roles continued into his teens when he was a member of the first Royse City High School One Act Play troupe to advance to the state level competition, where he starred in The White Rose. He had other early interests that included taekwondo and fencing, where he competed at a high school level as a 6th grader. His high school interests were diverse and included speech and debate, culinary arts, and tennis. He loved history and mathematics and graduated from Royse City High School in 2010 at the top of his class.

Zach attended Centre College in Danville, KY on both academic and theater scholarships. He formed close friendships with both students and professors. His four years at Centre allowed him to continue to study an array of subjects including Japanese and robotics, and he had multiple theater roles with his final role as a senior in Macbeth. He traveled abroad during Centre Term to Great Britain and enjoyed many Shakespeare productions. During college, he was a member of the Association for Computing Machinery competitive coding team and competed at the regional level. Additionally, he created the Perryville Civil War Battlefield Casualty Database for the Kentucky Historical Society using his extensive computer science skills. He graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science in Dramatic Arts. After graduating, Zach moved to Madison, WI where he worked for Epic Systems and Metcalfe's. In 2019 he returned to Kentucky and enjoyed his work at Keeneland.

Beyond books, he loved sushi, pizza with extra sauce, video gaming, animated movies, cooking, and anime. Many Friday nights he could be found playing Magic: The Gathering with a group of friends. He loved strategic games and puzzles. He was quiet and enjoyed solitude, continued to write poetry, and invented many games and stories. He was gentle but gave great bear hugs and had an infectious laugh. Zach was reserved but intentional with his words, so kind, caring, and accepting to all of those around him. He loved his family and will be deeply missed.

A celebration of life for Zachary will be held at Peaks Mill Christian Church on Thursday, January 7th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ronnie McKinney officiating. Burial will follow at Peaks Mill Christian Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Peaks Mill Christian Church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. service time on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, a tribute may be made in Zachary's honor to Centre College at 600 W Walnut St. Danville, KY 40422-1394 or at [gifts.centre.edu](http://gifts.centre.edu).

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Peaks Mill Christian Church Cemetery

7534 Peaks Mill Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peaks Mill Christian Church  
7534 Peaks Mill Rd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall




“ *Zachary Thomas Trette*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt prayers for all of the family and fond memories of Zach as a student of mine at Royse City High School. While reserved with words, I remember him to be one of the kindest, polite and respectful students I had. He was 14, very smart and could carry on a conversation as if a young adult! Our hearts are saddened as he will be missed here on earth but we have faith he will carry out his role in Heaven and the Lord will be blessed with his presence.*

A pink square candle with a lit flame and a small sprig of green mint leaves next to it.

*Larry and Vicki Coker*

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**Vicki Coker** - January 06, 2021 at 04:38 AM

CS

“ Zach was one of my computer science students at Centre College and I am so sorry to hear about his passing. He was a man of many talents. Like a number of others who came before him, Zach did very well in both technology and dramatic arts. He was not the first of my students who appeared both on the stage and in the computer lab. It was always so gratifying to see what a liberal arts environment could provide for future computer scientists. He was a member of the class that worked on the Perryville Battlefield database and participated twice in the Regionals for the ACM International Programming contest. I was always so proud of our students when they could hold their own against the much bigger engineering schools. Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss of this very fine young man.

*Christine Shannon*

*Professor Emerita of Math and Computer Science, Centre College*

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**Christine A. Shannon** - January 05, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SK

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Sayre Koger** - January 05, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DC

“ I am heartbroken by the news of Zach’s death. As the father of one of his friends at Centre College, I met him several times and spoke to him individually on two occasions, I was touched by his kindness and gentleness and sensed in him an openness and sensitivity to others. I last saw him in May, 2016, and at our parting I walked away thinking how much I wanted all good things for him. His death at such a young age is a grievous thing, and I’d like his loved ones to know they do not grieve alone! I will carry him in my heart and will cherish the moments I got to spend with him!

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**Doug Corbitt** - January 05, 2021 at 01:04 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Zach was a great friend. Always there with a hug and a smile after a hard final, or ready to help you procrastinate with an adventure around Danville. He will be missed by many from the Centre community. Sending love to his family.

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**Chelsea** - January 05, 2021 at 12:32 PM

TE

“ On behalf of the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), please accept our condolences. Zachary lived an interesting, and extraordinary life, it seems, and he clearly took things on with gusto. We learned of his passing through a Google alert, since you were so gracious to mention his participation with MCT in what was likely our production of Cinderella that year. Please know that someone in Missoula, Montana is thinking of you and praying for comfort as you walk this difficult road of grief and loss. Please take care.  
Ms Terri Elander

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**Terri Elander** - January 05, 2021 at 12:22 PM

MH

“ On behalf of the Dramatic Arts Program family at Centre College, please accept our deepest condolences. Zach was an integral and beloved member fo our community and we're just horribly saddened at the news of his passing. We are holding him and his family in our hearts. He was the sweetest of souls and he will be sincerely missed.

Affectionately,  
Professor Matthew R. Hallock  
Chair, Dramatic Arts Program of Centre College

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Matthew Hallock - January 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ Joann Dean lit a candle in memory of Zachary Thomas Trette



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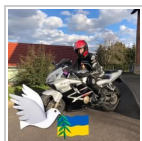
Joann Dean - January 05, 2021 at 09:20 AM

RN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family, may you feel God's loving arms around you in this time of sorrow.

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Robin Nelson - January 05, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ My condolences to your whole family. Zach was such a really nice person. We met at FUMC in Royse City during my exchange year. I'm so very sorry he had to leave so early.

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Iza Lue - January 05, 2021 at 07:15 AM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this most difficult time. I pray that you are all surrounded in God's love and care.

Julia Robinson - January 04, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Zachary led an amazing life. I just know he and Robby would've had so much to talk about between Taekwondo, video games, and pizza. May the Lord surround you in comfort and strength.

Jenee Prewitt - January 04, 2021 at 07:45 PM

JN

“ What an incredible love fe he lived in such a brief time. I, too, love poetry, and hope to read some that he wrote. I will always remember watching him dance at Sayre and Justin's reception. He most definitely personified the phrase, "Dance like no one is watching."

Joan Nelson - January 04, 2021 at 03:33 PM

RH

Our entire family is thinking of each of you as you walk through this time of loss. O have so many great memories of Zach between church and high-school activities and trying to stay up with his college and life experiences once he moved away from Royse City. My heart is breaking for you, but rejoicing in his life as I remember. May the God of all comfort rain down His love and peace on you at this time.

Love,  
Rhonda Phillips Black

Rhonda - January 06, 2021 at 07:43 AM