

1.22.20 HB 2431 Juden

A native Kansan, Tyler Austin Juden, grew up in a rural setting east of the Walnut River in southern Cowley County. Tyler was an avid competitive shooter. He won the county NRA youth shoot several times, the state several times, and the region once. He attended summer camp at the Whittington Center near Raton, NM one year and returned the next year as a counselor. His skill as a shooter allowed him to serve as a sniper for the 82nd Airborne.

Tyler was a competitor in many aspects of his life. He was active in 4-H, showing pigs at the county fair, he even had the Reserve Grand Champion market hog one year. He was active in sports playing football, baseball, and track. He was a high school letterman in football and track at Arkansas City High School and played baseball in the summer. His true love, however, was hunting. As a youngster he seldom left the house without his BB gun. Our yellow lab, Megan, was his constant companion and the pair spent untold hours hunting squirrels and rabbits in the canyons and rolling grasslands around our home. He grew up a country boy in south central Kansas and loved his home.

Tyler crossed the Walnut River innumerable times during his life. West of the bridge he was an active contributor to society. East of the bridge he developed his character, strength and integrity. Please consider dedicating this bridge in memory of Sgt. Tyler A. Juden and to honor all service members Killed in Action serving the greatest country on Earth, our United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,
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Tyler Juden's parents
Arkansas City