



## Jorden Roman Escamilla

December 7, 1989 - March 26, 2022

Jorden Roman Escamilla, cherished son and friend passed from this life unexpectedly on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the age of 32.

Services will be held Friday, April 1st at 1 pm, at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Torrington, WY and burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Viewing hours will be prior to services from 9 am to 11 am at the Colyer Funeral Home. There will be a reception at the Cottonwood Country Club at 2:30 pm.

The world was graced by Jorden's presence on December 7, 1989. At Torrington High School, Jorden was the number one varsity player for THS Tennis. He was also a passionate and talented writer and in 2008, he was selected as the Wyoming Recipient for USA Today's top high school journalist award. Mary Perkins, his tennis coach and Katherine Patrick, Journalism & English teacher, made a lasting impact on Jorden and he greatly valued their time together.

Jorden attended the University of Wyoming, and was a dedicated Cowboys and Cowgirls fan. While in Laramie, Jorden began growing into the smart, capable, and proud gay man he was to become. After thoroughly painting that town red, it was on to the bigger city of Denver, where he lived the life he wanted in a Cap Hill penthouse.

Jorden's joie de vivre defined him. He was a handsome mustachioed devil and a sharp dresser at that. His was a delicious wit and to know him was to know how hilarious he was. To earn a giggle from him or, better yet, a howling

cackle, was like winning a prize. He was the commensurate balcony party host on Pearl Street, famously for Pride every June and Halloween. Although he had one singular playlist containing the likes of Alanis Morissette, Fleetwood Mac, ABBA, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston, Lady Gaga, Queen and Madonna, anytime he grabbed the aux cord (as in, whenever he possibly could), an impromptu dance party formed. He boasted well-rounded interests, in film, literature, queer history, and remained loyal to the Denver sports teams to the end.

His aura was infectious and naturally drew people to him. Those lucky enough to be caught in his orbit were treated not just to the joys of knowing him, but also to the countless friendships formed among them which never would have happened without him.

He is survived by his mother Renee Escamilla; father, Emeterio Escamilla and siblings, Emeterio Jr, and Sarah Escamilla. He is also survived by his niece Adailine Escamilla and nephew Giani Lovato. He is preceded in death by a brother, Michael Escamilla.

Jorden is also survived by his chosen family; countless dear friends whose lives he deeply touched with his humor, kindness and passion for life.

Although it would be nice to name the extensive list of Jorden's best friends, there are too many to name and perhaps there are some not even known yet. The legacy he leaves behind is planted in the hearts of those who loved him, who are many and widespread. Jorden, who could never take a bad photo and was notoriously late to everything, left us far too early this time.

In lieu of flowers, family and loved ones request donations be made in Jorden's name to the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home  
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-2320  
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Service

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
100 E 26th Ave  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennett Bagley lit a candle in memory of Jorden Roman Escamilla*



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**Bennett Bagley** - April 04, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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“ *Lisa Scott lit a candle in memory of Jorden Roman Escamilla*



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**Lisa Scott** - April 01, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Tayna Neustrom lit a candle in memory of Jorden Roman Escamilla*



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**Tayna Neustrom** - April 01, 2022 at 09:52 AM

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**Tayna Neustrom** - April 01, 2022 at 09:52 AM

GA

“ I met Jorden during high school journalism camp. Even in the brief time together, I got to know him as someone who was incredibly intelligent and had a huge sense of humor. He will be forever missed. My sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones.

Gary - March 31, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jorden Roman Escamilla.



March 30, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Jorden Roman Escamilla



Gayle Hascall - March 30, 2022 at 06:27 PM

JE

“ Jorden, wherever you are sprinkle your joy and make it the best you know how to be. 💕 my heart is sad ...your gone to soon, but I know I'll be seeing your signs of your sprinkle joy soon enough ❤️



Jenna - March 30, 2022 at 12:27 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jordan Roman Escamilla.*



March 30, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ *I remember well that even as a young boy, Jordan was always very witty and clever as well as highly intelligent. He could always outwit his older brother and his friends at trivia especially knowing all the State Capitals. A very fine young man. Our deepest condolences to his family 🙏❤️*

**Valerie Grant** - March 29, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jordan Roman Escamilla.*



March 29, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jordan Roman Escamilla.*



March 29, 2022 at 01:37 PM

PS

“ While I never had the opportunity to meet Jordon, I read this obituary with tears in my eyes, that a special person, so inspiring, so full of HIS life and others could leave us so early. His work here on earth was surely not finished but his family, extended family and very special friends will continue this for him. His journey in his earthly life is finished, but soooo much more to achieve in the legacy he left and in his journey to a much better place. May the hearts of all his special people be filled with sunshine and wonderful memories as we all try to make sense of his early departure, Special prayers and strength for all as your healing begins.

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**Patty Schaneman** - March 29, 2022 at 12:56 PM

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“ Friends at Sonsio, LLC purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Jorden Roman Escamilla.



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**Friends at Sonsio, LLC** - March 29, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Jorden Roman Escamilla



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**Sue Davis** - March 29, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jordan Roman Escamilla.*



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March 28, 2022 at 11:59 PM



“ *I was very lucky indeed to have Jordan as part of my life. He was a delightful person, but not one who carried favor.. I was thrilled that he was selected to receive the Al Neuharth Free Spirit award, but equally impressed that he was selected to participate in the Asian American Journalists summer program, which included a round-trip flight from Denver to NYC along with his room and board for the week. He came away from that experience with a marked dislike of falafel! He was an ineffable teen journalist whose love for the craft lasted through his UW career.*

*His wit and his kindness were only two qualities that endeared him to his many friends.*

*My heart is broken as I anticipate life without the possibility of a visit with Jordan. He enriched all of us who were blessed to know him.*

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**Katherine Patrick** - March 28, 2022 at 11:44 PM



“ *Hunter Hattan lit a candle in memory of Jordan Roman Escamilla*



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**Hunter Hattan** - March 28, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jordan Roman Escamilla.*



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March 28, 2022 at 07:38 PM