You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live vesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of vesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, Open your heart, Love... and go on. -Elizabeth Ammons lessonslearnedinlife.com

On Monday, December 23rd 2019, Ian Kristopher Donnelly, a loving husband, father, son, brother, grandson, uncle and friend walked into the gates of heaven. Ian was 30 years young with a birthday of February 28, 1989.

Permanent online condolences, stories and photos may be shared at

Ian was the biggest Kansas City Chiefs and Atlanta Braves fan you would ever meet, as well as a huge music lover. He has co-written the song, "Leave a Piece Behind," which appears on an album. Ian was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off of his back just to keep you warm. He had a heart of gold and was loved by everyone he met, he had a special gift with words.

Ian was the youngest of 3 sons. He is survived by his parents Stephen and Rhonda: his wife Jeannie of 3 years and daughter, Makenna: brothers and their wives; Michael & Laci of Nixa, Brandon and Heather of Kelso, Washington. 7 nieces and 2 nephews: Haylee, Dominic, Piper, Jason, Harmony, Addie, Cheyanne, Zoey, and Katie. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Until next time, you will be missed by everyone. You'll live forever in the hearts you leave behind.

"If my soul takes flight, I will leave a piece behind"

# Celebrating a Life



Ian Kristopher Donnelly

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

# Ian Kristopher Donnelly

#### **BORN**

February 28, 1989 Springfield, Missouri

#### PASSED AWAY

December 23, 2019 Springfield, Missouri

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

4:00 pm, Sunday December 29, 2019 Herman H. Lohmeyer Home Springfield, Missouri

#### **OFFICIANT**

Pastor Katherine Wallenburg-Hayes

### **MUSIC**

How Great Thou Art When I Get To Where I'm Going Leave A Piece Behind My Church

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Michael Donnelly Ricky Wallenburg Jamie Fedak Brandon Donnelly Brandon Flood Larry Campbell