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## Aaron Collier Obituary

Aaron Joshua Collier was born October 7, 1986 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was the first son born to Brice and Jami (Madden) Collier. Raised in the Bixby and Liberty Mounds communities, Aaron would form an early love for football and baseball and would participate in sports throughout his early years. Certainly influenced by his parents, Aaron was destined to become a St. Louis Cardinals fan, and made his father proud when he chose to be Sooner fan. He would also help to instill this same love into his siblings that he welcomed through the years: Jared, Matthew, Sarah and Anna. It wouldn't take long for Aaron's parents to notice that once he had an idea in his mind, Aaron would do whatever was necessary to make that idea happen. He was always searching for the why's and the how's of life. This would end up leading him through some tough and trying times, but his resilience and determination would ultimately mold him into the amazing man that he became. A man with a wonderful heart for people. Before Aaron and Aaron Dawn got together, Aaron Dawn had been noticing him from afar. He was cute, they had the same interests and values, but his name was Aaron, just like hers, and she thought that he might find that a little too odd. His profile continued to pop up, but she continued to hesitate. In just a few days Aaron had messaged her with a few simple words "Your name is Aaron too - cool!" This message perfectly fits Aaron's unique style of communication that Aaron Dawn fell in love with. The two decided to meet up for lunch, then coffee. They enjoyed their conversation and a day later were watching the Super Bowl together. Within a few short months, they were well on their way to marriage and a beautiful relationship. Aaron always found unique ways to show Aaron Dawn he loved her. She would tease that the two met online, their first "I love you" was via text, and he proposed over the phone. This, after he tied a ring around the refrigerator with a beaded cross band, went out to get a pizza and called Aaron Dawn to see if they had



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any ranch dressing. Approaching the refrigerator, she found the ring and was of course elated. This story makes her smile and reminds her of all the little ways Aaron expressed his love. Becoming a father brought so much joy to Aaron. When Aiden was small, Aaron worked nights and would watch Aiden during the mornings. When Aaron Dawn would come home for lunch, he would have lunch ready, dinner going and have Aiden ready to go to daycare before heading out that night. Aaron enjoyed sharing his love of sports with his son and was excited for Aiden's first season of T-ball this year. The birth of his second child, Ainsley, opened Aaron's eyes to a whole new experience. Anyone could see that if she batted her eyes just right Aaron would give her anything she wanted. Aaron would stop at nothing to ensure his children's happiness. Aaron grew up knowing the importance of working hard to provide for his family, and to ensure his children had a firm stable foundation to come home to. Because of this, it was important for him to find a way for Aaron Dawn to stay home and nurture their children. When he began his employment by the State of Oklahoma at the Claremore Veteran's Center as a service desk technician, he accomplished just that. The job brought many joys for Aaron, but the highlights of his days were his interactions with the Veteran residents. He made it his goal to invest in their lives and was often requested, by name, to come and assist with their problems. This would result in many wonderful conversations and opportunities for Aaron to voice prayer after prayer for those veterans. Aaron would find a way to merge a couple of his passions when he began to minister to Veterans through the Priesthood Motorcycle Ministry based out of Cedar Point Church. Aaron was the overseer of the Claremore Chapter where he was known as "Bulldog" - a title that well described his tenacious, stubborn, protective, yet kind-hearted self. Through this organization, Aaron would form many relationships through monthly dinners, chapter visits and the annual "Men of Iron" trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico. In recent days, following Aaron's accident, multiple stories have surfaced that prove Aaron found his calling as he ministered in this way. Indeed, multiple lives were saved and changed because of these efforts. Aaron also had a passion for researching genealogy and reading. If the book was written by C.S. Lewis or included anything regarding history, then chances are it was in his library. History was so important to Aaron that



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he decided to transfer his passion to a degree. He received his bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University and was pursuing his Master's in Military History. His goal was to continue to work for the State of Oklahoma and to, one day, transfer to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Aaron also loved to hunt, fish, and grill, but nothing was more important to him than his relationship with Jesus and with his family. Aaron was a loving husband, father, uncle and son. He was also a protective brother that loved his sisters dearly. The bond he shared with his brothers was very special to him. They kept in touch playing video games on the weekends and maintaining a group text that was rarely silent. A man described as: loving, compassionate, a fighter, and a "best friend" to anyone he met, Aaron had a love of people and especially for people going through difficult times. There were so many people throughout Aaron's life who poured small beams of light into him. These recent days have revealed that numerous beams of light were shining through Aaron as he was being used by his Heavenly Father. Aaron passed from this life on Thursday, June 6, 2019 following complications and injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 32. His family has been a witness of multiple miracles and of the hand of God at work through this tragedy. They would like to thank all who have contributed to the care that Aaron received and to those offering comfort to them. Aaron will not soon be forgotten. His legacy will continue to live on in the lives of his family members who survive. They include: his wife, Aaron Dawn of the home; his children: Aiden Joshua and Ainsley Dawn; his parents: Brice and Jami Collier; his siblings and their families: brother, Jared and Leslie Collier and their children: Lane and Grayson; brother, Matthew and Emily Collier; sisters, Sarah Collier and Anna Verbitska. He is also survived by his grandmother, Dolores Madden of Henryetta and grandfather, Albert Collier of Oilton, and an abundance of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by: grandfather, Franklin D. Madden of Henryetta and grandmother, Mary Laverne Collier of Oilton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an education fund for Aaron's children, Aiden and Ainsley, payable to: Cedar Point Church, 1660 N. Lynn Riggs Blvd, Claremore, OK 74017. Visitation RiverCrest Chapel 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Visitation Cedar Point Church 1660 N. Lynn Riggs Blvd Claremore, Oklahoma 74017 6:00 PM - 8:00



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PMService Cedar Point Church 1660 N. Lynn Riggs Blvd Claremore, Oklahoma  
74017 1:00 PMLast RideAaron's Last Ride will be provided by The Priesthood  
Motorcycle Ministry, CP Chapter 3:00 PM

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