



## Jayce Michael Tippit

September 4, 1998 - August 25, 2015

NAME: Jayce Michael Tippit AGE:16

RESIDENT OF: Visalia DATE OF DEATH: 8-25-2015

OCCUPATION: Student PLACE OF DEATH: Visalia

Jayce Michael Tippits' smile brought joy to those around him for 16 years. On the night of August 25, 2015, his smile was forever lost.

Jayce was born on September 4, 1998 in Visalia, CA to Mike and Mary Beth Tippit. From a young age, Jayces fun and playful spirit was obvious. As we keep Jayces memory alive, you will hear stories of him playing cars on his race car bed that sat atop a carpet resembling roads. Or of how that same love for cars would make his mothers heart stop as he began to race karts, his legs barely long enough to reach the pedals. You may even hear about a lizard being flung after he stealthily placed it on the shoulder of an unsuspecting friend. A bond between Jayce and his first friend, Buster, began when Jayce was only a year old and would continue until one month from each other's final breath.

As Jayce moved into Junior High at La Joya Middle School, he began his transformation from a bright eyed little boy to a dedicated young man with a beautiful soul.

Jayces love for football was evident from an early age, as he was an avid 49er fan, but it is his high school team that is now the keepers of his final plays.

The El Diamante High School Football Team remembers Jayce as the guy who would eat, breathe and sleep football. Jayce strived to be the best player and teammate he could possibly be. The number 42 is now both a painful and loving memory that pushes them to reach that end zone.

Whenever you hear a conversation about Jayce, you are sure to hear about his big smile and enormous heart. He will be remembered as a person who just wanted to make others smile. Although we can no longer see Jayce smile, his memory will continue to brighten our lives.

His memory will live on through surviving family members: Parents Mike and Mary Beth Tippit, sister Kayla Oaks, Grandmother Micki Tippit, Uncles Laurence Reid, Danny Baumgardner, Aunt Michele Reid and Nephew Clayton Palmer, all of Visalia, CA. Jayce is also survived by his Grandparents Larry and Connie Baumgardner of Riceville, Tennessee, and Uncle David Baumgardner of Simi Valley Ca.

Jayce now watches over us alongside his Grandmother Mary Ann Baumgardner, Grandfather Tommy Tippit and his best friend and companion "Buster."

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, CA (559) 635-1144.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 11:00 am at Neighborhood Church located at 5505 W. Riggin Ave. Visalia, CA.

Tributes and condolences may be made at [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jayce Tippit Go Fund Me Account at <http://dm2.gofund.me/jaycetippit>.

#TippitTouchdown #JT42 forever in our hearts

SURVIVED BY:

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:

VISITATION: (none)

SERVICES: a celebration of life service will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Neighborhood Church in Visalia, CA.

BURIAL: (Private)

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Neighborhood Church  
5505 W Riggin Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jayce Michael Tippit.*



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August 31, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Jayce, but from the tribute following his untimely passing he must have been a wonderful young man. May he be at peace, and may his family find comfort in his beautiful memories.*

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**Joe J.** - August 31, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *I was a senior in high school and Jayce was a freshmen. I remember the Day I met him such a good kid well mannered with spec full there was a lot of good things about him that made him a really good friend. Jayce loved football that's the other reason why we always got along and were really good friends. Jayce knew everyone and everyone knew Jayce. I was always there for him no matter what because good friends needed each other. To Jayce's family... You are all in my prayers just know your son was such a great young man and God is taking care of him at this very moment and always will.*

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**Ethan Gragg** - August 30, 2015 at 02:14 PM

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“ I met Jayce in the 5th grade. We were playing kickball and i was the only girl playing and Jayce was the only one cheering me on:) he had an amazing heart and an unbelievable smile that could light up a football field. I love Jayce with all my heart and i always will❤️ EVERYTHING WE DO WE DO FOR 42



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Maya - August 29, 2015 at 10:45 AM