



Jacob Michael Zieben

March 28, 1991 - August 1, 2025

Our beloved son and brother, Jacob Michael Zieben, sadly passed away suddenly in New York City on August 1, 2025 at the young age of 34 years. He was born on March 28, 1991 in San Antonio Texas. He leaves behind his loving parents, Marc and Morna Zieben, younger sister, Sarah Zieben, his grandmother, Bernice Zieben as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jacob was preceded in death by his grandfather, Eugene Zieben, maternal grandparents, Carl and Betty Eads and cousin Jeffrey Pollicoff. He graduated from Sandra Day O'Connor High School and went on to study Biomedical Science at Texas A&M University in College Station. Jacob moved to New York to pursue modeling and acting but soon found a passion for fitness and personal training. He helped to implement EMS (electrical muscle stimulation technology) in his training programs for his many clients. Jacob's ability to motivate people helped them change for the better and take back their lives. Jacob also enjoyed being with family, kayaking, beach combing, watching science fiction shows, exercising, cooking and eating pizza. He was a lifelong animal lover having many and varied pets. We are enormously proud of his amazing life and what he accomplished in his career. Jacob was a friend to all. He brought joy to all around him. We will miss his sense of humor, his kindness, his big smile and how he made us feel that we could always do a little bit more. Jacob always faced the challenges of life with courage and determination. The day before he passed, he saved a little girl's life who had run into the streets of New York City. Jacob dashed to pull her out

of harm's way just in time. That is how Jacob lived his life, helping others in need. The world is definitely an emptier place without his presence. He was loved by all. Jacob was buried in Mission Park Dominion and Cemetery on August 10, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation , dvafoundation.org.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

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“ Jacob and I first met in the 4th grade at Leon Springs Elementary. I remember sharing a desk-grouping with him and being so frustrated that he got me into trouble for talking - always so friendly... Yes, we got split up lol.

We went to different middle schools, but we later reunited at O'Connor where I considered him one of my best friends. Some of my favorite memories of him at that time are singing karaoke at my 15th birthday and making me sing with him despite being so shy, all the pictures of him on family vacations (pre-social media days!) that he sent to me, and him hanging out with me at the bus lane after school... I'm not sure if he rode the bus, but he was always there to wait with me and send me off! Such a gentleman.

We then reunited again in our early 20s when I took a trip to NYC and he took me out on the town for, believe it or not, more karaoke lol. His fashion sense had expanded and mine had staggered... and well, he let me know it haha. But that was just a small part of him that I loved so dearly. Jacob was kind, compassionate, passionate for life, just a little sassy, and truly one of the most perfect souls there will ever be.

I can't believe he's gone. I will cherish his memory forever. My thoughts are with you all.

Heather Emch - September 03, 2025 at 10:00 PM

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Thank you for sharing. We love hearing/ reading new stories and adventures about our Jacob

Marc Zieben - September 21, 2025 at 01:20 PM

EL

“ Jacob was my trainer for almost a decade. When I started to train with him, I felt very self-conscious and insecure. He was so sensitive and able to motivate me, gently pushing me to become stronger and fitter. He was a great listener and was such a delight to be with.

In the many years of work together, he spoke often of his parents and his sister. I was always touched by his stories about how happy his parents were when he visited, cooking his favorite meals and planning activities together.

One year he planned to surprise his mother for her birthday, and he was so excited to celebrate her. He later showed me the video of the surprise and her reaction. I was moved to tears. He often spoke of his sister and how proud he was of her hard work. Recently he had showed me a picture of her wearing a dress he had gifted her for a special occasion.

He was such a gem of a human being. I will cherish my memories of him and his beautiful spirit.

I so regret that I did not know how much of a hard time he was having in his private life. I wish I could have helped.

I send my prayers to his family and all those who loved him

Elena - September 03, 2025 at 07:14 PM

MZ

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Marc Zieben - September 21, 2025 at 01:21 PM

MZ

Thank you. He was our special little boy

Marc Zieben - October 19, 2025 at 02:49 PM

EL

He was truly special. I think of him often and hold on to what he taught me. I miss him.

You are in my thoughts and my heart breaks for your loss.

Elena - October 21, 2025 at 11:42 AM

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Marc Zieben - August 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM