



## Duncan Patrick McDannell

December 14, 2001 - August 23, 2018

On Thursday, August 23, 2018, Duncan McDannell, loving son and brother, left us. Duncan was born on December 14, 2001 in Phoenix, AZ to Mike McDannell and Linda Morris.

Duncan started his junior year at Franklin Police and Fire High School earlier this August. He was an amazingly accomplished teenager; his dedication and passion for what he pursued were unusual for someone so young. Just in this past year alone Duncan volunteered as a math tutor, volunteered with the Youth Tobacco Counter Strike Program through the Arizona Attorney General's office, was Vice President on the Phoenix Teen Council - Longview Center volunteering on Teen Court and other activities. He received a certificate for outstanding achievement in mathematics and science at the Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program at Arizona State University. Duncan was immensely sharp and intelligent. He repeatedly received awards for academic achievement, including the accolade of Principle's List at Franklin Police and Fire High School where he lettered in Academics. One of his favorite experiences was attending Arizona State University, a program dedicated to helping students have successful academic careers and prepare for the university experience. Duncan loved staying in the dorms and getting a taste of college life. Whatever he set his mind to, he achieved and constantly impressed those watching his journey.

His interests extended beyond academics to a variety of hobbies, all of which he approached with the same passion and dedication as his academic pursuits. Duncan studied the art of Okinawan Karate-Do Shorin Ryu, earning his Yon Kyu (third degree green belt) this past May. He shared his passion for this discipline by assisting in teaching classes for younger kids. The only thing to rival Duncan's intelligence and dedication was the depth of his creativity. He worked with friends to build entire, intricate cities inside the world of Minecraft and other on line worlds. He even shocked his family by becoming one heck of a tap dancer. He was full of curiosity and surprises. In his AP English class this semester, he continued to explore the art of writing, where, once again, the combination of his intelligence and creativity shone through in a level of writing more mature and honest than the average teenager.

But then Duncan never was average. Duncan was a amazing soul, one that was unique to

this world, a true original. His mind worked in brilliant, creative ways, which poured through in everything he did. His matchless wit and big, goofy smile will be greatly missed by all he touched in his brief and wonderful life.

Duncan is survived by his parents Mike McDannell and Linda Morris, siblings Brian McDannell, Christy McDannell, Alexander Morris, Grandmothers, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nephew Nathan Morris and extended family.

A celebration of his life will be held at Samaritan, 1505 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ on Saturday September 1st from 12-3pm.

<https://www.gofundme.com/remembering-duncan>

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM - 03:00PM

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Samaritan Funeral Home

1505 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ, US, 85006

# Comments

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“ I met Duncan in 5th grade and knew him since. He was a great guy, and I will truly miss him. I am truly sad that we lost contact after 8th grade, since I have only talked to him once since then. I wish his family strength in this situation and I wish his friends well.

- Nathan Pollaro

**Nathan Pollaro** - October 26, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ I've only known Duncan for a year but it's so easy to get along with him. Whenever we'd have an event with the community center, it would be full of laughs. From him showing us his memes and coming up with puns. He was overall a great guy ♡



**Jasmine Villarreal** - August 31, 2018 at 01:58 AM



“ My name is Jessie. I was just told the he is not with us anymore. He and I was the best of friends of middle school. I have been trying to take in all of this information ever since I was told. He always made me laugh and helped me feel better when I was going through hard days/ times. I miss him so much! God bless!

**Jessie Kelling** - October 26, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ Rip Duncan he was my brother's friend I met him once for dakotas birthday at Dave and busters he was really nice and my freind

**Lucas** - March 07, 2019 at 10:00 PM