



## Declan Jack Pippel

August 7, 1998 - September 10, 2012

Declan Jack Pippel left this earth in the loving hands of God Monday, September 10, 2012. He was fourteen years old and in the ninth grade. He was born August 7, 1998 in Spokane, WA and was an instant joy to his parents, Shawn and Wendy Pippel and his brothers, Shamus and Travis. He was a happy baby with a full head of hair and wise eyes. He moved with his family to Wenatchee when he was three.

Declan felt and loved deeply. From the time he was small it was clear that he truly cared about the feelings of others and he remained a champion for the underdog, the weak, the misunderstood. He was level-headed in a crisis, would offer his shoulder to lean on, ever ready with a smile or a joke to lighten the mood. He couldn't stand for as much as a slug to be harmed. Declan had a unique perspective on the world which often showed up in his quirky sense of humor, from one-word observations to goof-ball antics. Most people he met ended up with a funny story they could recall about him.

Declan was a precocious, imaginative child and words were his forte. He started reading at an obnoxiously early age and devoured books like candy. He loved to play with computers and technology, tweaking and customizing everything he got his hands on. Declan enjoyed a great number of hobbies and skills. He joined Wenatchee School of Karate when he was five and was preparing to test for his black belt early next year. He was a Boy Scout and was working to reach Eagle someday. He played the bass guitar and the double bass. He was an active member of the youth group at his church. In

his short years he had travelled often and relished adventure, having flown a plane, hiked glaciers in Alaska, scuba-dived in Hawaii, tasted the salty water of the Atlantic. He loved photography, played football, climbed trees, skied like a madman, swam, biked, kayaked, went rock climbing, strove to build the perfect campfire, and that's just scratching the surface. He loved bacon, chocolate milk, and frozen yogurt. He loved so much and was loved by so many. His life was too short; there was so much more for him to give, for him to experience. For the family and friends he left behind, the pain of his absence is indescribable. We can only take solace in the wonderful memories Declan has left us and the solace of the knowledge that he is in the arms of a loving God.

Declan was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jack Pippel; grandfather, Leemon D. Thomas; and great-grandmother Mabel Huddle. He is survived by his parents Shawn and Wendy Pippel; brothers Shamus Pippel and Travis Ray all of East Wenatchee; grandmothers Kathleen Thomas, Barbara Pippel, and Dawn Swanson; aunt Kelly Makus; grand uncle Bruce Pettit; grand aunt Stefanie Pettit; cousins Trinity Makus and L. Dale Thomas III.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Celebration Lutheran Church, 801 Eight Street NE, East Wenatchee.

A trust fund "In memory of Declan Pippel" is through the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent as a check or money order to: "In Memory of Declan Pippel" CFNCW, 9 S Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. The foundation will distribute these funds on his behalf to the Boy Scouts of America and the Suicide Prevention Coalition of NCW. Questions can be directed to Beth Stipe at [beth@cfncw.org](mailto:beth@cfncw.org). Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Happy Birthday - you are always in my heart. Love you more, Grandma

Grandma - August 16, 2019 at 05:47 PM

GR

“ Grandma lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Grandma - February 25, 2019 at 06:16 PM

GR

“ Doodle - death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Love you more, Grandma

Grandma - August 20, 2016 at 09:53 PM

BP

“ We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds. The days we do not think of you are very hard to find. Each morning when we wake, we know that you are gone, and no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on. Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you no one else will ever know. Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. There will always be heartache and often the silent tear, but always a precious memory of the days when you were here. If our tears would make a staircase and heartaches make a lane, we'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. Our family chain is broken now and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. Declan, your light still burns . Love you more ,  
Grandma

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**Barbara Pippel** - February 01, 2016 at 04:25 PM

DA

“ I miss you. My heart is broken. I love you.



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**dad** - October 15, 2015 at 02:35 PM

GR

“ Hi Declan - you are always with us in our hearts. You are our joy.  
Love you more, Grandma

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**Grandma** - July 05, 2015 at 10:47 PM

BP

“ To our love Doodle - Happy Birthday from us all - a day never goes by without thinking wonderful thoughts of my beautiful boy. Love you more - Grandma, Aunt Kelly, Cousin Trinity and Travis

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**Barbara Pippel** - August 07, 2014 at 09:43 PM

JC

“ We have a picture of Declan in our home, it's one with Shamus and Zach. It brings me great comfort to know he is always with us. Keep looking over your family especially your sweet parents and your wonderful brother, help to guide them into recovery. Pat your brother on his back every once in awhile and show him you are there for him. He has his whole future in front of him and without you there to bug him and laugh with him, it will be tough. Although him and Zach seem to be doing pretty well, your soul and spirit will help Shamus pick himself up when he has doubts. Love you kiddo.... keep flying high above... xoxoxoxoxox

*Jennifer Carey*

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**Jennifer Carey** - March 04, 2014 at 05:25 PM

GR

“ Love you more - Grandma

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**Grandma** - October 24, 2013 at 12:35 PM

GR

“ Hi Doodle Bug, A year and a day has gone by and we will always miss you. I know I do not have to worry about you because you are in the wonderful hands of the Lord. Every night I thank Him for the short time we had you with us here on earth. One day we will all see you up in Heaven - won't that be a great day!. Love you More.  
Grandma

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**Grandma** - September 11, 2013 at 06:11 PM

GR

“ *Happy Birthday my sweet boy. I LOVE YOU MORE, Love, Grandma*

Grandma - August 06, 2013 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Grandma lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Grandma - August 06, 2013 at 08:11 PM

GR

“ *4th of July is coming this week Doodle and we miss you setting up the chairs and flags for this holiday. I know that being in Heaven with Jesus is way more exciting but we still miss you here. Love you more. Love, Grandma*

Grandma - July 01, 2013 at 11:51 AM

GR

“ *It's Apple Blossom weekend here - Aunt Kelly and Trinity went to see Classy Chassey & Shamus was carrying the American flag with the Boy Scouts. He looked really good. I remember the year you walked funny all the way thru the parade because you forgot your belt and was trying to keep your pants from falling down. It was always a joy to see you and Shamus doing community things like parades. Love you more, Grandma, Aunt Kelly and Trinity*

Grandma - May 04, 2013 at 01:18 PM

GR

“ Happy Valentines Day, Doodle - Miss you 24/7 Love you more, Grandma

Grandma - February 11, 2013 at 06:16 PM

IG

“ I LOVE YOU MORE DECLAN, From Grandma lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



I LOVE YOU MORE DECLAN, from Grandma - December 29, 2012 at 03:51 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Carey sent a virtual gift in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Jennifer Carey - November 05, 2012 at 03:21 PM

JC

I hope every angel up above realizes how lucky they are to have you with them Declan.

Jennifer Carey - November 05, 2012 at 03:22 PM

MS

“ Markesan School sent a virtual gift in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Markesan School - October 31, 2012 at 02:32 PM

GD

“ *Gracie Dallman lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Gracie Dallman - October 31, 2012 at 02:31 PM

JJ

“ *Jenna And Jean lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



jenna and Jean - October 10, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ *Grandma lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Grandma - October 02, 2012 at 08:05 PM

GD

*I'm sorry for your lose*

Gracie Dallman - October 31, 2012 at 02:39 PM



“ I just want to say how incredible it was to be at Declan's celebration of life service today. I knew he touched many lives, but to see the huge gathering of people that wanted to honor him today was amazing. Our family is so thankful that we were among those that knew Declan, and we appreciated the memories that the video brought back today. Thank you for sharing that with all of us. Shawn and Wendy - we will hold you and your family close to our hearts and look forward to more time spent with you in the future.

*Justin, Lisa, Kyra, and Kameron Kissel*

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**Lisa Kissel** - September 29, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ *Kyra Kissel lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



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**Kyra Kissel** - September 29, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ *Kylie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



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**Kylie Johnson** - September 29, 2012 at 08:31 PM



“ *Lisa Kissel lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



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**Lisa Kissel** - September 29, 2012 at 08:25 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Declan, Wenatchee School of Karate photos*



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**Angie Locatelli** - September 28, 2012 at 05:59 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Declan, Wenatchee School of Karate photos*



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**Lisa Robinson** - September 27, 2012 at 03:39 PM

AL

“ Dear Wendy, Shawn, Shamus and Travis,



*We are so sorry for you loss. The passing of Declan has brought great sadness and grief to our home. Jim and I continue to be baffled and shocked and we have been praying for your family since the day we heard the news. Though Declan's only connection with Will was through karate, his presence had a great impact on Will. Often times after karate class the first thing he'd tell me is something funny that Declan said. He thought Declan was hilarious and he definitely appreciated his unique spin on things as well as his kindness and light-hearted attitude. He says that he remembers when Declan spent time in Alaska and how happy he was as he told Will all about his trip. Will always lit up as he recalled stories and comments from him.*

*The other night Will had a dream that Declan walked into the dojo and he thought to himself how amazing it was that Declan came back to life. I told him that I believe that Declan HAS come back to life, just not on this earth. He is living with the Lord and we will see him again.*

*We pray that God will bless your family in this tragic time. Our hearts go out to you and we pray that the Lord will bring comfort to you. I cannot begin to imagine the pain you must be experiencing but I know the promises of God and that he will not forsake us.*

*Love,*

*Jim, Angie, Christina, Will, Thomas and Joe Locatelli*

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**Angie Locatelli** - September 26, 2012 at 11:26 AM

KM

*Thank you so much for your prayers and kind story. I am so sorry that Declan will not be at the dojo with Will. I know he enjoyed his time there with him. I certainly hope he Will continue at karate. God Bless your family.*

*Aunt Kelly Makus*

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**Kelly Pippel Makus** - September 26, 2012 at 11:33 PM

WP

*Thank you. Declan always had good things to say about Will and he told me he was glad that Will was still a part of the group that moved along together through the ranks.*

*We also believe as you do with certainty that Declan lives now with the Lord. We miss him, and while the pain of our loss is indescribable, we take comfort in that. We have to accept that some things are not ours to understand, at least while we walk the earth.*

*Thank you for your prayers and your thoughts and please hold on to those good memories.*

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**Wendy Pippel** - September 27, 2012 at 05:57 PM



“ *Misty Foster lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



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**Misty Foster** - September 25, 2012 at 03:33 PM

JS

“ *Jeannine Shjandemaar lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



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**Jeannine Shjandemaar** - September 25, 2012 at 02:55 PM

JC

“ We can't put into words the affect Declan has had in the community. We are so saddened by the tremendous loss. Declan had a sense of humor and laugh about him that made everyone feel comfortable.....loved. He had such a large family within the Boyscouts, within karate, his youth group and the junior high. Many of his friends share a feeling of great sadness. Reading through these posts as well as hearing the stories down at his memorial at the Suicide Prevention walk, he touched many people. I hope that we all keep a part of Declan in our hearts forever.

*Our prayers are with you always Wendy, Shawn and Shamus.*

*Love, Joe, Jennifer, Zach, Emily and Sarah*

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**Jennifer Carey** - September 24, 2012 at 11:04 AM



*Thanks from our family to yours for your loving words and deeds.*

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**Wendy Pippel** - September 24, 2012 at 05:32 PM

AG

“ Anita Guenther lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



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**Anita Guenther** - September 22, 2012 at 11:49 AM

AG

“ What a beautiful person! He has accomplished so much in his short life and leaves many loving memories. My heart goes out to his family, especially, my special friend, Barbara Pippel. Anita Guenther

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**Anita Guenther** - September 22, 2012 at 11:47 AM

BP

*Thank you so much for your love and special words, Barbara*

**Barbara Pippel** - September 24, 2012 at 10:53 PM

DC

“ *Don And Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



**Don and Lisa Cook** - September 21, 2012 at 07:20 PM

DR

“ *I didn't know Declan, but my heart hurts for his family. My Son went to school with him and has fond memories and is quite saddened by his passing. Please know we are thinking of all of his family during this terrible time, and loss.*

**Darla Racus** - September 21, 2012 at 06:15 PM



*Thanks for your thoughts and we are grateful for the good memories your son has of Declan.*

**Wendy Pippel** - September 24, 2012 at 05:27 PM

LN

“ *Lisa Newton lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



**Lisa Newton** - September 21, 2012 at 10:14 AM

NI

“ *Nicole lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Nicole - September 21, 2012 at 08:31 AM

SG

“ *Suzanne And Brooke Gladsjo lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Suzanne and Brooke Gladsjo - September 21, 2012 at 12:36 AM

TL

“ *Todd&Taylor Link lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Todd&Taylor Link - September 21, 2012 at 12:12 AM

KM

“ *I will remember his smile, sense of humor, and all the fun times we had at youth group. He will be greatly missed by all.*



Kellyn McVeigh - September 20, 2012 at 11:28 PM

EL

“ Eric & Tammy Lane lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Eric & Tammy Lane - September 20, 2012 at 09:58 PM

BL

“ Becky Long lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Becky Long - September 20, 2012 at 09:52 PM

BL

This is on behalf of Ash Long and the Long family. You are in our thoughts and daily prayers.

Becky Long - September 20, 2012 at 09:53 PM



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Wendy Pippel - September 24, 2012 at 05:20 PM

JB

“ John And Ann Bailey lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



John and Ann Bailey - September 20, 2012 at 08:57 PM

JB

*We're praying for your family.*

**John and Ann Bailey** - September 20, 2012 at 08:58 PM



*Our family sincerely appreciates your prayers.*

**Wendy Pippel** - September 24, 2012 at 05:23 PM

TF

“*Tyren Britton And The Burgess Family. lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



**Tyren Britton and the Burgess family.** - September 20, 2012 at 08:32 PM

YK

“*Yuliya Kravchuk lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



**yuliya kravchuk** - September 20, 2012 at 08:14 PM

KE

“*Kellie lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



**Kellie** - September 20, 2012 at 03:28 PM

SG

“ Sarah Grim lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Sarah Grim - September 19, 2012 at 11:33 PM

DA

“ Declan was one of my very good friends, all the way since 7th grade. He was one of the first kids that I hung out with at lunch and school. He played football and was a good teammate, a good sport, and a good person in general. We miss you. RIP Declan

Dan Alderson - September 18, 2012 at 11:21 PM



Thanks for sharing your thoughts of Declan and for the gift.

Wendy Pippel - September 24, 2012 at 05:16 PM

DA

“ Dan Alderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Dan Alderson - September 18, 2012 at 11:09 PM

LW

“ Lisa Van Well lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Lisa Van Well - September 18, 2012 at 08:13 AM

CB

“ Carol Brown lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Carol Brown - September 18, 2012 at 07:17 AM

SP

“ Steve And Ruth Piccirillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Steve and Ruth Piccirillo - September 17, 2012 at 11:23 PM

JS

“ Jared And Jordon Smith lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Jared and Jordon Smith - September 17, 2012 at 10:40 PM

JG

“ Joe And Tami Gurnard lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Joe and Tami Gurnard - September 17, 2012 at 09:45 PM

JG

Joe, Dane, Devyn and I are saddened by the loss of Declan. He was a good kid with a kind heart and will be missed by many.

Joe and Tami Gurnard - September 17, 2012 at 09:46 PM

BG

“ Brenda Guske lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Brenda Guske - September 17, 2012 at 08:58 PM

LB

“ Lori Barnes lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel



Lori Barnes - September 17, 2012 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ *Stefanie Maughan lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Stefanie Maughan - September 17, 2012 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Carey lit a candle in memory of Declan Jack Pippel*



Jennifer Carey - September 16, 2012 at 08:58 PM

J(

“ *I didn't know Declan but my daughter did. She sat across the lunch table from Declan everyday last year, was in Jazz band with him and tells of how funny he was and what a great guy he was. Know that your son and brother is greatly missed and mourned by many. He is remembered with a smile on their faces and a tear in their eye. I can't imagine your grief but I want your family to know that many, many other families are thinking of you and praying for you. These kids want to remember Declan and celebrate his life. Rest in peace sweetie, you are missed by many.*

J. McGregor (Lucas) - September 15, 2012 at 01:12 AM

JC

*J. McGregor~ Thank you for sharing your thoughts as well as your daughter's thoughts. I agree nwith you that "these kids need to celebrate his life". He will always be a wonderful boy with a heart of gold. I hope your daughter continues to remember him.*

Jennifer Carey - September 17, 2012 at 07:47 PM



*Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We are thankful also for the good memories he left with his friends.*

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**Wendy Pippel** - September 24, 2012 at 05:12 PM