



**Jalen Proft**

February 4, 1998 - August 21, 2021

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Germantown -

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JALEN...

In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we love you still.  
God lent us you and others.  
With you our cup was filled.  
You are our son in every way.  
Your love touched everyone.  
Missing you will never cease.

You are our star and shining sun.  
With great sadness, we gave you back to God.  
You were His right from the start.  
God sent us His very best.  
You will always fill our Hearts!  
Mom

#### BELOVED JALEN

Chubby little baby who came into our lives,  
God placed you in our loving home; He knew you'd fit just right.  
With your big brown eyes and a smile so wide,  
The amount of love we have for you is something hard to find.  
You filled our home with laughter, love, and joy.  
We loved you from the day we met you, beautiful baby boy.  
Your heart was bigger than the ocean and your love deeper than the sea.  
Our love will always reach you, wherever you may be.  
Thank you for the memories that we will forever keep.  
When we think about your love we will rejoice instead of weep.  
Because what we had together will never be replaced,  
God has taken you home. Now God will keep you safe.  
And as you fly with angels, please always remember this.  
You will always be our baby boy and always be loved and missed.  
by Tessa Proft (sister)

#### MY BEST FRIEND

Jalen is my best friend,. He is and always will be.  
My best friend has such a bright smile and the kindest soul.  
My best friend has so much goofiness,  
My best friend always has my back no matter what.  
My best friend is there listening to me.  
My best friend loves you and I.  
My best friend is a son, brother, and boyfriend.  
My best friend is my best friend.  
My best friend is now at peace.  
My best friend is now in heaven.  
My best friend is being held in God's arms.  
By Lexie Proft (Sister)

#### MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free!

Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go!

For this is a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone:  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know,

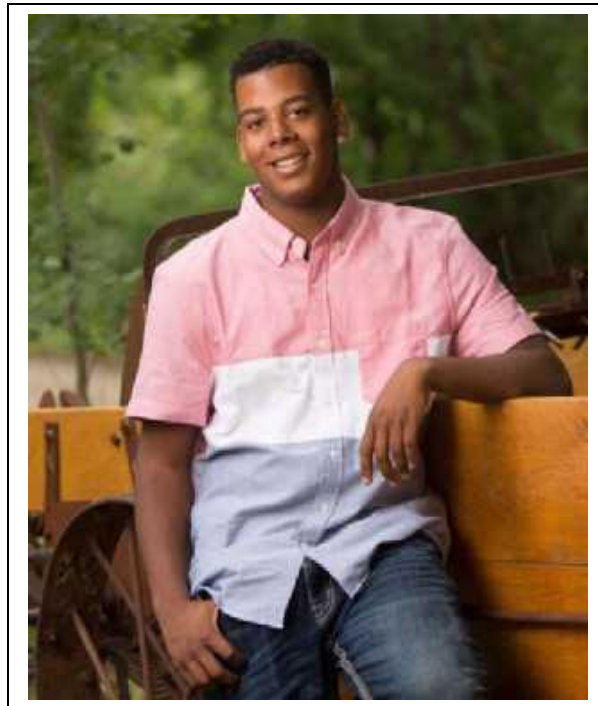
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.

23 Years

23 years in a loving family that cared...  
Taken to heaven, one day I'll see you there.  
23 years seems like not enough time,  
And 10 minutes was not enough to tell you goodbye.  
So many things I wanted to say,  
But the words kept getting lost on that never forgotten day.  
Your smile lit up the room.  
Your eyes brightened my day.  
Your love for me and my daughter  
Is a feeling that won't fade away.  
I am angry, I am sad, I'm all over the place.  
But for 23 years you put a smile on my face.  
23 years just doesn't seem fair,  
But it's 23 years we've gotten to cherish and share.  
For I know God has a plan for us  
That doesn't always seem quite right  
And I'm jealous of the angels with you  
As you start your eternal life  
By Reina(Sister)

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Proft comes from a family that includes 13 siblings. His sister described him as a "kind and gentle soul and is greatly missed."

She declined to elaborate on the involvement of the Hartford Police Department. Chief Scott MacFarlan did not immediately return a request for comment Monday.

Washington County Sheriff Martin Schulteis said Monday two internal investigations have been launched — one by the Department of Corrections, as required by state law, and another by the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, at his request.

No staff members have been suspended or placed on administrative leave in connection with the incident, Schulteis said.

Proft's identification comes as the Washington County Sheriff's Office had refused to identify the victim. Lt. Jason Guslick said Monday the family was "strongly asking that we not release his name."

The medical examiner's office and district attorney's office in Washington County, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, also either declined to name Proft or deferred to the sheriff's office, which is leading the investigation into the homicide.

Guslick also cited Marsy's Law — a state constitutional amendment voters approved in 2020 that added some protections for crime victims — as further grounds to withhold the name.

But according to an advisory from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Marsy's Law did not change how public officials choose to release information about crime victims. They are still expected to perform a balancing test, weighing the presumed benefits of openness against other public policy interests.

"I don't see... any protections that attend to the naming of victims from Marsy's Law," said Bill Lueders, the president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council. "I don't think you can justify that under our law. We can't have a society in which people can be killed secretly. It's too important. At least the name of a person that's killed in a public institution like a prison would have to be released.

"There may be some details that could be withheld from the public, but you can't have people being killed secretly — not in prison, not in society."

The suspect in the case, George Telford Jr., 31, of Fargo, N.D., has been charged with first-degree intentional homicide and battery by prisoners. He had been at the jail since July 4 on charges relating to a domestic violence incident.

Proft had been staying at the jail on a probation hold from the Wisconsin Department of Correction for two days when he was attacked in his cell by another inmate on Aug. 17, according to the sheriff's office. The victim died several days later.

The two were staying in neighboring cells and sat next to each other during lunch the day of the attack, but no altercations occurred prior to the attack, according to the criminal complaint. The victim had been lying in his bed while Telford paced around outside the cells before walking into the victim's cell and attacking him, the complaint said.

The incident was caught on surveillance cameras and showed Telford stomping on the victim's head 28 times with full force before guards could intervene, the complaint said.

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