

Barron, Brett Adam 5/6/1979 - 8/11/2018 Manistee, Michigan

Brett Adam Barron passed away unexpectedly on August 11, 2018 while ascending some of the most rugged and remote ridges of Montana's Crazy Mountains. Brett was a highly intelligent and skilled outdoorsman, volunteering to survey backcountry wildlife populations in unmarked alpine terrain at the time of his death. Brett was a career service member of the US Naval Special Warfare Community, a mentor, athlete, and conservationist with an unmatched spirit. Brett was born on May 6, 1979 to his beloved mother Barbara Ann Barron (deceased) of Ann Arbor, Michigan. After losing his mother at the young age of eight, Brett was raised by his Grandmother Virginia Burr (deceased). He was able to excel despite the loss of his mother, ultimately pursuing finance studies before deciding to enlist with the US Navy at age 19. Brett's passion and competence lead him through multiple deployments with the US Naval Special Warfare Community where he received individual recognition for his diligence and commitment over his 13 years of service. During his time in the service, Brett lived in Virginia Beach and Chicago. Brett competed in numerous triathlons, marathons and ultramarathons including the Boston Marathon, Iron Man Louisville, Iron Man Wisconsin, and Iron Man St. Louis. He acquired chronic physiological complications during his time serving our country and chose to "embrace the suck", as he said, while he relearned to walk, run and swim. After moving to Nashville, he told almost no one of his accomplishments or condition. Instead, he worked to maintain his physical dexterity by bow hunting, hiking, and leading back country land navigation courses. In recent years Brett returned to Ann Arbor, where he was a volunteer coach for the University of Michigan boxing team. He also volunteered at the Ark music venue and frequently visited his wooded property in Stockbridge, MI with close friends and family. He ultimately settled in Manistee MI, living in a home surrounded by both Lake Michigan and the National Forest. Brett demonstrated extreme selflessness and humility throughout his life. His fervor for challenge and teamwork served as a lamp to the feet of those he deeply loved, as well as strangers. He was adored by many and will be woefully missed. A service of remembrance will be held for Brett September 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 11:00-1:00 the day of service. A military service will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery. Brett is survived by his girlfriend Hannah Huddleston of Huntsville AL, Uncle William (Cathy) Burr of Columbus, IN, cousins Sarah Burr of Dallas, TX, Matthew (Emily) Burr of Chelsea, MI, Eric (Sarah) Burr of New Bern, NC, godmother Donna Maul of Palm Springs, CA, sponsor Norman Weiner of Ann Arbor, MI, as well as multiple extended cousins in the Ted (Ruth) Aprill family of Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions can be made to The Navy SEAL Foundation, Starr Commonwealth (Albion, Michigan), The Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance, or the Park County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team of Park County, Montana.