



Jacob A. Raines

May 1, 1978 - November 20, 2024

Jacob Aubrey-Lynn Raines, 46, of Harlingen, Texas died Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Southeast Georgia Hospital in Brunswick, GA.

He was born May 1, 1978 in Creve Coeur, MO to Robert & Shirley (Jett) Raines.

Jake was active in the Air Force from 1997-2001, with the rank of Senior Airman, as a Flying Crew Chief. He had been awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

Jake was highly educated, earning two bachelor degrees from Southeast Missouri State University, a JD degree from Michigan State University Law School, and a Masters of Law from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was employed at the Department of Homeland Security Customs and Borders Protection as an attorney in Edinburg, TX. Prior, he served as an ICE attorney in Los Fresnos, TX. He worked hard and was able to be successful in all his endeavors. He also understood the values of living life to the fullest, enjoying traveling, fishing, golfing, scuba diving, and spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his parents; sister, Addie Raines; many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, RB and Argie Raines, Herman and Sylvia Jett.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Monday, November 25, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 am Monday, November 25, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Jared Tanz officiating.

Burial will be at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO, with full military honors.

Pallbearers will be cousins David Jett, William Jett, Mike Jett, Tim Jett, Matt Jett, and Daniel Thurman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Lutheran Church (<https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/StAndrewLutheranChurch/giveonline>)

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

17357 Stars & Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Graveside Service

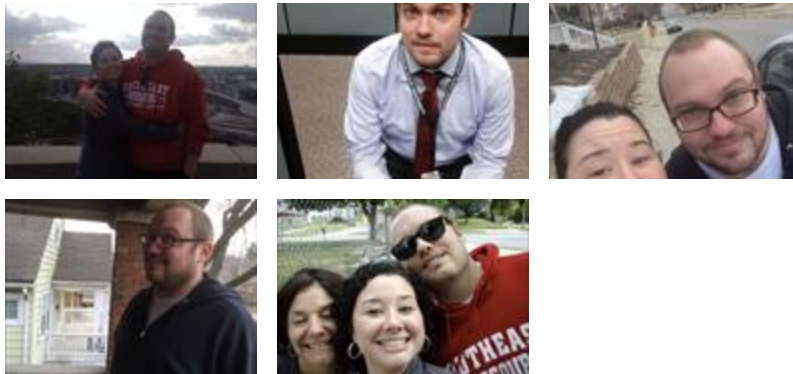
NOV 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

Missouri State Veteran Cemetery
17357 Stars and Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Tribute Wall



“ This makes me so sad! I knew Jake 15 yrs ago when we lived in the same apt building on the plaza in KCMO. We became fast friends and loved to explore the city and hang out. He was there for me when I was really struggling for a time and I always remember him in his Michigan hoodie. We lost touch and I was trying to find him online when I saw this obituary. Thoughts to his family. He was a good man.



Nicole MF - February 21 at 11:59 PM

MI

“ Just discovered that Jake has passed and spent the day yesterday balling my eyes out. Jake was a big part of our law school friends group. In the group, he was always good for a laugh. Personally, to me, he was my chess partner, cheerleader, confidante, buddy, pen pal, star gazer, just so much. I really miss him.



Mina - September 20, 2025 at 06:37 AM

AS

“ Angela S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

Angela S. - January 15, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RB

“ Jake was one of my only friends in Harlingen. He was a great guy and we shared many great times together with our OPLA family. He will always be remembered as a great friend, colleague, and neighbor. Here is a pic of us at the Hoover Dam ~ 3/2023.



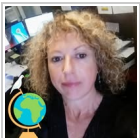
Ryan Bermudez - November 30, 2024 at 05:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nina Fantl - November 26, 2024 at 12:51 AM



“ Jake with his OPLA friends



Nina Fantl - November 26, 2024 at 12:36 AM

ED

“ 1 file added to the album CBP memories



Eric Drootman - November 25, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CB

“ Dear Jake’s Family and Friends,
I am so heartbroken over our loss of such a classy, kind man. Whether we were hanging at South Padre Island, hiking in the extreme heat, or lounging by the pool, Jake was always ready for adventure and fun. I am so blessed to have known him. I am so sorry for your loss. May memories of this precious man give you comfort and may you be blessed with peace that surpasses understanding.

Christina Bergeron - November 25, 2024 at 07:25 AM

SC

“ Sheila, Colin, Kristin & Christina purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Jacob A. Raines.



Sheila, Colin, Kristin & Christina - November 24, 2024 at 11:19 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.*



November 24, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

November 24, 2024 at 04:35 PM

(D)

“ Jake was one of my first friends at Fairchild AFB. He always made a point to include me, invite me, make me feel welcome, and seem happy to see me. Jake made others feel seen, valued, important. I could write a whole series of books about our nearly thirty-year friendship but that will not fit here so I'll share some highlights. We had numerous running gags, or, inside jokes that were just as funny the first time as they were the thousandth time we reminisced about them. One referenced a time Jake thought it would be nice to take me to the Japanese garden near our apartment in Spokane. It was really beautiful but we had to leave because he accidentally pushed me into the koi pond. He felt so terrible and I couldn't stop laughing the whole way home.

We emailed to communicate when I was in Turkey, and Jake had just moved into our apartment. He wrote that he "found a bunch of old posters" and "threw them in the garbage". The truth was he found my posters from France, framed and hung them. Forever a thoughtful goofball.

We had so much fun together and even physical distance and decades of time couldn't get in the way of our bond. I will always consider him to be the best friend I've ever had.

Jake and I have the same awards/medals/ribbons from serving together in the AF at Fairchild, and in Saudi Arabia and Spain. Whenever only one of us had work, we would join the other to help each other. Jake made everything fun. Everything, always. I smile just seeing his name. I've never known anyone like him, before or since meeting him. I told Karl the other day that Jake was joy, personified. His absence is palpable, but his legacy is how he made people feel, which was beautiful.

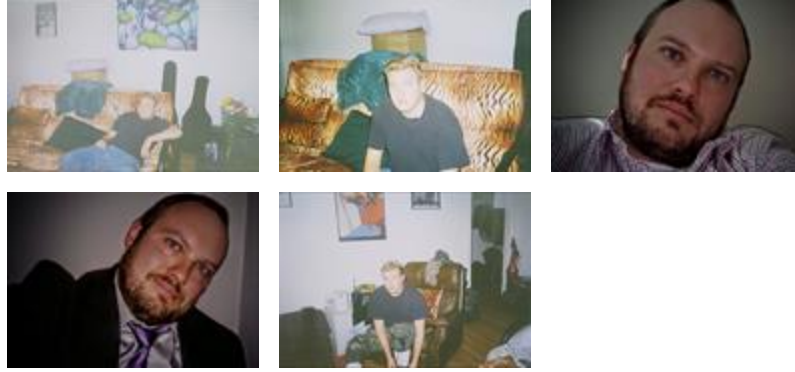
I wish I had more photos of him. The ones where he's a kid were taken by me in our apartment, plus the one of us in front of our building. The others are photos he sent me, per my request.

To my Jakiepooh:

There was no one like you, and there never will be.

Love,

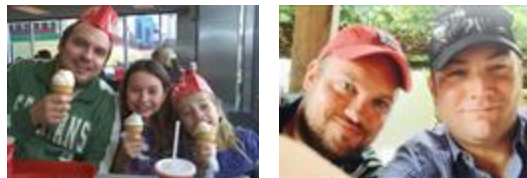
Tootiepie



(Susan) Tootie Deerr - November 24, 2024 at 01:06 AM

KB

“ To Jake's family,
I am deeply saddened by the news of Jake's sudden passing. My heart is broken, and I can't begin to imagine the pain you must be feeling. Jake was very much a part of my life that I will cherish forever. He was like a brother to me and an uncle to my children. He had the kindest heart and a sense of humor that could make you laugh, or at least smile, in the worst of times. Indeed, I can hear him in the back of my head right now, making fun of me for writing this message. I know that I am not alone in saying that he will always be remembered fondly.
During this difficult time, I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope you can find comfort in knowing how much he loved you and what an outstanding human being he was.
With deepest sympathy,
Karl Boyd



Karl Boyd - November 23, 2024 at 04:30 PM

SR

“ To Andrew Galvao:
Words cannot express how wonderful you have been to our family. Your kindness and assistance have been a blessing. Thank you so very much!

Shirley, Robert, and Addie

Shirley Raines - November 23, 2024 at 04:05 PM

SR

“ To:
Susan D., Jon R., Kristin H., Jennie N., Irma D., Delilah G., Eric D., Gretchen O., Frank T. P., and the many others that have reached out to us.

Words just do not seem adequate to express our heartfelt thankfulness and admiration for each one of you amazing friends of our son, Jake.

Jake's dad, sister Addie, and I have read your posts over and over again! We knew our boy had a lot friends, dear friends. We, of course, knew he was awesome, but we did not know how much he meant to you! To read these beautiful memories has meant so very much to us. Thank you for your beautiful words, wonderful memories and pictures, and the many words of comfort you have shared with us. Jacob was an awesome son, so it comes as no surprise that he would have such awesome friends. We pray for you as well. God bless you all!

Jake's mom, Shirley Raines

Shirley Raines - November 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JR

“ *My condolences. Jake will be missed. He was a great friend.*

John R - November 23, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

November 23, 2024 at 10:50 AM



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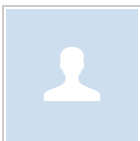
Kristen Hitchner - November 22, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ I worked with Addie at Famous Barr in Cape. I'm so sorry for your loss. May your happy memories help heal your broken heart. Jennie Noel



jennie noel - November 22, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.



November 22, 2024 at 06:18 PM

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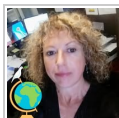
“ I want to express my deepest condolences for your loss. I didn't have the privilege of knowing Jake for long—less than two years—but from the moment we met, it was clear he was a lifelong friend in the making.

When I moved from New Jersey to Texas without any family nearby, Jake made me feel at home almost instantly. Whether we were going to the movies, hitting up the water park, playing pool, shooting range, golf, or even axe throwing, he had a way of making every moment memorable. We shared so many laughs and a friendly, competitive spirit that I'll always treasure.

Jake had a gift for connecting with people, and he quickly became a huge part of my life. Since I left TX we've chatted at least once a week, and I already miss our random texts. He was truly a special human being, and the world feels a little dimmer without him.

I am so sorry for your loss, and I hope you find comfort in knowing how deeply he touched the lives of those who knew him. Irma

Irma Diaz - November 22, 2024 at 05:40 PM



I met Jake soon after I moved to Harlingen, TX in 2018. I didn't have a single friend when I arrived. Jake became one of my few friends even though we didn't work in the same location. I thoroughly enjoyed Jake's company and had the utmost respect for him. We often discussed our dreams and goals, and I was always relieved when he indicated that he was happy to stay in Harlingen instead of moving out of state like many of our colleagues. I wish I had had a chance to spend more time with Jake. I feel fortunate I got to hang out with him as much I did considering all of his diverse interests. I agree that the world seems dimmer without Jake in it. I know he will never be forgotten.

Nina Fantl - November 26, 2024 at 12:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

November 22, 2024 at 05:14 PM



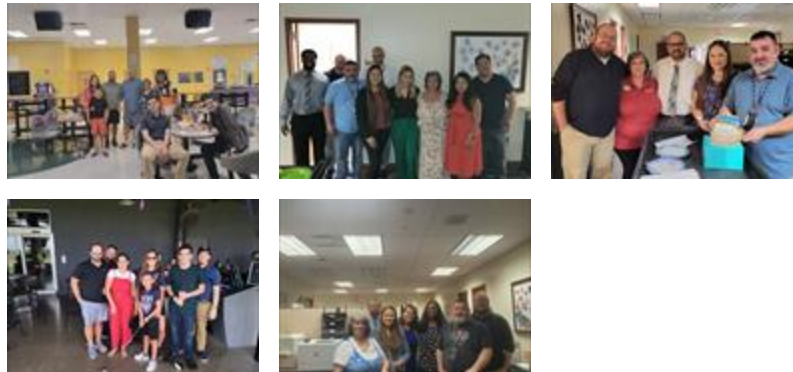
“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.



November 22, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ To the Raines family, my deepest condolences during this difficult time. I'm so grateful to have had the pleasure to have met Jake. He was a great coworker/friend. There are nothing but amazing things to say about him. He will be missed dearly. Here are a few pictures I would like to share.



Delilah Gutierrez - November 22, 2024 at 03:05 PM



Such great memories!

Irma Diaz - November 22, 2024 at 06:12 PM

ED

“ 3 files added to the album CBP memories



Eric Drootman - November 22, 2024 at 03:01 PM

GO

“ My deepest sympathies on your profound loss. Jake was my colleague at OPLA. On his last day with OPLA he sat in my office for a lengthy chat, and had the familiar Jake sparkle in his eyes. He was a full of life and excited for his new position. He was known for being generous - especially with all things golf. He will be truly missed.

Gretchen Otto - November 22, 2024 at 02:55 PM

GO

P.s. Jake called everyone “buddy.” Proud to have been his buddy. I had a vodka soda in his honor today.

Gretchen Otto - November 22, 2024 at 05:13 PM

FP

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Jacob's sudden passing. He was a joy to have in court, and after the work was finished, we often talked sports. He was a first-class advocate on behalf of the Government. My prayers to his family and friends.

Frank T Pimentel - November 22, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.*



November 22, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Here are some photos...*



Kristen Hitchner - November 22, 2024 at 01:27 PM

KH

“ I met Jake when we both worked for ICE in the Rio Grande Valley around 7-8 years ago. I, like everyone, was shocked to hear of his passing. Jake was just a good, good man, to put it simply. We enjoyed get togethers at his and other coworkers' homes, lazy days at South Padre Island, going out to lunch at work and happy hour after. Jake texted me out of the blue late on election night to discuss events. I am glad that we were able to communicate recently. He has "Kitty" the stray cat who lives in his yard. She had kittens a few years ago and he told me if I arranged the vet appointment, he would pay to have her spayed and vetted and she could continue to live in his yard, where she is to this day. We also caught the kittens and got them all adopted through the humane society. So, as I said, he was a GOOD man. Like others, I really want his family to know how many friends he had and that everyone was his "buddy". We all loved him.

Kristen Hitchner - November 22, 2024 at 12:57 PM

AG

“ My deepest condolences to the Raines family during this difficult time. Like so many, Jake was a Port Isabel colleague and a great friend. He was the first to welcome me to DHS where he served as a de facto mentor and over time, a great friendship developed. Outside of the office, Jake was active in fishing, bowling, bike riding, or just our weekly night out enjoying a prime rib dinner, and it's these memories I'll cherish the most. I'll miss his witty sense of humor and quick one-liners. I, like so many, am still in shock at this unexpected and unfortunate news, but for many of us, Jake's memory will live on.

Andrew Galvao - November 22, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.



November 22, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

November 22, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jacob A. Raines.



November 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ *To Jake's Family - I am so sorry for your loss. Jake was one of the attorneys who provided my initial training upon joining ICE/OPLA a year ago. He was always kind and happy to answer my questions. I will remember Jake as I generally saw him both in and out of the office - surrounded by colleagues and friends, smiling, laughing, telling jokes, and making plans for fun and adventure. I am still in shock to hear of his passing. I send you my deepest sympathies.*



Venus Bermudez - November 22, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SD

“ Susan D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacob A. Raines.

Susan D. - November 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RB

“ I served with Jake for the thirty-five months at the Port Isabel Detention Center. Like all of his friends and co-workers (both current and previous) , I was devastated to learn of his sudden passing. As soon as I arrived at Port Isabel, Jake was "Hey, welcome aboard and glad to have you on the team!" Jake never met a stranger and was both a great co-worker and a good friend. Jake and I had stayed in touch after I moved on; because when you leave a worksite, you don't want to lose touch with a good friend; which is what Jake was to me and so many others. His family and loved ones need to know that Jake was loved by all who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Robert Barron - November 22, 2024 at 10:56 AM

CM

To echo Robert's sentiments, Jake was everyone's friend and is dearly missed across at DHS. He had friends from across the country who I heard from upon learning the devastating news. Like Robert, Jake stayed in touch with me after I moved on. Jake was an exceptional attorney at OPLA. He made a real impact on critical cases. He was also excelling in his new role. May God bless Jake and his family. Please know that I am holding you in prayer.

Colin W. Maguire - November 22, 2024 at 11:57 AM

NG

My deepest condolences to the Raines family. I was fortunate enough to have worked with Jake in his newest post at OCC RGV. Although Jake was only working with us for a short time, we're so lucky to have known him. Jake always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. One of my favorite things about Jake was his willingness to volunteer. He was the first to raise his hand & had that "put me in coach" attitude. I feel blessed to have been his colleague and friend and we will remember him always. Sending prayers of comfort during this difficult time.

Noemi Garcia - November 22, 2024 at 12:34 PM

AG

I am grateful to have met Jacob Raines. He impressed me with his intelligence and kindness.

Adam Greenwood - November 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM

FP

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Frank T Pimentel - November 22, 2024 at 02:07 PM

ED

I am Jake's supervisor at CBP, but I consider Jake to be a friend as well. Jake reached out to me some time ago with interest in applying for a position with CBP. I told him we didn't have any job openings at the time, but I told him I would keep him in mind for the future. Earlier this year, we had a position that opened...I emailed Jake to let him know; he applied and started with our office in July 2024.

From day 1, everyone in our office loved Jake. Jake was passionate about everything he did and was always willing to volunteer for any assignments no matter the hour. As an example, we recently did trainings at Rio Grande City and Weslaco for the 6:00am musters. Jacob was ready to go with a smile on his face. Jake always had so much energy. But it wasn't just the work with Jake. We would often talk about his hobbies and activities outside of work. In fact, I saw him relaxing on South Padre Island just a few weeks ago. We just had lunch together at Taco Palenque last Thursday! I was shocked when I learned of his passing. As I write this, I am looking at his office door right next to mine saddened that he is no longer with us. He will always be a part of our CBP family.

Eric Drootman - November 22, 2024 at 02:57 PM

MP

*To Jake's entire family,,,,,
He will forever remain in our hearts and thoughts,, as the fun,
enjoyable, approachable, kind hearted simple & humble "AMIGO de 14
kilates!"*

*Jake shared many fun travel stories all the time while at PIDC, & he
recommended places to go too see as he loved getting away on short
trips himself.*

*HE was so much planning or considering to retire to Panama, country
in the near future, but God had better travels for him.*

*Jake always took the genuine time to truly listen, & connect with so
many around him attentively making anyone reaching out to him truly
matter & feel valuable.*

*Jake has simply taught me personally as his (6) years work family
friend, that neither titles, job status or careers prestige matter, nor
make a person complete,, if you can't be helpful, engaging, and
supportive of others.*

This he lived and acted by true example!!

*As I read the many wonderful deserving tributes of Jake,,his passing,,
now simply continues to remind me,, & the many of us his life touched,,
to keep his legacy of continuing the good fun, the good laughs, &
continue to make New moments and memories with one another that
will happily remind us of him forever & as he would best prefer it! :)*

*Jake has left us all too soon,, but God's plans are always perfect & for
His perfect reasons!*

*I will forever think & remember you with every daily morning cup of
"Bustelo" coffee I make, but with a happy smile as I know you will be
somewhere near by to enjoy it's perfect scent as you so enjoyed it.*

*This is not a good bye Amigo querido,, this is as we always said every
time we left the office "Hasta Pronto!"*

*We will miss you mucho gran amigo, & thank you for making our lives
better by allowing us to have met you.*

*Gracias Jake,,,
Maribel & Jaime Padilla*

Maribel Padilla - November 23, 2024 at 10:48 PM