

Asher Lawrance Hardman

December 28, 2003 ~ March 25, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Asher Lawrance Hardman at the age of 22 on March 24, 2026 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Asher was welcomed to this earth with much joy and anticipation on December 28, 2003. He was born in Lebanon, NH to his parents Rulon Hardman and Lori Johnson. He was tiny but had a thick head of black hair. His family then moved to San Antonio, Texas, followed by Denver, Colorado, and lastly Salt Lake City, Utah. His parents later welcomed his siblings Sage and Kelton. The siblings were the perfect trio of serious (Asher), shy (Sage), and silly (Kelton). Asher loves learning, trying unique recipes (hello lemon chicken piccata!), board games (any games really), crocheting, anime, FanX, rocks and gems, Genshin Impact, Polytopia, Indian food, Pokémon, and music. He is blessed with a remarkable intellect and is in his final semester of Electrical Engineering with an emphasis in Optics at the University of Utah. He will receive his Bachelor of Science degree posthumously.

When Asher was 5, he taught himself to read and was a voracious reader of any book and subject from that point on. He has a beautiful soul and his optimism, kindness, love, smile and infectious laugh will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He participated in the ELP (gifted and talented) program at West High School starting in 7th grade and was known for his chipper “good morning!” greetings throughout the day regardless of time and if the subject was animate or inanimate.

Asher leaves a grieving heart in so many. He is survived by his parents Rulon (Caroline) Hardman and Lori (Ryan) Hartley; siblings Sage and Kelton Hardman; partner Kastin Ricord; grandparents Larry and Denice Hardman and Donald and Julie Johnson; aunts Shari (Michael) Hofhiens, Xanna DeGooyer, Paisley (David) Oakes, and Shalene (Garrett) Wilcox; uncles Scott (Amanda) Johnson, Claymore (Katie) Hardman, and Hunter Hardman; and cousins Jacob and Afton Hofhiens, Elsie Johnson, Bridger and Lindy DeGooyer, Lewis, Lila, and Victoria Hardman, and Anders and Grayson Wilcox. He is also survived by step-siblings Benjamin, Abigail, Matthew, and Joshua Hartley and Felipe and Maria Silva.

He is preceded in death by his great grandparents Lawrance and LaRae Hardman, Alan and Vanice Bartlett, Jack and Geraldine Johnson, and Richard and Evelyn Jones.

Services will be held April 3, 2026 with viewing at noon followed by a graveside service at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Trevor Project (click "in lieu" button above) or Huntsman Mental Health Institute (huntsmanmentalhealthfoundation.org).