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Jacob Schwartz - Our Very Special Shining Star

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Heaven just received a star that will shine brighter than any have done so before, and his name is Jacob Schwartz. This remarkable young man touched the lives of countless



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friends, family, students, parents, educators, artists, musicians and more! The legacy that he has left will not only endure, but it will flourish with all of those who have had the good fortune of benefiting from the "Jacob Effect".

Jacob's life should serve as a testament to what we should all strive to be, for the lessons he has taught us are incomparable. What is it that we have learned from him? We have learned to appreciate the beauty in everything around us, the sounds of the voices of loved ones, the pure beauty of music, the simple pleasures of a touch, the joy of soaring above, the calming nature of water on the skin, the soft caress of a lake breeze, and the warmth of the presence of those who surround you. He has taught us how to live our lives to the fullest, by enjoying these simple nuances to which we rarely give a second thought.

Yet, in the 21 years that Jacob lived, he experienced as much as life has to offer in his own special way. His courage and endurance were beyond miraculous. His smile and laughter were validation that everything was going to be okay. And it will be okay, because Jacob taught us how to make it all okay. What he provided to those around him were these lessons of enlightenment and inspiration, and a credence to live by. What better legacy can someone pass along? We are all simply better people because of this remarkable young man, Jacob Schwartz. The "Jacob Effect" will be everlasting and so will his legacy.

To learn more about Jacob's journey, please visit www.jacobsladder.ca

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