

Joosep Eedi Juhkam

Joosep was born on March 22nd in Tallinn, Estonia to Robert and Tiia Juhkam and to an excited older sister, Leenu. Not long after, the family made the move to New York City, living in Lower Manhattan. In September of 2001, the family lived through the attacks of 9/11. Fortunately, though the family was separated, they managed to reunite safe and sound.

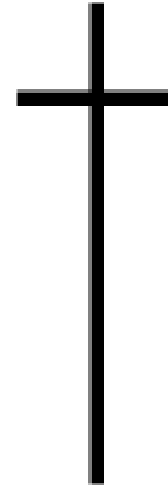
In 2003, the Juhkam family moved to Bangkok, Thailand and Joosep welcomed a baby brother, Kaalep. Joosep attended pre-school at System's Little House and then graduated to the New International School of Thailand (NIST). Joosep learned how to sail at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, which cemented his love of the sea, wind and waves. He continued sailing and other water activities through the move to Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2008.

While living and going to school at the American International School of Dhaka (AISD), Joosep found a passion and immense talent for music. He went so far as to pick up the drums, bass guitar and the baritone horn, along with having a great singing voice, securing him as a singer in two different bands as well as a member of the school's Honor Choir.

For Joosep's last High School years, the Juhkam family moved back to New York in 2014, this time living in Mamaroneck, Westchester, Joosep attending Rye Neck High School. Joosep, being a big kid, was scouted for the school's football team his Junior year. Never having picked up a football before nor watching a game, Joosep dove head first into this challenge, securing a co-captain role for his Senior year. He also explored his love of the mountains by skiing the East Coast with his dad and brother.

In 2018, Joosep moved to the West Coast to attend Cal State University at Monterey Bay, studying marine science. He began taking diving courses and thoroughly exploring his love of the ocean and marine life. Joosep made friends everywhere he went because of his kind, loving spirit and college was no different. He created a lasting impression on many people, and for the few who were lucky to call him their best friend, he'll be by their side forever.

Throughout these integral developmental years, Joosep was lucky to travel with his family as well as his classmates to many exotic countries; beaches from Thailand to Spain, mountain ranges from the Himalayas to the Alps, living a truly full life.



*There are those who bring a light so
great to the world that even after they
are gone the light shines bright.*

Joosep Eedi Juhkam

Born

March 22nd, 2000
Tallinn, Estonia

Passed Away
May 13th, 2021

Seaside, California

Service

May 25th, 2021 at 11:30am
Mission Memorial Park
1915 Ord Grove Avenue
Seaside, California

*Ei ole paremaid, halvemaid aegu.
On ainult hetk, milles viibime praegu.*

Opening Prayers by

Daniel Ramirez - Cousin

Ants Rehe - Godfather

Mu süda, ärka üles - Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tiia - Mother

Gabriel's Oboe - Ennio Morricone

Monica Ramirez - Godmother, Aunt

Elegy for Dunkirk - Jeff Beck

Leenu - Sister

More Love - Rebelution

Kaalep - Brother

Walking on Sunshine - Katrina & The Waves

Ryan Stanley - Friend

Beach In Hawaii - Ziggy Marley

Robert - Father

Shosholoza - Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir

Joosep sang this South African song with his school's Honor Choir, aged 12, at the International School Choir Festival in Bali, Indonesia in 2012. Although Joosep lived in three continents, he never lived in SA. But he loved and deeply identified with Africa's melodies, the rhythms and the experiences he came across. The word *Shosholoza* means *go forward* or *make way for the next man*. *Shosholoza* was often sung to express the heartache and hardship of working in gold and diamond mines. It is used as a term of encouragement, hope, solidarity in times of hardship and distress.

We'd like you all to take this forward, may it give you strength.

