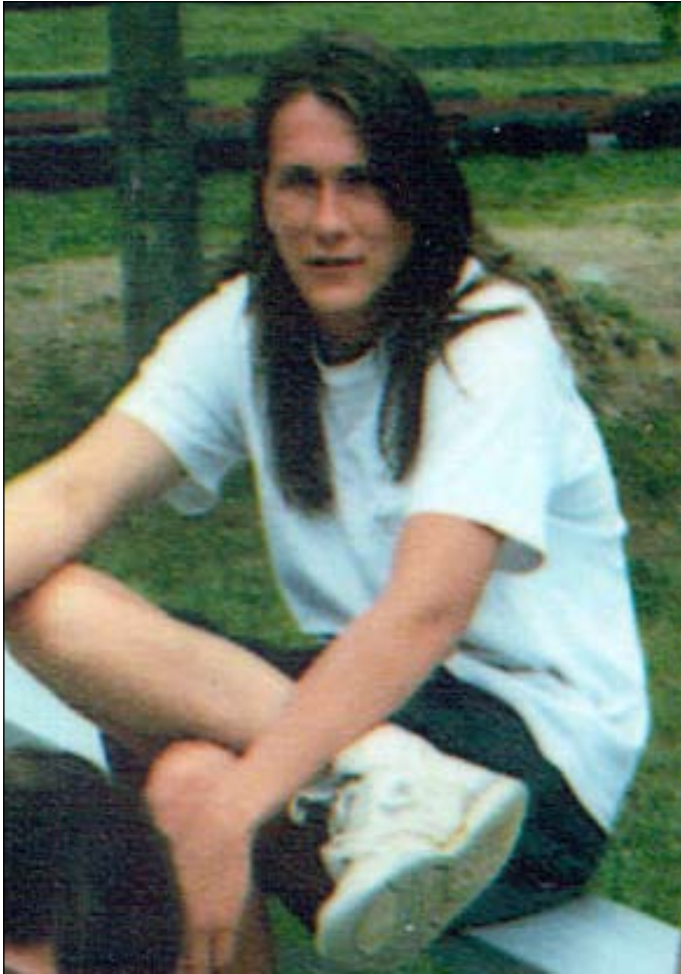




Jason Anthony Barganier

Died Age 23

LSD



On February 28, 1998, I lost my only son, Jason Anthony Barganier. Jason had taken LSD and was having terrible hallucinations. He called home for me to come save him but I was not there. He talked to his sister and told her he had taken LSD and he was in hell, losing his mind. Then he just hung up the phone.

My daughter called me at my friend's house and told me about my son's phone call. By the time I got to his apartment it was too late. Jason dove head first out a stained glass window on the third floor of his apartment building. Later that night, the doctors at the trauma center told me Jason had ruptured his spleen, broken his shoulder, crushed his lungs and that his skull was shattered "like an egg dropped on concrete". Then he told me Jason was brain dead... there was no hope. The next day I ordered my son removed from life support, and laid with him in the hospital bed until his heart stopped. Jason was only 23 years old.

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