In Memory of Jubel Dean Perkins

Born January 16, 1983 ~ Taken August 23, 2016



He was just 33 years old when his Life was cut short....

Jubel had some troubles in his past, a life he'd paid for and left behind. He overcame some poor choices to become well-respected within the tattoo and motorcycling communities ... both as an individual and as a businessman. But sometimes the past can return to haunt. There is still no closure, no answers about the shooting that took Jubel's life on the night of August 23, 2016.

The phrase 'Larger than Life' can be over used... but not in this case.

There are many more people who knew Jubel far better than we did. But even from afar it was obvious that he was a leader in his community. It was always a treat to visit with him. He'll be sorely missed by so very many!

Jubel possessed an extraordinary artistic talent, with which he helped build the WolfSkin Tattoo Studio into a hugely popular business. He was capable of uproarious humor. He was a man of passion, with a zest for Life. For such a large & imposing man, he had a kind and gentle manner about him. He was a man to be admired for his strength of character ... evolving beyond his origins to become a better person. His family was his joy, his wife Rayney and four children.

His was a generous heart. We had the opportunity to work with him to promote & share news of his fundraising efforts for the Wreaths Across America program. Not enough to host one gathering... his innovation was to coordinate 5 in succession ~ a Christmas in July ~ one each week! Anyone who has ever set up an event knows the effort in putting ONE together. But he pulled it off, making a significant contribution to the WAA program. All along, giving due kudos to those who helped.

This '21st Century Viking' was appropriately afforded a Viking-themed sendoff on September 10, at Bartlett Lake. A burial boat was built which carried Jubel's ashes. Guests to the ceremony were invited to bring 'grave goods' for Jubel's Spirit to bring with him to Valhalla; remembrances and items to help him in his next Life. The boat was launched into the lake and set afire as mourners looked on from the

On Saturday September 24, friends, admirers,



and loved ones of Jubel Dean gathered at Steel Horse Saloon, 19th Ave & Bell in Phoenix. WolfSkin Tattoo, located across the parking lot, was also open. This was a family fundraiser, which included music by the bands 'Afflicted' and Jubel's band 'Throw the Switch'. The Steel Horse kitchen was busy prepping food. They offered a taco plate with proceeds going to the family. Raffle items included gift certificates, knives, jewelry, & much more. Personal items included some of Jubel's sketches from his Mom's collection, one of his swords, and one of his drinking horns. A raffled 3-hour tattoo session was won by Amanda.

There was very generous participation in the auction. Items up for bid included hand-made knives made especially for this occasion, WolfSkin hats & shirts, remembrance t-shirts, and a massive one-ofa-kind wooden wall piece in the Viking theme... depicting axes, a sword, and a helmet. The 50/50 winner was Alan G.

WolfSkin has become more than a tattoo studio. A community has grown around this business, with customers becoming part of the family ... The Wolf-

Skin Nation. There was a very heartwarming turnout this day in support of Jubel's wife Rayney & their kids.

And now as this is written, comes the news that the WolfSkin Tattoo Studio in Phoenix was attacked by an arsonist, early on the morning of October 19. Thankfully, no one was injured and the fire damage could have been far worse. They've had to close down for clean up & repairs. But they will re-open. In the meantime, the WolfSkin mobile studios are setting up at events around the state.

> The 21st Century Viking Memorial Ride, in honor of Jubel, will take place on November 12, 2016. The ride will start & end at the Maverick Saloon ~ 9605 N 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021 [602-943-5680]. Sign-in is at 10am. The entry fee is \$15/sgl, \$20/2-up or cage. All proceeds will go to his wife Rayney & their kids. Run departs 11am. Everyone is invited to attend.... On a bike, in a cage, it makes no difference.

> Jubel's memory will be carried forward, in the hearts, stories, and living artwork of all who were touched by him. His passing has left a void... in the community and in many hearts. It will take a long time, if ever, to fill. This comment on the GoFundMe page https://www.gofundme. com/2tzfzu98 really nails it ... "Only met him once, but he left an impression that will last forever."

Hail Jubel ~ taken far too soon ~ Hail Jubel! With love & respect,

Betsy & Bruce So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion. Respect others in their view and demand they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. When it comes time to die, sing your death song like a hero going home! Shawnee Chief Tecumseh