

# Another tragedy has struck our community in June 2024. Joshua Sterling, just 21 years old, has lost his life and we are demanding answers.



Joshua Sterling was a gentle giant and a sweet soul who would be the first one to forgive and would give anything he had for his friends and family. He endured pain to hang out with his family and endured pain to be with his mom who loved him like crazy. There has never been a Josh without Lori or Lori without Josh.

## ANOTHER DEATH

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Another tragedy has struck our community. Joshua Sterling, just 21 years old, has lost his life and we are demanding answers. This one hits very close to home for me. Joshua was a patient at “Josiah’s Clozapine Clinic” before he moved to Colorado less than two years ago. Joshua’s brain finally cleared with clozapine after the other antipsychotics caused him intolerable EPS. He was one of the group that I call my “clozapine kids.” Joshua & his mom Lori came to our Team Daniel pool party. Joshua loved our big pool. He spent the day in the pool chatting up my husband Carl. I am so so sad for this family.

Joshua was recently hospitalized for symptoms of an acute infection. Allegedly he died from a “seizure” or other poorly explained event. **There is a protocol for managing a clozapine patient who has treatment-resistant schizophrenia during acute illnesses.**



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There is concern that the hospital failed to monitor critical treatment parameters. Joshua’s family has asked for an autopsy, but the hospital has stated that Joshua “died from natural causes” and will not pay for the procedure. *A 21-year-old man with schizophrenia does not just die from natural causes.*

Patients with schizophrenia often do not receive the Standard of Care. Discrimination against SMI is rampant.

***This family deserves answers.***

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