



Marko Dominko Brnjic

December 16, 1988 - August 11, 2025

MARKO BRNJIC, age 36; loving husband of Brittany (nee Ratcliff) and devoted father of Dominic; beloved grandson of the late Miro and Ljubica (nee Ilijasevic); dear son of Dominko and Helen (nee Cvelbar); cherished brother of Michael (Jennifer), Keith, Ana (Jim), and Johnny (Samantha), and cousin (like a brother) of Daniel; beloved nephew to John (Victoria) and the late Nikola; fun-loving uncle of Jimmy and Noah; cousin, uncle, and friend to so many.

Marko was born on December 16, 1988 in Euclid and grew up in South Euclid, OH. He passed away on August 11, 2025.

He was the beloved son of Helen and Dominic and cherished grandson of Miro and Ljubica. As a child, Marko enjoyed many interests, including drawing, soccer, and football. He was proud of his Croatian heritage, always listening to music, watching sports (especially Dinamo), and grilling homemade Cevapi for family and friends.

He met his wife, Brittany, at The Ohio State University, and they shared an instant connection and felt married from day one. Together, they welcomed their son, Dominic, and built a life full of love, adventure, and memories. He was also “dad” to his beloved pets, Max, Thor, and Simba.

A competitive weightlifter with a blue belt in jiu jitsu, he even took on Strong

Man competitions. Proud of his personal bests, he reached 610 lbs in the squat, 545 in the deadlift, and 355 in the bench press.

He loved playing softball and soccer, and proudly coached his son's soccer team. Music was his heartbeat, and he often DJed at family gatherings and attended countless concerts, where he loved to mosh with his son. He was always looking forward to the next family get together, ready for playful competition in board games, video games, mixology contests, and more.

Most would agree that Marko's favorite pastime though was cracking jokes at any given moment, especially when it was totally inappropriate, which made everyone laugh even harder.

Markie was funny, kind, thoughtful, and loved his family and friends fiercely.

Family will receive friends to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of Marko at The DeJohn Funeral Home (28890 Chardon Road) on Sunday, August 17th from 2-6pm. A Funeral Mass will take place at St. Paul Croatian Church (1369 E. 40th Street, Cleveland) on Monday, August 18th at 10am.

Family will also welcome friends to pay tribute to Marko near his home at Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home (135 Broadway Street, Jackson, OH 45640) on Friday, August 15th from 4-7pm.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Marko may make contributions to support his beloved wife and son during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marko Dominko Brnjic.

August 15, 2025 at 06:42 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marko Dominko Brnjic.



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“ Angles Garage & Wrecker Service planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marko Dominko Brnjic.

Angles Garage & Wrecker Service - August 14, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Angles Garage & Wrecker Service purchased the Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" for the family of Marko Dominko Brnjic.



Angles Garage & Wrecker Service - August 14, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marko Dominko Brnjic.

August 13, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marko Dominko Brnjic.



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“ We thoroughly loved watching Marko play indoor soccer with our daughter's team. I am so very sorry for your loss. Many prayers.

Christy Cruse - August 13, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ The Fadden Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marko Dominko Brnjic.

The Fadden Family - August 13, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ The Fadden Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marko Dominko Brnjic.



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