



Jason Cole Whitaker was born in Bossier City, Louisiana to Jason A. and Beryl B. Whitaker in October of 1970. The youngest boy of their five children, Christine, Charles, Roger, and Heather, he had a plethora of big personalities to help influence him into becoming the man who so many people are mourning for today. Surrounded by such a loving family, his goal always seemed to be to start one as soon as he could. In 1988 he made two big announcements, that he was going to be a father and that he was joining the army. Stepping into his new roles, he approached it like everything else in life, with a sense of humor and a determination to succeed. As a father, he is remembered for his puns, dad jokes, and for his love of fantasy and music. He passed on his intelligence, love of learning, and the importance of the arts. As a combat medic for the army he took these skills and used them to put his fellow soldiers at ease. As his knowledge grew, he shared what he learned and helped others to succeed as an instructor. In his time with the military, he worked at some of the most prestigious and intensive care units throughout the United States and in South Korea, he also was able to manage unimaginable hardships in the makeshift hospitals in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait. It seemed that what most people would find terrifying, he would do his best to face that fear. After being ridiculed by his daughter for years over his fear of flying, he decided to become a paratrooper and show us all by jumping out of airplanes! Above all he was a good kind man, nurturing and cognizant of the needs of others. He was an exemplary soldier, plagued by the ethical and moral dilemmas that are unique to the men and women serving our country in the medical field. In the end he may have found it hard to reconcile the things he did to survive, but it did not negate the million and one little things he did each day to help those around him. Losing Cole on November 23rd, 2018 was hard for many people, but our hope is that in death he found the peace he deserved. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that you please make a donation to the Fisher House Foundation.



