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Joseph Aaron Ballew, known to family and friends as “Jody” or “JoJo,” was born in Gainesville, Georgia, on May 1, 1982, and passed away on September 2, 2025.

He was the son of Sharon Purser Whiteside, Joe Ballew, and Laura Rizzo, and the brother of Sarah and Josh Pacosa.

Jody was a bright and hilarious brother who grew up in Dahlonga. He was a leader and a friend to all who knew him. His little sister was often known simply as “Jody’s sister” wherever she went. At just seven years old, he was reading the Bible to his great-grandfather. By the time he graduated high school, he was fluent in Spanish.

Jody loved to make art. He was always drawing as a child and later found joy in painting as an adult. Every teacher loved Jody and wanted him to succeed in their field of study. He went on to major in English and graduated from Queens College, City University of New York.

He will be remembered for his humor, creativity, and the light he brought to those around him. His mother welcomes communication from the many friends whose lives he touched. A memorial will be planned for a later date.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *What? How? I was looking you up to get in touch and found out you're gone. I guess I never get to talk to you again. I'll miss you, Jody.* ”

Joe Newberry - October 26, 2025 at 09:24 AM

DC

“ *I only knew Jody for these past few months through work but we talked often. Jody was kind, eager, and enjoyable to be around. He had a great smile and a calm demeanor that made work more agreeable on the challenging days. Our team certainly misses Jody* ”

Drew Campbell - September 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ *the Huynh Family purchased the Mini Classic Charcuterie & Board Gift Set for the family of Joseph Aaron Ballew.* ”



the Huynh Family - September 18, 2025 at 02:38 AM

LE

“ *Memories of adventures in NY, being snowed in, endless games of Scrabble, good food, conversations about life & "God's beef". Laughter and philosophical talks were never short. Jody, the ever-diplomat with my dad at Green Chimneys, and being Doug's advocate for this crazy life we now lead. We miss you, brother.* ”



Leaf - September 18, 2025 at 02:32 AM

LH

“ Lifon H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Aaron Ballew.

Lifon H. - September 18, 2025 at 02:04 AM

SG

“ My prayers are with you my friend. Sorry, I never got to meet your family, except for your mom and dad and brothers when you were at Corinth Church in LaFayette, Ga. Take care! You have my love and prayers! 🙏🙏❤️
Sherry Thomas, Gilreath



Sherry Gilreath - September 17, 2025 at 03:23 PM