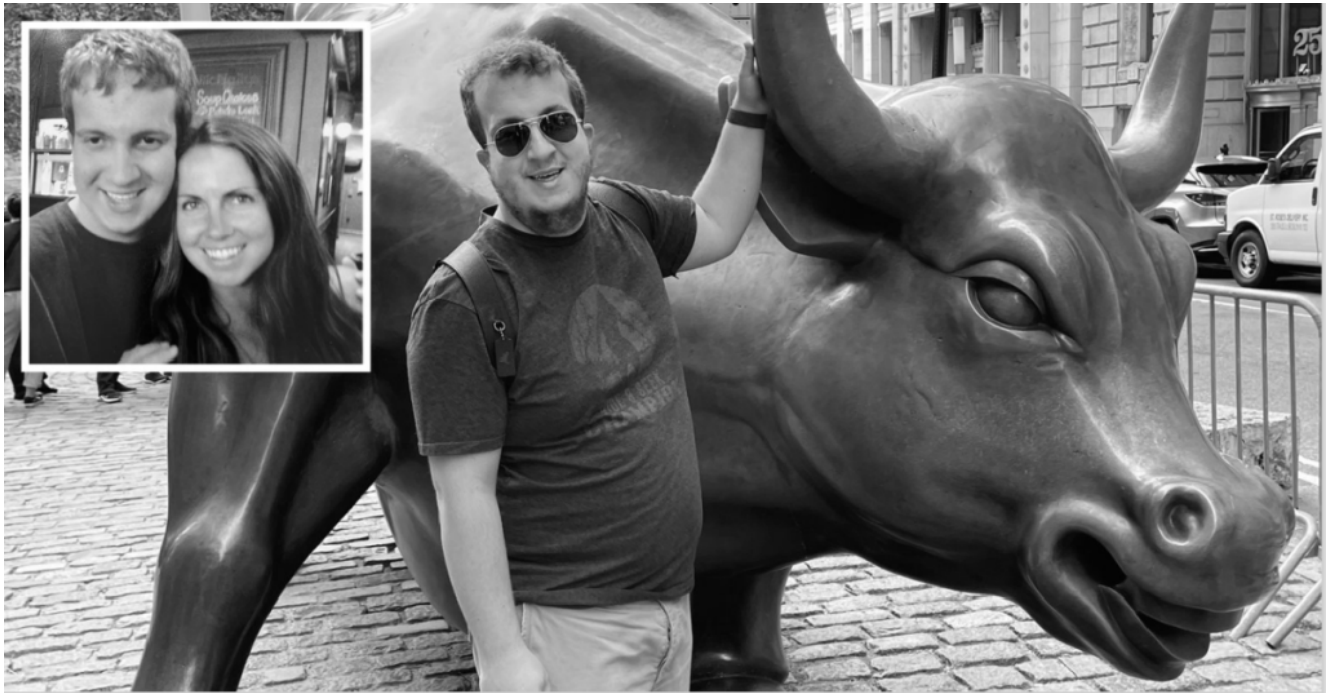


# Autopsy Confirms 26-Year-Old's Death From Myocarditis Directly Caused by Pfizer COVID Vaccine, CDC Ignores



A 26-year-old South Dakota man who died Nov. 12, 2021, of myocarditis – four days after his booster dose of Pfizer's COVID vaccine – had no idea he was experiencing a rare and supposedly “mild” heart problem after the shot.

[Joseph Keating's](#) only warning signs were fatigue, muscle soreness and an increased heart rate, family members said.

Joseph's father, mother and sister said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has not investigated Joseph's death. The agency also failed to contact the pathologist who performed the autopsy or request documents that confirmed Joseph's death was caused by the Pfizer shot.

According to the autopsy report and certificate of death, Joseph died from severe heart damage from “myocarditis in the

left ventricle due to the recent Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccine."

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

FACT OF DEATH NUMBER  
7972

STATE FILE NUMBER  
140-2021-008400  
DATE FILED: 12/10/2021

DECEDENT'S INFORMATION:  
NAME: JOSEPH G KEATING  
ALIAS:  
SEX: MALE  
DATE OF DEATH: 11/12/2021  
PLACE OF DEATH INFORMATION:  
TYPE: DECEDENT'S HOME  
FACILITY NAME OR ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
DATE OF BIRTH: 03/07/1995  
ARMED FORCES: NO  
AGE: 26 YEARS

DISPOSITION INFORMATION:  
METHOD: BURIAL  
CEMETERY: WOODLAWN CEMETERY  
LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS SOUTH DAKOTA  
CREMATORY:  
LOCATION:

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:  
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]  
PLACE OF BIRTH: SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME, IF WIFE MAIDEN NAME:  
FATHER'S NAME: WILLIAM KEATING  
MOTHER'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE: CALEEN WEINREIS  
INFORMANT INFORMATION:  
INFORMANT'S NAME: WILLIAM KEATING  
MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
FUNERAL HOME: MILLER FUNERAL HOME 507 SOUTH MAIN AVENUE SIOUX FALLS SOUTH DAKOTA 57104

MARITAL STATUS: NEVER MARRIED  
RELATIONSHIP: FATHER

FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE: TJADEN TERRI T  
CAUSE OF DEATH PART I:  
MULTIFOCAL MYOCARDITIS INVOLVING THE LEFT VENTRICLE AND SEPTUM

LICENSE NO: [REDACTED]  
INTERVAL:

PART II: RECENT PFIZER COVID 19 BOOSTER VACCINE

CORONER CONTACTED: YES  
ACTUAL OR PRESUMED TIME OF DEATH: 1959  
INJURY INFORMATION:  
DATE OF INJURY:  
INJURY AT WORK: TYPE OF WORK:  
PLACE OF INJURY:  
LOCATION OF INJURY:  
HOW THE INJURY OCCURRED:

AUTOPSY PERFORMED: YES  
AUTOPSY AVAILABLE: Y  
MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL CAUSES  
TIME OF INJURY:

CERTIFIER: VAN HEUKELOM AMY  
CERTIFIER'S ADDRESS: PO BOX 5039 SIOUX FALLS SOUTH DAKOTA 57117  
Amended: 12/10/2021 DEC DATE OF DEATH FROM 11/13/2021 TO 11/12/2021

SD LIC NO:

This is a true certification of the official Vital Record filed in the Department of Health as provided in Chapter 34-25 of the SOUTH DAKOTA CODIFIED LAWS.

ISSUED BY MINNEHAHA COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

*Mariah R Pokorny*  
MARIAH R POKORNY, STATE REGISTRAR  
DATE ISSUED: DECEMBER 13, 2021

*Julius D. Rist*  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
MINNEHAHA COUNTY

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Joseph's mother, Cayleen, said her son was pro-vaccine and worked in an environment where he needed to be vaccinated. According to Joseph's [vaccination cards](#), he received his first Pfizer shot on March 26, 2021, and the second dose on April 16.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card**

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

**Keating** **Joseph**  
Last Name First Name MI

**03/07/1995**  
Date of birth Patient number (medical record or IIS record number)

Vaccine	Product Name	Date	Healthcare or Clinic Site
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Pfizer/COVID-19 Lot:ER8733	3/26/21 mm dd yy	Sanford Health	
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Pfizer/COVID-19 Lot:EW0164	4/16/21 mm dd yy	Sanford Health	

Cayleen said her son, who didn't experience any negative adverse events after the first two doses, received a [third booster dose](#) on Nov. 8, 2021.



Reminder! Return for a second dose!  
¡Recordatorio! ¡Regrese para la segunda dosis!

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Healthcare</u>
Dose #	<u>Lot Number</u>		<u>or Clinic Site</u>
3	Pfizer/COVID-19	11/8/21	Sanford
	Lot: FE3590	mm dd yy	Health
Other Otra		mm dd yy	

Bring this vaccination record to every vaccination or medical visit. Check with your health care provider to make sure you are not missing any doses of routinely recommended vaccines.

For more information about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

You can report possible adverse reactions following COVID-19 vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at [vaers.hhs.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov).

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Lleve este registro de vacunación a cada cita médica o de vacunación. Consulte con su proveedor de atención médica para asegurarse de que no le falte ninguna dosis de las vacunas recomendadas.

Para obtener más información sobre el COVID-19 y la vacuna contra el COVID-19, visite [espanol.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://espanol.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

Puede notificar las posibles reacciones adversas después de la vacunación contra el COVID-19 al Sistema de Notificación de Reacciones Adversas a las Vacunas (VAERS) en [vaers.hhs.gov](https://vaers.hhs.gov).

"This was on a Monday," Cayleen said. "Tuesday and Wednesday he was fine, but Thursday morning – 72 hours after the booster – he called and said he had a sore throat."

Cayleen made her son some hot apple cider and he took throat lozenges and went to work, but within two hours he called her to pick him up because he was so fatigued he couldn't work.

When Cayleen asked him what was wrong, Joseph told her he had some muscle soreness, exhaustion and a sore throat.

"When we googled, 'what are your reactions to having the Pfizer vaccine,' a lot of the results say people deal with fatigue, muscle soreness and everything, so we both just brushed it off as reactions to the vaccine and it was no big deal," Cayleen said.

Joseph slept through Thursday. On Friday morning, he told his mother he would have to call into work again because he was too exhausted to go in. Cayleen visited Joseph and said he

appeared to be normal, other than fatigue and muscle soreness.

“He wasn’t really acting sick, just exhausted,” she said.

Cayleen, a critical care nurse of 35 years, took her son’s vitals and noted his temperature was up to 100.2 and his heart rate was elevated to 112. She thought it was related to the fever, so she gave him Tylenol.

Later that day, Joseph texted his mother that his fever was down. By 4:30 p.m., his oxygen was at 100%, but his heart rate was still elevated.

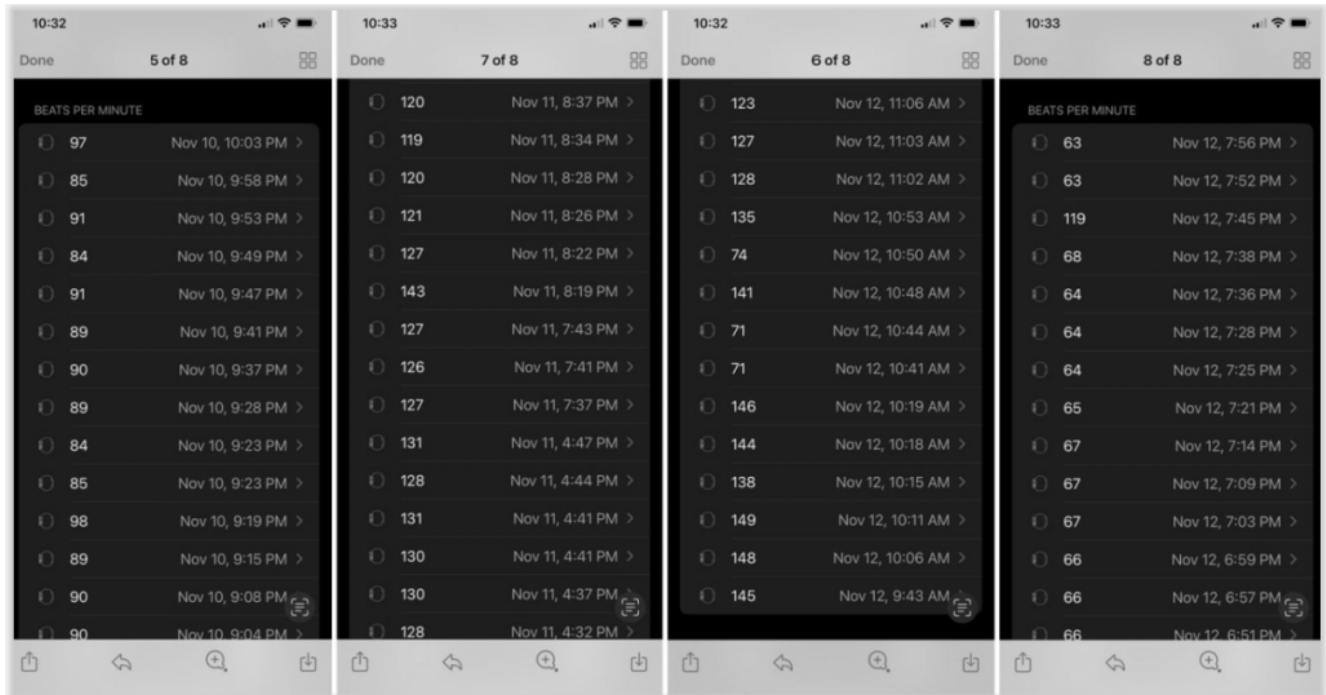
Joseph’s father, William, visited his son around 5 p.m. and they had dinner. William left at 6 p.m. Two hours later their son was dead.

The family knows when Joseph died because of the Apple Watch data they retrieved from his phone. Joseph had an app enabled that measured his heart rate up to the time of his death.

Cayleen said:

“He went to sit down in his recliner and when we [the family] came the next day we were able to pull up the data from his Apple Watch showing the exact time of his death and exactly what his heart rate was doing the past two hours.

“It showed he was beating at 100s all during the day and after 6 p.m., when he sat in the recliner, his heart rate dropped into the 60s, which was low for Joseph, who always had a resting heart rate in the 80s and 90s – and then it just stopped.”



Cayleen said when they found Joseph the next morning, there were no signs he knew he was going to die.

“He was even having a two-way conversation with several of his friends before his death. The phone and remote control were on his lap,” his mother said.

The family called 911 and detectives came to make sure it wasn't a crime scene because “26-year-olds don't just die,” Cayleen said.

When detectives separated Cayleen and her husband for questioning, she told the detectives the only thing she knew was that four days prior her son had received Pfizer's vaccine and he was having adverse reactions. Four days later he was dead.

## Autopsy shows Joseph died of myocarditis

After Joseph died, an [autopsy](#) had to be performed to confirm the cause of death.

[Joseph-Keating-Death-Report-FINAL\\_RedactedDownload](#)

“When they first did the preliminaries they couldn’t find anything – his heart looked normal,” Cayleen said. But “the pathologist said he was going to do 22 different slides to see what he could find.”

Meanwhile, Cayleen said she started hearing stories about young males getting myocarditis from COVID vaccines.

“I knew COVID could cause MIS-C [multisystem inflammatory syndrome], but nobody told me the vaccine was giving people myocarditis,” Cayleen said. “There’s a big difference between COVID giving you myocarditis and a vaccine giving you myocarditis and actually killing you.”

Cayleen said:

“When the pathologist looked at the 22 segments of Joseph’s heart, it showed the vaccine inflamed and attacked his entire heart. There was so much damage ... to the heart. It was full multi-focal myocarditis, and it wasn’t just affecting one part of his heart, it was attacking his whole septum and ventricles.”

Cayleen thinks her son developed so much inflammation from the booster that his heart developed a fatal arrhythmia that killed him instantly.

She spoke with several cardiologists who were surprised her son never experienced any type of chest pain.

“The hallmark signs as a parent that would prompt you to seek medical help were not given to me,” Cayleen said. “He didn’t know his heart was racing, or fluttering or becoming A-fib. All he complained about was the muscle soreness and fatigue.”

Joseph’s private physician called the family after his autopsy results were back and told Cayleen if she would have called him and informed him of Joseph’s symptoms, he would have said it was just a side effect of the vaccine.

"If we would have brought him in Thursday or Friday, nobody would have discovered it," Cayleen said.

Joseph's sister, Kaylee, said, "My brother felt he wasn't bad enough to seek medical attention because he wasn't having any symptoms, it just came out of nowhere."

"That's what is so amazing that he didn't have any chest pain, he didn't feel his heart flutter, he didn't have any shortness of breath," Cayleen said. "I mean two hours before he died he has 100 percent oxygen concentration. It just didn't show anything outside of an elevated heart rate."

Cayleen said she took a full set of vitals and her son just didn't feel sick. "When you're sick, you're in bed, but he just never felt that way. He just got into a rate the heart couldn't keep up with and he died."

Cayleen said she is thankful an autopsy was performed because it revealed her son died directly from the vaccine and the myocarditis he suffered was from the vaccine.

"It's documented proof," Cayleen said. "He died directly from the Pfizer booster."

## **CDC ignores reports of death caused by myocarditis**

Both Joseph's family and the pathologist submitted a report to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) (VAERS), but to this day, neither have been contacted by the CDC about Joseph's death.

"You would think the death of a child from a reaction to a COVID vaccine that's documented on the death certificate and autopsy, the CDC would have reached out to us immediately," Cayleen said. "You would think the CDC would have called the pathologist."



According to the [CDC website](#), the agency contacts people who meet the case definition for myocarditis following mRNA COVID vaccine and have submitted a report to VAERS.

To meet the case definition, people must have had “symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath and feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering or pounding heart, and medical tests to support the diagnosis of myocarditis and rule out other causes.”

This rules out deaths like Joseph’s, who wasn’t diagnosed with myocarditis prior to death and did not experience the symptoms that would normally fall under the CDC’s case definition.

The CDC website does not state what happens to these cases, but there is no indication they are tracked or included in the [CDC’s myocarditis numbers](#).

Cayleen said the state’s health department also has not investigated her son’s death, as they said they first needed to be contacted by the CDC.

“Nobody wants to touch it,” William said. “I’ve been calling the state health department the last few days and they keep saying they have to wait for the CDC and the facts. I told them the facts are in the autopsy, but they said they had to wait longer.”

Emails [obtained](#) by Judicial Watch on Jan. 6 through a Freedom of Information Request show the CDC is leaving it up to state health departments to investigate deaths following COVID vaccines, including the death of a 13-year-old boy who died from myocarditis three days after his second Pfizer shot.

Cayleen said:

*“We’ve heard no response. We contacted the local news station to get the word out that this happened, and they said their hands were tied. We called the pathologist, no comment. The*

*governor, no comment. The health department, no comment. The CDC, no comment. So, nobody's talking about it."*

Cayleen said her main goal in sharing her son's story is to let other families know this happened without any warning.

"Thirty-five years as a registered nurse, I should have known something was happening and I didn't know," she said. "There were no signs."

Cayleen said:

*"It's sad because it's like Joseph's death never occurred. I just don't get why we can't warn parents that something like this – to watch out. He didn't have any symptoms the first two days and then he developed symptoms the third day. But I didn't put it together because he didn't have the symptoms where you would think something was destroying his heart. But he was dead at four days.*

*"Joseph's been gone for two months and nobody knows that this boy gave his life for the greater good of America to get a booster."*

William said he doesn't feel like anybody wants to deal with the people who get sick or die following COVID vaccines.

Cayleen said her son was an innocent 26-year-old who was "doing everything right" by getting his vaccines and booster, but then died – and nobody wants to acknowledge it, accept it or tell her why.

## **Expert refuses to acknowledge deaths due to myocarditis**

In the autopsy report, the section associated with the brain

states there was a “mass composed of multiple vessels of varying size with retractile foreign material with giant cell inflammatory response and calcification; large-caliber vessel with thrombus.”

Kaylee and her mother said Joseph was born with an [arteriovenous malformation](#) (AVM) that had since been cured.

“The ‘foreign material’ is ‘super glue’ – which is the material [Joseph’s doctor] used to seal off the AVM,” Kaylee clarified. “The ‘mass’ was the calcification of the glue material.”

Cayleen said a brain angiogram performed on Oct 12, 2020, showed the AVM was cured – meaning it was all the way closed and sealed. So her son had no underlying condition at the time he received his Pfizer booster.

“Even the pathologist said his brain could be donated because there was no evidence of the AVM,” Kaylee said.

When Cayleen called Joseph’s brain doctor and explained her son had passed away from the booster, he told her about an “underlying study showing young adult males are getting myocarditis from COVID Pfizer boosters.”

“So here these world-renowned physicians know this but I don’t know this,” Cayleen said. “Joseph’s doctor knew right away it was the booster.”

As part of his monitoring, Joseph had received numerous cardiac tests over the years that revealed a healthy and normal heart.

Shortly after Joseph died, Cayleen went online to see if she could pull up any research data and found that [Dr. Jane Newburger](#) at Harvard Medical School recently conducted a [large research study](#) on myocarditis in adolescents and young adults. However, Newburger didn’t acknowledge any deaths.

Cayleen contacted Newberger and told her she had a 26-year-old healthy son who died of myocarditis after receiving his booster shot. Although they talked for an hour, Newberger was “in denial because Joseph was born with an AVM in his brain.”

Yet, he was on no daily medication at all and “was as normal as me and you,” Cayleen said. “He had just graduated college as a double major and his AVM was gone and sealed.”

## **No recourse for people injured by COVID vaccines**

Cayleen said there is no recourse for people who are injured by COVID vaccines, especially because we’re “in this emergency pandemic phase and can’t sue anybody.”

“We can’t say, ‘Oh, my God you’ve caused the death of our child,’ so we are left with all the expenses on us,” she added. “We just know that numbers need to be reported and parents need to be aware.”

Kaylee, who isn’t vaccinated, said the whole experience has been overwhelming.

“I’ve been in the underground the past year and have spoken to friends who have felt the same as me and informed me on the scary things that were happening with vaccines.”

Kaylee explained:

*“I am a 37-year-old young, healthy individual and I was more scared of the vaccine than I was of COVID, so I chose not to get it. When we found my brother, one of the first things my mom said, because we both looked at each other ‘like what happened,’ she said she got him his vaccines on Monday.*

*“I just went, these are the horror stories that I have been reading about – blood clots and scary things that were*

*happening to young healthy people, and though that was just heartbreaking, and living this nightmare now that I have read about is really just unbelievable. You know you hear these stories but to actually be living it is really hard."*

Kaylee said they're not sharing their story to tell people to get vaccinated or not, but to "encourage" others to ask health professionals for honest evidence and research on whether or not they should be vaccinated.

"For nobody to tell my mom of myocarditis is crazy," Kaylee said. "She should have known about these risks."

In a [social media post](#), Kaylee said:

*"If you knew Joseph, you knew he loved science and he was always pro-science and pro-vaccine. He trusted science and did his part. We understand Joseph represents a very rare and very small portion who experienced negative side effects from the vaccine, but we are choosing to share this news not by starting any controversy or retaliation or telling you to get vaccinated or not, we are sharing this in hopes that people understand that these reactions exist and are very real and to be rightly informed."*

Cayleen said her son had no previous history of COVID and it's scary to think people are being recommended to have boosters at five months without anyone looking into the adverse events this could cause.

Cayleen said:

*"I didn't want to take a risk of Joe having COVID so I wanted to protect him with the vaccine, but now I ask why it killed him. They need to do research into it. It was crazy we could develop a vaccine in a year's time when a normal vaccine takes 10 years to develop. There have to be so many unanswered questions out there and this is just one that*



*needs to be researched."*

Cayleen said she doesn't want her son's death to be in vain.

"I want answers and I want Pfizer and the CDC to call me and tell me what went wrong. I want to save another child."