



Jonathan Anthony Williams

September 17, 1985 - July 25, 2011

Jonathan A. Williams, 25, of Rockford was found dead Monday July 25, 2011, near Espenscheid Memorial Forest Preserve, having drowned in the Kishwaukee River after tubing Saturday. He is survived by daughter, Cadence, and her mother Amanda B.; father, Charles; mother, Marie; special mention to a special God Mother, Connie Mitchell; older brother, Christian; younger brother, Tyler; 2 half sisters, Terrie (Kevin) Armstrong, Tonya Jackson; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in Ohio, Chicago, Indiana, Washington and Texas; 2 nieces, Dayja & Keyra; 1 nephew, Christian Jr., and many other beloved family and friends. Attended Jefferson High School, where he played football, and Rock Valley College. Worked out and lifted weights regularly; loved music, movies, comics, tacos and Chinese food, UFC, sports, and being with his daughter. He was most influenced by Bruce Lee & James Dean. Jon had the biggest most beautiful smile that spread to others like wildfire, was a very easy going, fun & humorous man. Jon was an exceptionally wonderful father to his baby girl! Words will never fully accomplish the meaning of how much we all will miss Jonathan & the Great Spirit within him. "If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made up of." –Bruce Lee "If a man can bridge the gap between life and death, if he can live on after he's dead, then maybe he was a great man!" –James Dean "Real living is living for others" – Bruce Lee

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Our Saviors

Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural Street Rockford, at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Woody Knutson will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran
3300 Rural Street
Rockford, IL 61107

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Hello to anyone who may be able to help me connect with the Williams family.
I am Michael Walker and I was involved in the Chicago area Big Brothers/Big Sisters program; Christian was my 'little'.
I'm saddened to read of the passing of Christian's younger brother, Jonathan who I remember as being a wonderful younger brother.
My wife Ruthie and I were part of younger brother Tyler's Christening.
I was always grateful for the boys' parents, Marie and Chuck, and their thoughtful parenting, and their foresight that Christian could use some solid Big Brother mentoring back then...the early 1990's.
I'd love to somehow connect with Christian and the family but am not on social media. I can be reached at 401-480-0863.

Blessings to the Williams family.

Michael Walker - February 14, 2023 at 06:45 PM

PB

“ Pat And Ken Balentyne lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Anthony Williams



pat and ken balentyne - July 31, 2011 at 02:57 PM

PB

We are so saddened by the loss of your son, Jon. I remember all the boys when they were growing up on Calcutta Drive. I know they always called me "grandma", I still can picture the three of them sitting on my couch watching TV til it was time for them to go back to their house. Jon was so handsome as a young boy, well-dressed and polite. We truly feel your pain. Our prayers go out to you and your family, Chuck.

pat and ken balentyne - July 31, 2011 at 03:00 PM

PB

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pat and ken balentyne - July 31, 2011 at 03:02 PM

GA

i miss you cousin jon we miss you love garion cherry natalie

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MD

“ So Sorry to hear about this. I used to babysit Chris and Jon after school. I think I had more fun than they did? Always rough housing or playing some Super Mario. I missed both of them so much when I moved to AZ. Their family always treated me like one of their own and looked out for me. I only wish I would have had the pleasure of connecting with those guy's again. I totally agree with my Mom about his infectious giggle. Even though I was gone a long time I can tell he turned out to be one heck of a Man and Father. Rest In Peace Jonathan and I will be thinking of you and sending my Prayer's to your family.

Mike D

Michael deMaria - July 30, 2011 at 01:54 PM

KD

“ My memories were of Jonathan and Chris hanging with my son John, and Ben and Alex. They always were on some adventure in the neighborhood. I miss those days. Jonathan was soooo funny and had a great sense of humor and an infectious giggle. Rest in Peace Jon... There are so many people that love you. Prayers to your family. Kathy and Jim DeMaria

Kathy DeMaria - July 28, 2011 at 06:52 PM



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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - July 28, 2011 at 05:29 PM

TK

What a great picture of Jon and his daughter. We love you Jon and will miss you, but we know you are in our hearts forever and will always watch over us. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to your family and friends. You are at peace and filled with joy.

The Kiddell Family

Tricia Kiddell - July 29, 2011 at 08:29 AM

PB

Chuck, I remember Jon and his brothers coming to my house all the time. Three little boys sitting on my couch just passing the time. Jonathan was a handsome young man. I often wondered where the boys were these past few years. Never thought he was still in Rockford. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. We are so very sad to hear of this terrible loss.

Pat and Ken Balentyne

pat balentyne - July 29, 2011 at 06:50 PM

JD

Jonathan, Ben and I spent so much time together when we were young that it's hard to imagine that he's gone. I certainly will miss him, and I wish I could have had a chance to know the man and father he grew up to be. He will certainly be missed, and never forgotten for all the good that he put out in this world.

John DeMaria - July 30, 2011 at 07:39 PM