



Jonathan Dennis Phan

August 25, 1992 - August 19, 2020

Our loving son, grandson, brother, and friend, Jonathan Dennis Phan, known to his friends and family as Jon, passed away in Murray, Utah on August 19th, 2020 after a brief fight with renal failure. Jon was born in Escondido, California, on August 25th, 1992. He was born with Asperger's Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, but these never slowed him down. He was determined to be treated like everyone else and lived as normal of a life as he could. He had a rough start with life, but was shown his true value to others when he was adopted, along with

his two older sisters, by Dennis and Lisa Phan in October 1994. Though he started out in Special Education, he was able to work his way into mainstream school and graduated from Olympus High School with the rest of his class in 2010. He also worked hard and earned his Eagle Scout rank in 2008.

To those who knew Jon, he was kind, generous, witty, and had an infectious laugh that could make anyone smile. He wanted to do the right thing, and lived his life helping and lifting everyone who was lucky enough to become close to him. At a young age, Jon became an avid

reader. He especially loved listening to audiobooks, and was often found reading or playing a game while listening to a good book.

More than anything, Jon loved being an uncle. Even with having Asperger's Syndrome, he was extremely patient with his nieces and nephews and loved to dote on them. He had a knack for finding the perfect gifts for them. He could often be found sitting with them, reading a book or playing a game with them.

Jon was preceded in death by his mother, Lisa. He is survived by his father, Dennis; his siblings Anthony and Christa; Carolyn and children Kathleen and Connor; Grace and family, Jonathan Kackstaetter with their children Emma, Lauren, and Joshua; grandparents Virgil and Lela Kovalenko, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A viewing will be held from 9-10 am on Monday, August 24th, 2020 at the Olympus 4th Ward building at 2700 East 4500 South, Holladay, Utah 84124. A private funeral will be held afterwards from 10-11 am, by invitation only. He will be interred alongside his mother at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary following the funeral service. There will be a gathering after his internment at the pavilion near the playground at Olympus Hills Park, located at 3131 E

4500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84124, and all are invited to attend to visit with the family. Please bring your own lunch if you wish to join us. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Children's Center or Primary Children's Hospital. Until we meet again, bud.

In loving memory of Jon, please bring a sticker that reminds you of him that we can put on his casket.

We will be broadcasting the service live on Facebook for those who would like to attend from a distance.

Cemetery

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

3401 S Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, UT, 84106

Events

AUG 24 **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Olympus 4th Ward
2675 East 4430 South, Holladay, UT, US, 84124

AUG 24 **Graveside Service** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park
3401 S Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT, US,
84106

Comments



“ Jonathan was a sweet soul. He sat behind me while we worked together at Mountain America Credit Union. He always made me smile everyday that we worked together. I knew that he genuinely cared for me. I could also tell that he cared for the people he was help on the phones, too. I will miss his sunshine in my life.
Agnes Tucker

Agnes Tucker - August 24, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ I was so sad to here about Jonathan's passing. Jonathan was an amazing Co-worker. Our training was a very tight knit group and we were pretty close here at Mountain America Credit Union. Jonathan had a great sense of humor and was on of the kindest people I have ever crossed paths with. Jonathan and I shared many talks at lunch and he would always let me sit him so I didn't have to eat alone. He is going to be missed. I am so glad I got to meet him.



Candace Finau - August 24, 2020 at 12:09 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home - August 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ Jonathan and I worked together at Larry H. Miller Honda. He was a diligent worker and was very reliable. I noticed early on that he was always positive and supported his coworkers. He made a difference in the day of many customers and peers. My heart is heavy hearing of his passing. I am sorry for the families loss, I am grateful that I was able to know Jon and work with him.

scott harding - August 21, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ I was so shocked to hear of Jonathan passing away!! I feel so blessed that I knew Jonathan since he was just little. Dennis was never without holding little Jonathan. He fit perfectly in the crook of his arm. I had him in my Sunday School class and his laughter was so infectious!!! He had such a sweet smile and I adored him!!!
I know he has returned home to a loving Heavenly Father and how wonderful for Lisa to have her son return home. Until we meet again Jonathan, thank you for blessing my life with your sweet spirit!!

Cynthia Olson - August 23, 2020 at 12:03 AM



“ I am sharing your heartbreak at the sad news that Jonathon has passed away. He was an inspiration to me and I always enjoyed visiting with him in your home. He was so kind and thoughtful and he will be sorely missed but forever remembered. I had the honor to see him receive his Eagle Scout Award and no one worked harder or deserved it more! He was a very special person I dearly loved. Sending each of you my love and deepest sympathy at this difficult time.

Ellen Urquidi - August 23, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Jonathan was truly a very special person who touched my heart whenever I listened to him in church. Although it has been a while, I will never forget his sweet and sincere prayers during the sacrament. Listening to him always drew me nearer to Our Heavenly Father as he captivated and showed reverence in his deeds and words. He always had a welcoming smile and endearing spirit. I pray that Bro Phan, siblings of Jon and other relatives may find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Happy Birthday in heaven Jon.

Juanita Jordan - August 25, 2020 at 12:59 AM