



Jonathan L Matson

February 22, 1972 - January 18, 2019

Jonathan Lee Matson, 46 of Galena, KS died January 18, 2019 at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born February 21, 1972 in Kansas City, Missouri the son of Johnnie and Patricia (Portwood) Matson.

He graduated from the Pittsburg High School with the Class of 1990, he then went on to PSU where he graduated with a bachelors degree in communication.

On March 14, 1998 he was united in marriage to Kerri Evans in Galena, KS; she survives of the home.

Jon was honored to be ISL Coordinator at Easy Living, Inc. because he was proud of this organization and he loved working with individuals with special needs.

He attended the Galena United Methodist Church, but grew up in Free Holiness in Pittsburg, KS.

He was a longtime volunteer with Special Olympics. He coached several youth sports teams that his sons were a part of in Pittsburg and Columbus, KS. He was very active in the Joplin Little Theatre, the Cherokee County Arts Association, and church plays. He was passionate about music and had been a member of several bands and had played drums at church. He also owned Mushi's DJ service. His greatest accomplishment was being a father. He loved teaching his children about some of his favorite things, such as fishing, the Kansas City Chiefs, the Kansas City Royals, WWE, and music.

Additional survivors include his four children: Kolby, Brody, Samuel Matson all of the home and Monica Matson of Ft. Worth, TX, His mother Patty Matson and sister Jennifer Matson both of Pittsburg, beloved Uncle & best friend Randy Jones and aunt Mary, cousins Alex Jones, Stephanie Mburu and her children, Myra, Carissa, Weeza; His parents by marriage Larry and Shirley Evans, sister and brother in law Misty and Justin Smith, his nieces and nephews, Kris, Kenna, Kynlee, and Knox Corum, Brant Remmington, Jazzy and Tysie Smith, Destiny and Iyionna Basauri.

He was preceded in death by his father John Matson, paternal grandmother Daisy Matson and his maternal grandparents Frank and Geraldine Portwood.

Funeral services will be 2pm Thursday, January 24 at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg with Rev. Dorcia Johnson and Rev. Clayton Cooper officiating. Burial will follow

in the Rosebank Cemetery in Mulberry, KS. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 pm Wednesday. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Memorials may be made to Jon Matson Children's Education Fund; these may be left at or mailed to the funeral home.

Cemetery

Rosebank Cemetery

Corner of S. Kansas St. & Cemetery St.

Mulberry, KS, 66756

Events

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory -
Pittsburg

522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

JAN **Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Kerri, Sam, Monica, Kolby and Brody,... Jon was such an interesting guy. I saw him at Church and worked with him on Christmas plays. He was very talented and always made his characters bigger than life. I am so thankful that I knew him. He will be sorely missed by everyone at Church. He will always be in the hearts of those that knew him and, especially, those that were part of his family. I know how much he loved you, Kerri, and Sam, Monica, Kolby and Brody. My grandson, Jax, was initially upset (the loss he felt). Then, that changed to how he knew you all must be feeling. You all are in our hearts and in our prayers. We love you, Nellie Hoskins and family

Nellie Hoskins - January 25 at 12:25 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kerri, Jon's children, Patty and Jennifer. I had the privilege of living across the street from Jon and spent most of my childhood days playing in the neighborhood with him. My grandmother and mom both thought the world of him and my mom even thought of him as a second son. I will always cherish the memories of Jon and the stories about Jon from others. Jon will be very missed!

Chris Haynes

Chris Haynes - January 24 at 09:44 AM



“ I had the privilege of knowing Jon for a little over a year through my work. Some of the best traits that stand out in my mind were Jon's laughter and smile. Every time I spoke to Jon he would always have such a positive attitude, would shake your hand, and greet you with a smile. My prayers go out to the family and friends.

Sincerely,

Jacob Hughes

Jacob - January 24 at 09:22 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan L Matson.





“ I've known Jon since we were in grade school. I had the pleasure of seeing Pearl Jam and Metallica with Jon. I was also lucky to attend a Chiefs game with him. At that game he wore a full headdress, had his face painted and of course was totally clad in Chief's gear. He wasn't very pleased with me because all I had was a Chief's hat. I had to purchase a shirt at the game to get more inline with the program. He taught me what being a fan of a sports team really means.

I'll never forget the hide and seek game we played in the neighborhood on W Forest on summer nights. You could hear Jon yell and laugh from a mile away. He was always on the lookout for the prowler.

We spent many days and nights fishing at Lakeside park. On one occasion, during the fishing derby while fishing for Moby Dick Horton, the giant catfish, Jon thought he hooked him. Something had his line and he was yelling and screaming that he had Moby Dick. "I got him...I've got Moby Dick!" At about the same time, a guy on the other side of the lake set his hook and thought he had a big fish on as well. It didn't take long to realize that Jon and the guy across the lake had hooked into each other. We had a pretty good laugh about that one.

My thoughts and prayers are with Kerri, his kids and the rest of the family. I'll know that we will all miss Jon very much.

Vic Walker - January 23 at 07:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan L Matson.



January 23 at 06:49 PM



“ Our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. You are in our prayers!



liz turner - January 23 at 06:21 PM



“ I just can't believe Jon's gone it's just so hard to believe he D J'd at our birth days we had her together me and my son and my daughter a party in our back yard and he was perfect and he dj'd at several shrine events. I'm so sorry for his family. He will be missed.

Sheri Smith - January 23 at 05:04 PM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of Jon's passing! Your family is in our hearts and prayers!! May the Peace that passes all understanding be with you all! In His Love, Hoyt and Debby Johnson and Families



Debby Johnson - January 23 at 02:25 PM



“ Rob, Sonya, Fischer, and Macee Troxel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jonathan L Matson.



Rob, Sonya, Fischer, and Macee Troxel - January 23 at 07:25 AM



“ I talked to Jon all the time. He played a pivotal role in my life these past 5 years in his work at Ozark Center. By pivotal i mean that without him in my life I am not sure where I'd be right now. After he moved on from Ozark Center we became friends. We dj'd together, fun events and horrible ones, lol. Concerts, some really horrible ones. Lately he would call real fast and say -- so what really happened -- and he'd have this cheesy radio voice 'Joplin News First!' haha! My mind is racing to remember all the things we talked about. We talked about anything.

When I think about how thankful I am for Jon and what he gave to me? It takes my breath away. I was drowning and he was in the lifeboat. I had to do the work to swim to the boat but he reached out and pulled me in. I wish I could tell him again, Thank you. He told me I was going to make it. Stay the course, be patient and I would make it. I did make it.

My birthday is Jan 3, his is Feb 22. He enjoyed those 50 days of the year when I was older. He ALWAYS reminded me, even Wednesday when I talked to him last, 'how does it feel old man!' and then his laugh trails off, we all knew his laugh.

Kerri and Patty thank you. He talked about you both often. My heart is truly hurt by your loss.

Shannon Becker - January 23 at 12:50 AM



“ Jon Matson ive know him about 15 years. I worked with him at Bridges. I had a nickname for him. He always wore cargo short and boots. One day someone needed him down the hall and he took off running i hollared run forest run after that i called him forest gump. He was a very caring personal and very dedicated to his family. He will be missed. R.I.P. Jon

Christina Hatfield - January 22 at 07:11 PM