



Jonathan Oakes

August 28, 1966 - July 25, 2019

Jonathan Lee Oakes 52, of Sterling Heights, Michigan died suddenly on July 25, 2019. Jonathan was born in Canton, Ohio on August 28, 1966. He spent his childhood in Florida and Colorado. He attended Colorado State University where he obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering. After college he moved to the Troy, Michigan to work for Electrical Data Systems (EDS). He had a 30-year career in the automotive industry. He worked for several companies including General Motors, Chrysler and WABCO.

Throughout his entire life, Jonathan had a love of the outdoors, and particularly fishing. He loved to fish --especially for bass. He joined a fishing club and competed in local bass fishing tournaments. He fished in a few pro-am tournaments and thoroughly enjoyed being out on Lake Saint Claire fishing for smallmouth bass. His bassboat was his most prized possession. He also liked watching sports of any kind and if he was watching a game he was always cheering for his favorite team or booing for the opposing team.

Soon after moving to Michigan, Jonathan joined the Jaycees. There he met many people who would become lifelong friends. He had many leadership roles in the Jaycees. He ran community service projects for needy children and others in the community. While in the Jaycees he met Lisa Pierce who became his wife.

On October 8, 1999 Jonathan married Lisa Pierce. Jonathan and Lisa were blessed with two wonderful children. He was so proud to be the father of Lauren and Kevin. He was a devoted husband and father. He loved his kids

and celebrated their accomplishments. He loved to watch the kids play sports, perform in theater productions and play their musical instruments.

Jonathan was the life of the party and was always fun to be around. He had a huge smile and a big heart. He was always willing to lend a hand to a friend in need. He was a true leader and often assumed the leadership role when something needed to get done in an efficient manner. When a good friend became disabled, he gathered a group of friends and built her a wheelchair ramp in just one day.

Jonathan is survived by his wife, Lisa and children Lauren and Kevin, his father Orin and stepmother, Chris. He has two sisters Adrienne and Heather and seven nieces and nephews: TJ, Kalee, Ashleigh, Dylan, Jackson, Kellen and Harrison. He was predeceased by his mother, Karen.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Monday July 29 at Mandziuk Funeral Home 3801 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 30th at 1 p.m. at St. John Episcopal Church 26998 Woodward Royal Oak, MI 48067. A graveside service will be held immediately afterward at Roseland Park Cemetery 29001 Woodward Ave Berkley, MI.

The family would like to extend their thanks for the outpouring of love and support they have been given during this time. From the folks that dropped everything and came to the hospital to the meals and offers of anything needed. We are truly thankful and blessed by our friends and their support. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to the college funds of Lauren and Kevin.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

Berkley, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Funeral Service

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

St. John Episcopal Church
26998
Woodward Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall



“ *Jonathan Oakes*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Jonathan Oakes*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



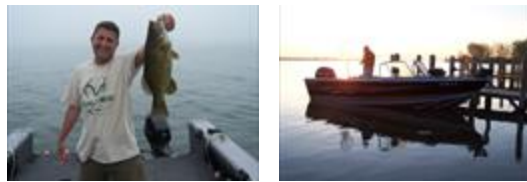
“ *My most sincere condolences to the family of fine Gentleman and true profesional who always did the right thing.*

Mike Cutajar

Michael Cutajar - August 27, 2019 at 01:59 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Ron Bullock - July 31, 2019 at 08:50 AM



Many pleasant memories of time on the water with Jonathan

Ron Bullock - July 31, 2019 at 10:10 AM

BK

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family as you go through this difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace as you mourn your loss. I worked with Jonathan at BAE Systems several years ago, and I always remember how kind Jonathan was. He was such a hard worker and took pride in what he did. Jonathan will certainly be missed by many. I will continue to pray for you and your family.

Brad Krul - July 30, 2019 at 05:21 PM

ST

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Jonathan, you will be in my prayers. I have worked with Jonathan for several years, and beyond always being full of innovative ideas, his love for his family and children were at the forefront. May your hearts be full of peace. Best wishes, Sandy Thomson

Sandra Thomson - July 30, 2019 at 08:43 AM

TC

“ Jonathan and I worked together many years ago, when he was EDS and I was new to GM - the mid 90's. We worked on IVED together at GM for several years - making it work. It was one of those making lemons from lemonade things - and Jonathan never got discouraged - and maintained that positive can-do-it attitude that he always seemed to have with him. At a moment's notice he would help out, with a smile, a laugh - and sometimes a friendly reminder to keep it real. His kindness, attitude, and personable approach really helped foster a great team working together to solve some tough problems - on what was at the time - the frontier of electrical CAD design work.

I happened to come across Jonathan a couple times in the last two years - in the hallways and tunnels at GM - and as was his way, he greeted me without hesitation and with a handshake and overflowing smile. Thanks, Jonathan. To your family - know that Jonathan made a difference not only through his work but with the people he worked with. God bless him and you all, as I hope to one day pass him again in the halls of our Lord - and await a handshake and smile that I know he will extend.

Thomas Catsburg
A General Motors Colleague

Thomas Catsburg - July 30, 2019 at 12:24 AM

FF

“ From Nathan Ampunan & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jonathan Oakes.



From Nathan Ampunan & Family - July 29, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan Oakes.*



July 29, 2019 at 11:42 AM



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NATHAN AMPUNAN - July 29, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Jonathan's family. Jonathan and I worked together for several years and I considered him a friend. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Amanda Kalhous - July 29, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss. Esther Anderson*

Esther Anderson - July 29, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan Oakes.*



July 29, 2019 at 07:21 AM



“ *Lisa, Our thoughts and prayers to you, Lorene & Kevin at this time. Words can't express how saddened we were to hear the sudden news on Friday just minutes before having to leave the State for a friends funeral down South.*

The one kind word that Jennifer & I have to send to everyone is that we both believe that some day when were invited into our eternal life it will be a blessing to see John beside the gates of heaven inviting us home.

Thanks Again for being the most kind and Loving Neighbors.

Sincerely, Al & Jennifer Burbary

Allen Burbary - July 28, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jonathan Oakes.*



July 28, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan Oakes.*



July 28, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *Jeffrey Lakatosh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jonathan Oakes.*



Jeffrey Lakatosh - July 28, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Jonatahn is one of my best friends and has always been a source of strength and motivation to make me a better person. He and Lisa have helped me, and my family through so much of late, I do not know what I would uave done without his support and friendship. He will be missed by all who knew him.*



My heartfelt ptayers go out to his friends and family

Jeffrey Lakatosh - July 28, 2019 at 08:45 AM



Sorry for the egregious misspelling. This is what happens when done spontaneously from a phone

Jeffrey Lakatosh - July 28, 2019 at 08:47 AM

AJ

Heartfelt prayers go out to Jonathan's surviving family. I had occasion to work with Jonathan a few years back. He will be missed.

Adrian James - July 29, 2019 at 01:00 PM