



## Jonathan Ricker

August 24, 2010

### Obituary of Jonathan Ricker

Jonathan Mark Ricker went safely and securely into the arms of God on August 24, 2010. He was 28 years old. Jonathan was a lifetime resident of Lake County, Florida. Jonathan owned Jon Ricker's Painting in Leesburg. He spent his childhood playing and exploring in his grandparent's fields in Lady Lake. Jonathan was a gifted student who enjoyed art, music, and playing sports. As a young man, he was thoroughly committed to both his family and friends. Jonathan was very generous and enjoyed helping others. He led a ministry to Savannah Manor in Leesburg, where he would often go a couple times per month to play Bingo and visit the elderly residents. Jonathan believed in speaking ones' mind, living life on the edge, and loving his friends unconditionally. Jonathan will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Danielle Parker Ricker; his parents, Dell Ricker and Mark Ricker; grandparents, Claire Ricker, Alice Vanderhorst and Robert Vanderhorst; brothers, Steven Ricker, Adam Ricker, and Nathan Ricker; sister and brother-in-law, Krista and Ricky Fay; sister, Isis Ricker; and cousins, nephews, niece and many other family and friends.

### Visitation

Family will greet friends from 1:00-2:00 PM at Wildwood Assembly of God.

## Services

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Wildwood Assembly of God with Pastor Danny Harvey officiating.

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Sorry for your loss Thoughts and Prayers with the family*

Karol Potts - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Mark, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our prayers.*

Fran and Ray Sherman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Dear Mark and Del: As I was dealing with my own father's rapid decline I received word of your great loss. We have been thinking and praying for you, understanding that only Christ himself can help you walk through this. In Christian love, Art Ayris*

Art Ayris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Dell, our hearts and prayers are with you. God Bless and keep you in the palm of his hands. Keep your eyes on God and he will see you thru this most difficult of times. Know you have many many friends who love you dearly. Count us as two of those friends and know if there is anything you need or we can help in any way.....we are here for you and your family! God Bless each of you and remember he is always with us even in our darkest hours. Love Thom and Linda Weekley*

Thom and Linda Weekley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say... but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly; you're part of my plan. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too... that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain, then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain." And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free, remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author) © Copyright 1998-2010 <http://www.ruthann1.com>

**Brenda Bailey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Dell, Dear Mark, Our hearts go out to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss.

**Jerry and Natalie Hicks** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ My sincere condolences and sympathy to Danielle and the entire Ricker family! No one expects to lose a husband/loved one so suddenly or at such a young age! May you find comfort in memories and strength in each other.

**Nancy Jones** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ this beautiful man was my son n law and i was really looking forward to a long and great relationship. i am so sorry danielle, you are so strong and you make me proud. we will never forget jon. i wish i could go back and talk to him for about a day. i would tell him that he had good taste and that i appreciate him loving you so fully. it made my heart jump when he kissed you during church, you desrve more time with him , God knows best and i know he will make it up to you as Jon will urge him on...even if he has to confront him openly. you and jon and God had no secrets from one another. may God bless jon's mom and dad and brothers and sisters. God bless you danielle, my heart is breaking for you. Dad

**daddy o [daniel parker]** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I pray for and think about your family everyday. May God bring you comfort and answers. Love you Danielle.

**The Boyett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Deat Ricker Family, Your loss is so great and felt by so many people who knew & loved Jon. Our hearts grieve for you. We are thankful for His promise, God will never leave us or forsake us. May you know His peace & strength in the days ahead. We recall many Lance & Jonathan moments. Some funny, some scary and some only they will know (thank you God.) They have become memories of a friendship that endured much because they loved each other much. Our prayers and Love, Jim and Stacy Hanson

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**The Hanson Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So devastated for your loss....praying for the whole family.....

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**The Walsh Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Please know that your families are in my prayers, and I'm so sorry for your loss. It's heartbreaking to lose someone so young, but know that he is with God, and Jon is watching over you now. May he rest in peace.

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**Nikki Walters** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dear Mark & Dell, We cannot express our sympathy deeply enough. The loss of a child is the greatest heartache a parent can experience. The Lord who experienced such loss must have a special plan for Jonathan just as he did for his own son. I know he will ease your pain and guide you through this sad time. My Dad always said it's hard on the one's left behind, but Oh, what Glory for those who have left us!

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**David & Nola Jenzen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I'm am deeply sorry for your loss. I along with my family are keeping you close in thought and in our hearts during this most difficult time.

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**Tabatha Roberts** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To Jon's Family: Jon and I have been out of touch for several years, but I have always considered him a dear friend and often think of him. We met in middle school when Jon joined the Gifted classes at Carver Middle. He was a great friend and I can recall so many funny memories of our little group because Jon always made class interesting. He is deeply missed, but I hope you can rest today in the assurance that you will see him again in eternity. Praying for you during this time and very sorry that I won't be able to make the services on Saturday.

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**Janet Osborne Johnson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We are soooooo sorry, please let us know if there is anything we can do besides pray for you.

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**Michael and Kit** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ We are so saddened to hear of your lose. We take peace in knowing he and Danielle lead a very happy life together. It was way to short. He will be dearly missed. Our hearts and our prayers are with Danielle and all the family members during this very difficult time. We also take peace in knowing he's with the lord. May God hold you and comfort you. We love you, Uncle Marvin & Aunt Val

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**Marvin & Valerie** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Mr.Ricker & Mrs. Ricker, My condolences on the loss of Jonathan. He was a true friend and a brother to me and many others. "Ricker" my brother you will forever be in our hearts. R.I.P. bro!*

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**Jeff Rolling** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *So very sorry for your loss you are being lifted up in prayer.*

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**Suzie Nelson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *May the Lord comfort you during this time. Jonathan was a wonderful young man.*

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**patricia** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I enjoyed knowing John from both Leesburg High School and Spanish Oaks. He always had a smile and a wave. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his extended family.*

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**Bill Hayes** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jonathan Ricker*

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