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Tomorrow is a Gift Not a Guarantee

Family and friends of Jonathan P. Gove are still asking the question, "Why?" Jonathan, son of June (Heino) Gove and Les Gove of Hudson, New Hampshire died on June 11, 2004 from injuries sustained from an automobile accident. The funeral was held at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home and the funeral mass was celebrated at St. Kathryn Church. Father Gary's words inspired and comforted all attendees. He spoke of Jonathan's baptism, Jonathan being one of God's children and assured everyone that Jonathan would have eternal life and peace with God. Jonathan, we are told, is in a better place; however without him we will forever be changed.



On February 20, 1981 only four weeks after his birth, his new parents June and Les welcomed their baby boy into their home and hearts. They chose the name Jonathan because of its meaning, "a Gift of God", and he truly was.

They have certainly been blessed by sharing Jonathan's short life.

As a baby Jonathan was loved and nurtured by his parents as well as their large families and friends. He was a typical little boy whose eyes lit up when he smiled. That smile was contagious and was enjoyed by all he encountered.

Two year old Jonathan would take his Memere's cane, use it as a microphone, and sing and dance to her. This is one of the many fun times that they shared. When she died Jonathan was 5, Aunt Pauline knew how much Jonathan loved and would miss her. She gave him Memere's crucifix. Jonathan hung it on his bedroom wall just like Memere did in her bedroom. He even hung it on his bedroom wall in South Carolina during his college years.





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At the age of three and a half Jonathan's sister Megan was born. There was a bond that was indescribable. He showered his sister with kisses and hugs and couldn't wait for her to get big so she would play with him.



Jonathan's creative mind was evident at a very young age. His Legos and Constructs were transformed into amazing things. He would turn items normal people would disregard into a project that would occupy him and Megan for hours. Whether it would be an empty box (climb in and close the cover for his disappearing act) or scraps of wood to build little houses and tree houses.

Summers were enjoyed at the Gove family cottage on Stinson Lake. Jonathan, Megan, and Cousin Shawn love the water and learned to swim, water-ski, and other water sports at an early age. They never sat idle even on rainy days with the board games, cards, fishing, and playing in the rain looking for salamanders and night crawlers.

Jonathan loved animals and would spend hours in the petting areas during vacation trips. He got his "best present ever" a chocolate lab puppy, Toby, on his 10th birthday. We are not sure who took care of whom, but they certainly learned a lot from each other. Taking care of a puppy is a big responsibility as Jonathan soon found out!



Jonathan, Megan, and their mom and dad spent a lot of quality time and enjoyed being together. Vacationing in the White Mountains many attraction spots, Disney World trips, Southern Caribbean Cruise, Myrtle Beach during Jonathan's college years and the every day to day time spent together will be cherished.



At the Heino family gatherings Jonathan and his cousin Ben were partners in everything including the bid whist card games. They would love playing against their dads, Les and Roger their "true nemesis". With 25 family members you can imagine all the teasing and laughter that took place over the years.



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He attended the Hudson schools and played basketball and baseball for the town recreation leagues. While attending Alvirne High School Jonathan



worked at the Green Meadow Golf Course, Sadler Insurance Agency, and Golf and Ski Warehouse to cover his car, insurance, and other personal expenses. He loved grown-up toys (cars, trucks, boats, jet skis, etc.) and quality clothes. He would not settle for less than what he wanted. He would work and save until he could afford the item and if it was gone it wasn't meant to be.

In Jonathan's yearbook he wrote, "To my sister, Megan, always remember to strive for what you believe in, that makes you who you are. And to my parents, I leave 18 yrs. of wonderful memories. The one change you gave me made the difference in what I could've been to who I am now. You have loved me every minute of every hour of every day and I thank you."

There was no question whether Jonathan would attend college. His cousins Ben, Adam, Shawn, and Corey were excellent role models, who attended college and received degrees in their chosen fields.

Cousin Adam and Jonathan took a road trip to check out colleges and made it as far as Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While visiting the area later with his family, they stopped to inquire about rates at a golf course near their motel the first night they arrived. When Jonathan rolled down his window of the car to ask, there was Bobby McCullough, one of Jonathan's high school golf teammates and Tommy, one of Megan's Middle school classmates. The McCullough family Bob, Lucy, and Tommy had moved from Hudson to South Carolina for the warm weather because Bob has multiple sclerosis and also to be near their son Bobby.

Jonathan called them his Myrtle Beach family. He would have Lucy cook him macaroni and cheese and meatloaf, spend holidays with them when he couldn't come to New Hampshire, and visit Bob and Lucy even when Bobby and Tommy weren't there. "He took to my dad like no one else has," Bobby McCullough said. Jonathan would not hesitate to pick up Bob when he fell walking or help in any way without being asked. It seemed he knew just what was needed especially when Bob needed cheering up.



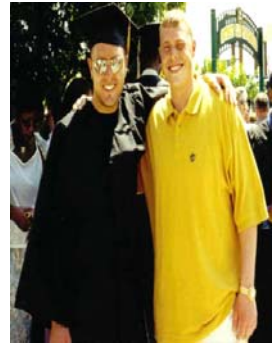


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Jonathan and Bobby spend many hours golfing and became the best of friends. He lived with Bobby during his final year of college after selling his condo. He was also very close to Tommy. They would spend many hours fishing and Jonathan helped him get a job at the Outback Steakhouse.

After graduating from Alvirne High School in 1999, Jonathan received the following degrees: Associates of the Arts (2001) from Horry Georgetown, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance (2003) at Coastal Carolina University, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Southern New Hampshire University will award Jonathan's family a posthumous honorary degree in his name on September 15th, the university's next degree conferral date. Jonathan had been working toward his MBA degree at the university.



Being the independent and individual Jonathan was he worked full time while attending college and was a member of the Accounting Club and Finance Club at Coastal Carolina University. While in Myrtle Beach he worked at the Prestwick Golf Course as well as the Outback Steakhouse and California Pizza during the peak seasons. He currently was working at Marvin Windows and Doors Showcased by Millwork Masters full time while attending Southern New Hampshire University for his MBA.

Megan has always looked up to her brother with admiration and she says, "He is the best example for me to follow." She has set her goals high like Jonathan and will be attending her third year at Ithaca College this fall.

Jonathan has given so much happiness to his family with his thoughtful ways, dynamic smile, motivation to achieve his highest goals, and family values.

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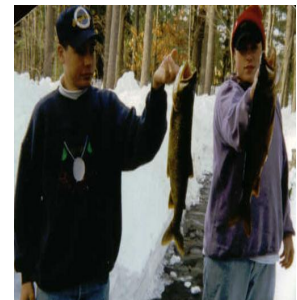
God brings us into this world for a purpose. We believe Jonathan touched anyone he encountered. He enjoyed and communicated effectively with children, his peers, and elders of all ages. Jonathan was very goal oriented and he would want us to follow his example by setting personal goals that would add happiness and fulfillment to our lives. So set a personal goal in

Jonathan’s name and when you achieve this goal Jonathan will be smiling down at you.

June, Les, and Megan would like to send their deepest gratitude to employees at BAE Systems, Nashua Corporation, Weston Technology, Marvin Windows and Doors Showcased by Millwork Masters, Myrtle Beach area Businesses and friends, St. Kathryn parishioners, friends, family and the community at large for their generosity, kind words, thoughts, and prayers.

A few of Jonathan’s friends and co-workers remembering an amazing person

Garrett and Jonathan would spend hours fishing, bike riding, and basketball, and being best friends growing up. Garrett said, “We have been best friends since we were kids. We were like brothers and we never lost that closeness even when miles separated us. I will remember him always.”



Jared writes: Jonathan is a man I look up to and strive to parallel. I’ve never met anyone who had such respect for others, as did Jonathan. He was a “forever friend” one that would always be there to talk to, to hang with, and do stupid things with. He was my best friend. My go-to-



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guy whenever there was anything I needed or just wanted to say Hi. He was there for me. He knew how to make me feel confident when I felt insecure. He knew how to make me laugh. Never forget Jonathan and the things he has taught you and he will always be with us.

Chris remembers the good times on the slopes snowboarding and hours on the golf course with Jonathan. "Remembering Jonathan will be easy because he is in my heart."

Employee at Prestwick Country Club in Myrtle Beach writes: Jonathan was far more than a mere employee; he was an outstanding employee, a friend, and a shining example of how we wish more of today's youth would conduct themselves. He was a very accomplished young man in school, work, socially, and even showed incredible financial responsibility for a man his age. We are happy to have known him and will miss him dearly.

Shannon Camp at Myrtle Beach writes: Jonathan was truly a remarkable man and a son to be proud of. His kindness and warmth always left me in awe. He always went out of his way to include everyone and warm her or him with his smile. He had a positive aura about him that exuded his warm personality. The world truly lost a very special person and those in Myrtle Beach will never forget him.

Employees at Weston Technology write: Jonathan was beautiful inside and out. His smile could make your day. We admired his energy and motivation. He never stopped! Always making plans to do the next adventure. We have very fond memories of Jonathan. We are blessed to have known him. Jonathan always thought of others first. He took nothing for granted. Jonathan's spirit will always remain in our hearts.

Alvirne School teacher writes: Jonathan and Megan made my last few years teaching at Alvirne enjoyable and they will be in my memory always. I will always remember Jonathan's enthusiasm, smile, and the twinkle in his eye.

Mother of a girl Jonathan dated and worked with writes: Jonathan helped my daughter realize that she must have a goal in her education and in my mind helped her finally decide that college and a career were important. She admired Jonathan because he was so kind, smart, and career oriented. Jonathan touched our family's hearts in many ways.



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Jonathan's female friends write: I already miss Jonathan's smiling face and never ending laugh. He was such an inspiration with such fierce determination and dedication. Jonathan touched everyone's hearts, and we ache for him now.

Jonathan's beautiful personality will forever live on through his family and friends. He was an amazing person. Everyone he encountered loved him. He always was a beautiful, well-mannered, respectful young man. I will never forget Jonathan Gove.

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