



Joshua Nathaniel Jacobs

October 2, 1981 - July 4, 2020

Joshua Nathaniel Jacobs born October 2, 1981, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 38, on July 4, 2020 at his residence truly gaining his independence from a brain injury while on call for the Rockwell Rural Fire Department on September 26, 2012.

Joshua was a true warrior fighting his way back from a coma and many months in Baptist Hospital. Then to Neurology Rehab for one and a half years relearning everything all over again to be able to come back home again and live independently. He was also able to start driving again. However, he was not able to return back to gainful employment with P&G Security where he had worked before as a security guard or back to firefighting at Rockwell Rural Fire Department due to his injury. He did cherish his Veteran Firefighter of the year Award 2012 where he had served eight years prior to his injury. He was also a member of the Honor Guard. Joshua still wanted to give back to his community so he volunteered at Rowan Helping Ministry three days a week. Joshua was a longtime active member of Friendship Baptist Church where he had participated in World Changers and assisted in Vacation Bible School and the Adopt A Highway Program just to list a few. He enjoyed fishing, taking care of his truck and time with family and friends.

Joshua went to North Hills Christian School before attending grades 10-12 at East Rowan High School where he graduated in 2001 and experienced many accomplishments in the ROTC Program.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Douglas Jacobs and

Lora Jeannette Jacobs.

Those left to cherish Joshua's memories are his father, William T. Jacobs and his wife, Brenda Butler and his mother, Janet V. Jacobs; grandparents, George and Shirley Vines, aunts and uncles: David S. Jacobs, Janet Geohner Jacobs, and niece, Heidi Jacobs, Douglas & Gail Jacobs, Paul Jacobs, Todd & Linda Lail, Greg & Betty Craig, Peggy Vines. Also surviving him are his wonderful friends, Matthew McNally and Charles Sheeks whose friendship remained invaluable and Hal and Karen Sutton who always included him in all their events.

A memorial service will be held Friday (July 17) at 10:30 AM at Summersett Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Brain Association of North Carolina, 3733 National Drive, Suite 115, Raleigh, NC 27612; Rowan Helping Ministry, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28145 and Friendship Baptist Church, 100 Porter Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Jacobs family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Josh was the sweetest student in fourth grade. His dad was always at the school and always super supportive. My heart goes out to the family. Mrs. Pierce
That is how Josh would remember me.

Theresa Parker Pierce - August 24, 2021 at 08:09 PM

WS

“ Bill, I am sorry I can't be there today but I want to let you know that you have been and remain in our thoughts and prayers. I can only imagine how hard it is to lose a son. I know that in your head you realize that Josh is in a better place, but right now it is impossible for that realization to fill the void that his loss has left in your heart. I can only say this, the day will come when you think of him or see a picture of him, a smile will come to your lips before a tear comes to your eye. Your best and happiest memories of Josh will slowly fill that void in your heart. I have faith that The Lord will give you the strength to sustain you until that day comes.

Be safe Cousin. I hope to see you soon.

Wayne Sasser

Wayne Sasser - July 17, 2020 at 09:32 AM

GC

“ I will always have Josh in my heart. He was a special young man. We had some great times together. I will miss him. God bless the family❤️

Greg Craig - July 16, 2020 at 03:16 PM

BW

“ I'm so sorry to see that Josh passed away! He was a wonderful person and a wonderful student at East Rowan High School! I was a Vocational Guidance Counselor at East Rowan and had the pleasure of knowing and helping Josh about his interest and what he wanted to do in life for a career! He loved the fire department and wanted to be a firefighter! He did and was a wonderful firefighter!! Josh was a pleasure to know and he was always willing and wanting to help in whatever capacity he could! God bless y'all! 🙏🚒



Bob Wood - July 13, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MR

“ 🙏🚒
Praying for the family of a fine, young and dedicated man.

mom of first responder - July 13, 2020 at 06:26 PM

PV

“ Peggy Vines sent a virtual gift in memory of Joshua Nathaniel Jacobs



Peggy Vines - July 12, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joshua Nathaniel Jacobs.



July 12, 2020 at 08:36 AM

KR

“ So Sorry for your loss! 🙏 ‘S

Karen Rakes - July 09, 2020 at 08:02 PM

HA

“ My son Jason was born in May 1981, I shared that joy with you Bill and since we were raised together it just seemed natural that you stop by my house October of that year to show me your newborn son. What wonderful pride and camaraderie we shared since we were three years old at Stallings Baptist Church . Yes we were little devils, but we were blessed with leaders and members of that church that let us know that Jesus Christ was the most wonderful powerful joy we could ever know. You raised Josh the same way . Josh loved the Lord and it showed in his soft quiet caring demeanor. As I reflect 63 years later I suppose the nut did not fall far from the tree. You were never loud Nor boastful. you came from a loving home with wonderful parents Who always made me feel at home and loved. Even when your mother caught us smoking Even when your mother caught us smoking Your parents loved Josh unconditionally the same way Your parents loved Josh unconditionally the same way How wonderful that was to see the bond over three generations. How wonderful that was to see the bond over three generations . He had wonderful examples from his grandparents and you guys to show him what it meant to be a good Christian man. Never a perfect man but A forgiven man. He truly was selfless. All of our family events all of our winter fireside chili dinners , spring summer pool parties with our six grandchildren and all my brothers and sisters were wonderful because you guys and Josh were with us as family every time . we are truly blessed to be a part of your family and now we thank God that Josh is with our heavenly family. We pray that God will look down upon us with Grace And love and forgiveness that he has promised us. And Josh Will fly with wings of joy Will see you again buddy. Love. Karen and hal.

hal-karensutton - July 09, 2020 at 11:57 AM

 Connie
Bender

“ So very sorry to hear of Josh's passing. We appreciated his volunteer service here at Rowan Helping Ministries. May God be with you during this difficult time.

In Christ,

*Connie Bender
Receptionist, RHM*

Connie Bender - July 09, 2020 at 09:50 AM

MM

“*Mr. Joshua Nathaniel Jacobs, "Josh", was a wonderful and kind man. I only came to know Josh after he had commenced his battle to recover from his traumatic brain injury. I was blessed to know Josh during the last six or so years of his life. I came to know this man as being one of a gigantic heart, a caring soul willing in an instant to help others in need, stranger and friend alike. It should never be lost upon any that knew him that he suffered his near fatal injuries while rushing to a scene where others were in dire need of his rescue. During the years I came to know Josh, I was blessed in that he taught me profound, and unique, lessons on the virtues of patience, perseverance and, perhaps most importantly, courage. For those unaware, surviving, enduring, and ultimately triumphing over, a traumatic brain injury is one of the most physically, mentally, and spiritually grueling experiences with which a human being can be confronted. Josh did so, and did so with grace. Common men oft times succumb to such knockdowns; Josh was an uncommon man. If I positively impacted Josh's life by a mere fraction of the way he did so mine, then I will consider myself to have been a good friend to him. Without a doubt, I am a far, far richer man for having known him. Rest in peace my dear friend, and may you experience the full Glory of God in Heaven.*



Matt McNally - July 08, 2020 at 07:32 PM

SE

“*It was always a good feeling to see Josh come into church with his Bible in his hand. I remember when he had his wreck his Bible was laying close by him. Now he is with the Lord. Sherry Earnhardt.*

Sherry Earnhardt - July 08, 2020 at 03:51 PM

JP

“ *Josh always had a smile for you and a kind word. He was a good person and will be missed.* ”

Janet Phillips - July 08, 2020 at 01:02 PM