



Joshua Benjamin Iken

June 13, 1985 - June 28, 2019

Joshua Benjamin Iken, 34, of Kansas City, MO, passed away Friday, June 28th, 2019. The family will receive friends and family from 1:00 – 2:00pm Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO followed by a memorial service celebrating his life at 2:00pm. Graveside service and interment will be held at 2:00pm Wednesday, July 3rd at the Columbia Cemetery, 30 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF.org) or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA.org). He was born June 13th, 1985 to Richard Iken and Gwyn Iken in St. Louis, MO. He spent the majority of his life in the Kansas City area. His caring and compassionate nature was ever-evident in his chosen field of nursing. He loved gardening, dancing, and animals, and surrounded himself with an amazing variety of pets since he was a young child. His smile lit up the room, along with an infectious laugh, and he made friends with others everywhere he went. His loving spirit always saw the best in people.

He is survived by his Father, Richard Iken (Sheri Radman); mother, Gwyn Iken; sister, Jenny Zollars (Brad); brothers Jon Iken (Michelle) and Tom Thomas (Gloria); and best friend Wieteke Waterborg.

He will be missed terribly by all who have known him.

Cemetery

Columbia Cemetery

30 E. Broadway

Columbia, MO, 65203

Events

JUL **Receiving** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

JUL **Funeral** 02:00PM

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JUL **Graveside** 02:00PM

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Columbia Cemetery

30 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO, US, 65203

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Louis Memorial Chapel - July 02, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ Sending our deepest condolences to your entire family. We have such fond memories of Josh growing up in Wynnewood. Seeing him riding his bike, playing at our house and enjoying that sweet personality. We are filled with sorrow hearing of his passing.

Cherice & Howard and Aron Gerson

Cherice Gerson - July 17, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Josh's entire family. Such fond memories of the Iken family at Camp Sabra. May Josh's memory be for a blessing. Tracie and Steve Engel

Steve Engel - July 19, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ I'm so sorry. Both Harold and I send heartfelt condolences to all of you. ~ Karen Karabell

Karen Karabell - July 09, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ To the wonderful Iken Family, and loved ones of Josh - I am holding all of you in my heart. While most of my memories of Josh are from the Dunford/Wynnewood neighborhood, his laugh and spirit are ever present in my memories. He was a gift to this world and I am thinking about all of you as you navigate this deep sadness. Sending you all love and warmth. - Andrea Hughey Hayob

Andrea Hughey Hayob - July 08, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ I remember Josh! From Beth Shalom preschool, so a long time ago. I've attached a photo i have from that time. What a shock to learn of the passing of this young man. I've watched the webcast, so i have heard all the wonderful things said about this marvelous human being. I also remember Gwyn, and my heart goes out to her. Sincere condolences.



karin lichterman - July 07, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Josh and I met in high school. He was one of my best friends in high school. Though we didn't talk for several years, we kept in touch through Facebook. I remember going to Josh's home and seeing all his animals. We spent countless hours talking and spending time with our friend Julie Bokern and Josh's friend Ashley. We had lots of laughs, lots of crazy shannigans. Josh was the type of person that could make you laugh until your stomach hurt. Josh wrote me the nicest message two weeks ago. He was such a special person and will always have a place in my heart. His mom and dad were always nice to me growing up. You raised such an amazing human being. He will be greatly missed. So sorry for your loss. Love Julianne Reid Stickney



Julianne Reid Stickney - July 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ I haven't seen Josh in about 24 years. I was his religious school class's madricha (assistant-teacher) at Beth Shalom when he was in 4th grade. Even after all this time, I remember him as a fun, eager student. I am saddened by his death and send condolences to his family.

Anna Francesca (Pollman) Garcia - July 03, 2019 at 02:21 AM



“ Where do I begin....campfires, kayaking, bike riding, camping, gardening, hooka, ma ma ma mad, mushrooms, grilling, "I'll buy the meat!", Kiwi, Pride, drunk nights a Big Texas, bags bags and more bags...

Josh touched our lives in so many ways. I will never forget the first day we met, we became instant friends that day on the beach; him with his magical bag of wonders that contained everything you could have possibly needed if the world was ending. I will always cherish the memories that I got to share with Josh. While we may have grown apart, there is literally not a day that goes by that I don't think of him. When I look at the hibiscus in my front yard that we planted together. Every morning when I hear Kiwi say "Hi" in his best gay man voice. When I walk past his old bedroom. When I look at the Hamsa above my front door. Rest easy Josh, you will forever have a piece of my heart.

To his family, my deepest condolences. I know that no words could ever ease the pain you are going through. I know the impact that he had on my life, so I could never fathom a guess at how heartbroken you all must be.



Jenn Thickitt - July 02, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ Nurse Iken as we called him at work was an amazing human, being around him made a person happy and in a better mood because Josh was always happy and had the most beautiful smile with great teeth, he was compassionate and very caring was always positive. He loved his work of nursing I loved how he used to follow up with patients making sure they ok.I believe God made us cross path for a reason. When I heard about his passing my heart ached so much and asked why he left at such a young age but I believe God has another task for him in the afterlife. Rest in eternal peace and continue smiling you will be missed forever



Adhel Riak - July 02, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss. Me and Josh worked together and became friends quickly. He was loved by so many.

The nursing world took a major hit because He was an amazing nurse. We are all devastated but his memory will live with us forever.



Victoria Underwood - July 01, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ We had great late night shifts together and enjoyed tons of food lol your such an amazing friend your passion for helping others was such a blessing in this field you was just so kind and compassionate I'll miss our late night chats and thank you for always picking up the phone when I needed you miss you so much joshy my work hubby 🥺

Brandy Thurber - July 01, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ I had some photos of Josh to share.



Antoinette Lombardo Roberts - July 01, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Josh at our daughter's marriage to Jon. He was a gentle and sweet young man. I was impressed by his sincere kindness. To Jon, Richard and the entire Iken family... I am so sorry for your loss. May your happy memories and the thought of his beautiful smile, give you some comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Antoinette & Todd Roberts Family



Antoinette Lombardo Roberts - July 01, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of working with Josh. He was a kind and compassionate soul. Breaks my heart to lose such a bright light in the world. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Jenni Wood - July 01, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ Josh was probably one of the best people I know. He had a caring heart and was truly genuine. I really learned a lot from him about life. It's not often that I've encountered someone his age with so much wisdom. He always tried to be the best person he could be and the world lost a beautiful soul. My condolences to Dr. Iken and his family for the incredible loss.

Edward Guerrero - July 01, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, Josh was good friend's with my wife and I met him several times. Last October he went with us to the haunted houses in the West Bottoms in KC. I know he and my wife were close friends and sorry I was unable to spend more time with Josh as he was truly a great person.

Kevin Valentine - July 01, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ I can't believe my Joshi is gone. That was what I called him at work. We worked together and we called each other our work soul mates because we worked so good together. We hugged each other when he came to work and before I left work. I have never met any one with such a loving , selfless, caring, and giving spirit. You will truly be missed my friend. May your soul rest in peace. Loved you very much.

Linda Murray - July 01, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family!
Sherri Horwitz Hermanson



Sherri Hermanson - July 01, 2019 at 11:31 AM