



## Jonathan Paul Gilbert

January 21, 1970 - November 6, 2022

Jonathan P. Gilbert, age 52, loving husband of thirty years to Melissa S. Gilbert (nee Smith, David and Peggy), departed from a tragic ATV accident, Saturday, November 6, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald P. Gilbert, and mother, Peggy J. Becker. He is survived by his four children, Nicholas Jon, Emily Morgan, Sarah Elizabeth, and Megan Christine, whom he adored, and his sister Heather J. Aguilon and her daughter, Taylor. He was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, class of 1988, and Alma College, class of 1992, throughout which he actively participated in each school's football program. Carrying on with his well-known sports tradition, he coached hockey at Holt High School, played in several local men's ice hockey leagues (particularly the Pefleafs), and actively supported Calvin College's Women's Lacrosse team, where his youngest daughter, Megan, is still playing. Jon enjoyed numerous and varied interests and hobbies, almost too many to innumerate. He was particularly interested in the Gilbert lake cottage, where family activities, games, and campfires reigned and he became an expert boat driver, teaching numerous kids to tube and wakeboard. He was everyone's "Macgyver", fixing virtually anything mechanical, in carpentry, or with computers, all of which he seemed to have the touch to make another's life a bit better and easier, a knack he carried into his personal relationships. He truly will be missed by everyone whose life he directly touched and even those too, who were unaware of his graciousness in life with his time and efforts that brought so much joy and pleasure to all. "He will always be our CHAMPION"!

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 11, 2022, 2:00 PM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8:00 PM and Friday from 1:00 PM until the time of the service at 2:00 PM. Memorial contributions in Jon's name may be given to the Wounded Warrior Project, 600 River Avenue, Suite 400, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 15212 (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043>) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 ([https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=wtg-mm-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-mm-btn-donate-now)). Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
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## Visitation

NOV **11**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Jonathan Paul Gilbert*



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - November 09, 2022 at 06:46 PM

PC

“ *I can not explain what just happened, but Jon just came to mind while I was driving, and I felt this strong compulsion to find out whatever became of Jon Gilbert. I actually pulled off the road to investigate, and within one minute I was reading his obituary. Along with that, the fact that he had died on my birthday. All of that is inconsequential, and pertains only to me. What matters is how it affected me. Even after 25 years, I just felt deflated. I am deeply saddened, and can't express how sorry I feel for his family. I worked for Jon for probably three years, and he was good to me at a time in my life when I needed it. I found him to be a kind, fair and generous guy. Frankly, a rarity, that makes this news even more difficult to understand. The world should hold on to men like Jon a little longer. My best to his family, with wishes that peace finds you soon.*

*Patrick Cox*

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**Patrick Cox** - April 02, 2023 at 02:44 PM

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“ I felt like I was a surrogate mom to Jon as he was my teacher assistant for two years in the athletic office. I think I knew before he did that he was sweet on Missy. I continued to correspond with him when he went to college and later attended their wedding. I cherish the friendship we had, and was so proud of the man he became. 💕  
. His smile and sense of humor was infectious.

Sandy Sipes - November 11, 2022 at 12:43 PM

SC

“ ScribeEMR purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



ScribeEMR - November 11, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 10, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 10, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 10, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 10, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Julie and I were crushed to hear this news. Jon was such a good person - so thoughtful, giving and positive - never judging. I haven't talked to Jon in forever but i know that if i ran into him or called him it would be like no time had passed. We will keep Missy and the family in our thoughts and will make a contribution to Wounded Warrior in Jon's memory. Chris & Julie Mohrhardt*

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**chris mohrhardt** - November 09, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *I pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Jon had a huge heart for everyone, and especially for his passions. He was such an athlete and competitor. He was always fun to be around, even when he was trying to put one past me on on the ice. He treated my son as his own, while he coached him. Sadly, we lost a great guy.*

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**Jim Sundstrom** - November 09, 2022 at 11:42 PM

JR

“ Although we didn't have the chance to spend the time together that family deserves, our memories of our cousin Jon are good memories, all thanks to him. His kindness, authenticity, tranquility, not to mention his hearty taco consumption at this summer's family reunion revealed a truly genuine human being with whom it was simply enjoyable to share the time and place. Dear Jon, you will be missed. -Joshua, Regan, Aidan and Adi

Joshua Raff - November 09, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 03:10 PM



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



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November 09, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart* was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



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November 09, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



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November 09, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



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November 09, 2022 at 10:56 AM

MC

“ McLaren Grand Ledge Clinic purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



McLaren Grand Ledge Clinic - November 09, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JA

“ Jon had the rare ability to make everyone feel special. We thank him for his love, laughter, and integrity which made this world a better place. He simply willingly gave of himself and enhanced more lives than we will ever know. Godspeed Jon, love Jack and Ginny

Jack - November 09, 2022 at 09:24 AM

SP

“ Sparrow Pharmacy Plus Pharmacies purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



Sparrow Pharmacy Plus Pharmacies - November 09, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



November 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM

MS

“ Manuel & Kim Garcia and VeinsPlus Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



Manuel & Kim Garcia and VeinsPlus Staff - November 09, 2022 at 07:49 AM

LH

“ Lansing Neurosurgery & Compass Health purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.



Lansing Neurosurgery & Compass Health - November 08, 2022 at 03:20 PM



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



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November 08, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 08, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Joe and the Aledade Team purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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**Joe and the Aledade Team** - November 08, 2022 at 10:00 AM



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



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November 08, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 08, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 08, 2022 at 06:55 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 07, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 07, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jonathan Paul Gilbert.*



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November 07, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *I can't find the words to express the impact Jon had on so many people. Dad, Husband, friend, coach, etc. Such a good man and he impacted the lives of many. He will be missed so much. Thank you Jon for being such a great friend.*

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**Thomas Rice** - November 07, 2022 at 08:07 PM



*Thank you Tom. He loved you so much.*

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**Emily** - November 08, 2022 at 09:11 AM



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**Jim Sundstrom** - November 09, 2022 at 08:15 AM