



Jonathan Pickhinke

August 6, 1998 - March 4, 2020

Jonathan Pickhinke, age 21, of Ames, Iowa formerly of Nemaha, Iowa died on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in Story County, Iowa as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Funeral Mass will be a PRIVATE SERVICE ONLY. DUE TO CDC RECOMMENDATIONS, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC VIEWING. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Jonathan Pickhinke Scholarship Fund in care of Security Trust and Savings Bank, 601 Lake Ave. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jonathan Daniel Pickhinke, the first-born child to Lynn and Denise (Droegmiller) Pickhinke, was born on August 6, 1998 in Storm Lake. Jon grew up on the family farm near Nemaha with his two sisters, Elizabeth and Katherine. As an infant, he was baptized at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. He later received the sacrament of First Communion and was confirmed at the same church.

Growing up, Jon attended grade school at Schaller-Crestland and later graduated high school from Ridge View. While in high school, Jon excelled in the classroom and in sports. He was a member of the track and cross-country teams while also participating in FFA, National Honor Society, and the Early

Achievers 4H Club. He was also chosen for HOBY and Iowa Boys State. During his time in high school, Jon experienced memorable trips to Boundary Waters to go hunting and fishing, travelling on a NASA trip to Houston, and travelling to Washington D.C. He also enjoyed taking family trips on Amtrak to Winter Park, Colorado to go skiing.

After graduating from Ridge View with honors in 2017, Jon attended Iowa State University to study Ag Studies. While attending ISU, Jon was a member of the AMMO club and was part of a close-knit group of friends. Jon loved to socialize and often had bonfires with friends at college.

Outside of school, Jon kept busy by working on the family farm, restoring his JD620, and woodworking. Jon was a talented woodworker and was proud of his custom-built gun case and corner hutch. He loved farming and was planning to come home to farm with his dad and uncle. He always enjoyed taking tractor rides and showing cattle at the fair. Some of his other hobbies included waterskiing, snow skiing, and flying his drone.

Jon was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early and served his church as an altar server, usher, and lector. He was rooted in a strong faith and served his Lord faithfully.

The last family trip taken together was a trip to Boston for Jon's 21st birthday. One of the highlights was when Jon caught a homerun ball off the Green Monster at Fenway Park.

Jon will be forever remembered as a loving son, brother, and grandson. He cherished time spent with his family and was always willing to help when needed.

Those left to cherish his memory include his parents, Lynn and Denise

Pickhinke of Nemaha, Iowa; sisters, Elizabeth Pickhinke of Ames, Iowa and Katherine Pickhinke of Nemaha, Iowa; grandparents: Bernadine Pickhinke of Nemaha, Iowa; Harold and Diane Droegmiller of Holstein, Iowa; great-grandma, Alice Volkert of Washta, Iowa; uncles and aunts: Gary (Karla) Pickhinke of Storm Lake, Iowa; Ronald (Bonnie) Pickhinke of Sac City, Iowa; Ann (Tim) Mohr of Early, Iowa; Daniel Pickhinke of Fonda, Iowa; Kevin (Marci) Pickhinke of Storm Lake, Iowa; Neil (Kay) Pickhinke of Early, Iowa; Shelly (Jeff) Spotts of Ida Grove, Iowa; special friend, Allison Hadley of Ames, Iowa; numerous cousins, many friends, and extended family.

Jon was preceded in death by his grandpa, Leonard Pickhinke and uncle, Joseph Pickhinke in infancy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 18, 2020 at 05:47 PM

FH

Funeral Mass for Jonathan

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 20, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 18, 2020 at 04:48 PM

DD

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to your family.
The Dean Drey Family



Dean Drey - March 17, 2020 at 10:23 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to Lynn and family! Sincerely Justin Spieker

justin spieker - March 17, 2020 at 07:14 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 17, 2020 at 01:13 PM

KW

*That was beautiful, my heart breaks that you won't be able to continue with more of John. But sending prayers, wish we could be with you tomorrow, you are in our thoughts.
Karen and Wayne Werner*

Karen Werner - March 17, 2020 at 04:57 PM

DD

Wonderful pictures and music.

diane droegmiller - March 17, 2020 at 10:05 PM

TP

Beautiful memories of a wonderful life lived!

Tracy Pickhinke - March 18, 2020 at 08:57 AM



This was amazing & a great tribute to Jon! The music was so fitting & I loved seeing all these pictures of Jon & his life. Wonderful memories! May you Rest In Peace, Jon!

Lynn Ploeger Wunschel - March 18, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MB

Absolutely beautiful tribute to honor Jon's life.

Mikell Brosamle - March 18, 2020 at 10:37 AM

TJ

Big brown eyes, big beautiful smile, big loving heart...God Bless.

Tracey Jepsen - March 18, 2020 at 12:11 PM

NS

Wonderful tribute of memories. Jon touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. Prayers to Lynn, Denise, Beth & Katie

Nancy & Gary Schramm - March 18, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DD

“ *Diane And Dave Dick lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Diane and Dave Dick - March 17, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jonathan Pickhinke.*



March 16, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Jonathan Pickhinke.*



March 16, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Alan Pudenz Family lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Alan Pudenz Family - March 15, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sending our sympathy to Jon's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jon was a wonderful young man and a role model for all. We are so sorry for your kids. Jeff, Mikell, Chris, Emily, & Matt Brosamle*



Mikell Brosamle - March 15, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Jonathan Pickhinke.*



March 15, 2020 at 02:14 PM

AW

“ *Alice Wittrock lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Alice Wittrock - March 13, 2020 at 05:44 PM

DD

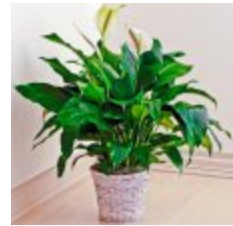
“ *Praying for peace for all Harold and Diane Droegmiller*



Diane Droegmiller - March 12, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jonathan Pickhinke.*



March 12, 2020 at 02:16 PM

AW

“ *Amy Whetstone lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Amy Whetstone - March 12, 2020 at 12:55 PM

SS

“ *Candlelight in memory of Jon.*



Shelly Spotts - March 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - March 11, 2020 at 06:13 PM

WJ

“ *Wendy (Petersen) Jackson lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Wendy (Petersen) Jackson - March 11, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ *Michael & Yvonne Sandhoff lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Michael & Yvonne Sandhoff - March 11, 2020 at 10:59 AM

SM

“ Shannon & Jan Mcguire lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke



Shannon & Jan Mcguire - March 10, 2020 at 08:26 PM

WO

“ Jon and me and met his senior year of high school when we both tryed rushing AGR. We didn't make it in but we stayed close as friends. I took ag 450 class where Jon helped with a lot and spent lots of time with him. Best memory was when me and him planted corn. He taught me and has so much pantience for me as I did it and I will forever be greatful. He was a hell of a kid and like will always have great memories of him.



wyatt orr - March 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ There sometimes are no words! We believe our kids will out live us. It's just heartbreaking...too many whys! Too many what ifs now..... I worked with Denise, and her family is her everything! So we send our condolences during this horrific time of letting go of one family member, finding the strength to understand, stand tall when your so weak from emotions, support the other family members breaking inside while getting through all the arrangements, so overwhelming!!!!
I send hugs, physical ways we can say no words, but show love and that we are here for you all!
xo

Minde Strief and family - March 10, 2020 at 09:56 AM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke



Cheryl DeMan - March 10, 2020 at 08:55 AM

SF

“ Sympathy to the Pickhinke family! Steve Frank



Steve Frank - March 10, 2020 at 05:30 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Jonathan Pickhinke.*



March 09, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ *Prayers and hugs to you all. John and Brenna Franken Family*



Brenna Franken - March 09, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *To Jon's family, our thoughts and prayers for you during this difficult time. I know you don't know me but we share something in common. Our boys were friends. My son, Aaron, met Jon his first year in college. He really thought highly of him, had the same interests, loved the family farm and wanted to make farming their career. Some people even said they reminded them of each other. Since they seemed to have much in common they became roommates. I don't know why Jon's life was taken -what we seem to think too early. Only God knows. I know my son will look at life differently. I'm praying that you can realize the impact Jon had on other people in a positive way and treasure those good memories of raising a great son.*

Emily Maust - March 09, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - March 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM

PM

“ *Heartfelt sympathy upon the loss of your dear Jon. I can only imagine how broken your hearts are at this time. The only comfort I can offer you right now is knowing Grandpa was there waiting with open arms to wrap around Jon. I am praying for you all.
Love, Pam McClannahan*

Pam McClannahan - March 08, 2020 at 08:57 AM

DR

“ *Praying for strength for your family!
I'm so sorry to hear this!*

Dave and Joyce Rydstrom - March 06, 2020 at 10:34 PM

PB

“ *Pat Barnett lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke*



Pat Barnett - March 06, 2020 at 08:59 PM

TC

“ Prayers are all we have to offer you in comfort...there are no words to do that now. Johnathon was young.....but he surely affected many peoples lives with his positive attitude and the way you raised him in a faith based and loving family. That's why it hurts so much.....because you loved so hard. God Bless Jonathon Pickhinke.....and your family.

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - March 06, 2020 at 05:43 PM

GS

“ Gary And Nancy Snyder lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Pickhinke



Gary and Nancy Snyder - March 06, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JV

“ The the Pinkhinke Family,
We are so sorry to hear this news, and quite literally, are still in shock. Greg and I lived on the Ag450 Farm where John worked for two years. He was always willing to help out--even when it came to staying in the house while we were away to not only house sit but take care of our dog, Berniece, so we didn't have to board her. We knew if we had Nacho Cheese Doritos, Little Debbie doughnuts, and chocolate milk, he was set. It doesn't hardly seem possible to have lost him at such a young age. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Greg and Jeanne Vogel

Jeanne Vogel - March 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM

ER

“ Thinking of all of you through this very difficult time. We will lift you up with prayers and ask God to provide you with strength and peace. Ellen Recker, Ben & Nora Pickhinke

Ellen Recker - March 06, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CC

“ So so sorry for your loss, Jon was definitely one of the good guys! I'll never forget running into him during Logan's orientation at ISU...it was awesome to see one of our local kids! Fun to see him grow thru the years since little league and watch Aaron & him run CC together. You both did an amazing job raising such a fine young man, he will be missed immensely. I'll keep all of you in my prayers always.

Sincerely, Carrie Cuthrell

Carrie Cuthrell - March 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM