



## Jonathon Braden Kerr

February 23, 1985 - May 27, 2017

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### The Life of My Beautiful Boy

Jonathon Braden Kerr, or "Jon Jon", was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Texas on February 23rd, 1985. He lived the majority of his life in College Station with the exception of the time he spent serving this great nation as a United States Marine in Afghanistan. He attended Allen Academy from kindergarten until graduation. He then attended Sam Houston State University.

By the age of 15, Jonathon had accomplished more than most in a lifetime. He raced Motocross for 13 years, every single weekend. He was a Factory Rider for Team Green Kawasaki for several years. He retired from Motocross at the age of 18 with over 50 National Titles and over 1000 trophies.

After attending college, in 2008, Jonathon joined the Marine Corps. He wanted to serve his country. He was involved in the "push for Marjah" in Afghanistan where he served 8 months during 2009. After nearly 4 years, he retired with honors as Lance Corporal Kerr. He was retired with close to 100% PTSD and stage 3 asthma acquired in Afghanistan. As a result, when he returned home from war, he could never race again.

He became deeply passionate about Homeless Veterans and dreamt of setting up a fund for his cause. That dream is coming true, and there will be a "Lance Corporal Jonathon B. Kerr Fund for Homeless Veterans and Traumatic Brain Injuries." In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation to this cause in honor of Jonathon at <https://www.cftexas.org/the-lance-corporal-jonathon-b.-kerr-fund?>

He loved to read anything and everything he could find about space. He asked his Momma if he could sign up to go to Mars. He was that serious and excited about space travel. More recently, he began to forge knives. He fell in love with knife making and worked diligently to teach himself how to hand forge through the internet and many, many hours of talking to his little Brother Kaleb. He also loved movies, to the point where he could have been a movie critic! His Momma knew everything about a movie before she ever saw it. He had 2 dogs, a cat, and 2 big tortoises he raised from babies. He loved every kind of food and was awesome at cooking crawfish. He had such a loud, obnoxious, laugh, that his Momma would always tell him that she would never sit next to him in a movie theater and then warn all of his friends about that laugh. He was also a pool shark. He carried his pool stick in a pink case so no one would steal it and so that no one would think he was actually a pool shark. When he was in the Marine Corp, he had a pink phone case, pink towels, pink camera, pink everything. He knew that no other Marine would ever take any of his things. He was right.

Jonathon had a ginormous heart bigger than anyone we have ever known. He would help anyone, anytime, anywhere. I remembered being with him once, when he took off a brand new pair of red sneakers and gave them to a homeless man. He had no shoes and had to walk a long time...but that was Jonathon. He was the kind of person that we all thought would live forever. Simple acts of kindness were a part of his everyday life. This was a Son that

sent his Momma a text message every single morning and night telling her how much he loved her. Whenever he would leave her, he always blew her kisses. Not once did he miss doing that to her. When people are asked about Jonathon was...they always say that he was a respectful, gracious and kind gentleman. He was "Yes Ma'am/Yes Sir" and "Please and Thank You" always. He made his family proud....he overcame numerous obstacles and tragedies in his life to die a senseless, sudden death at such a young age of 32. Let us pray that with time, we can begin to understand why a young man, who had everything to live for, had to be taken so quickly from us. We Pray that we all can learn to come together from his sudden death and feel his light. Once when he was visiting his Great Grandmother Mary Kay, he had a life-changing moment. She had a stroke and was unable to speak. her care-takers got her a push key typewriter to communicate with. In her typewriter, he found a piece of paper that had been pecked at, typed that said "Jonathon is great". He was Great! He left behind a legacy of love. His nickname by his Momma was "Beautiful Boy" and that says everything about his heart.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Marylyn Yvonne Rogers Reed and Gene Russell Reed; Great-grandmother, Mary Kathlyn Ash, and Paternal grandparents: Jo Ruth Kerr and James Braeden Kerr. Survivors include his mother, Kathlyn Elizabeth Kerr and father, James B. Kerr; Sister, Tiffany Elizabeth Promise and partner Matthew Francis Mispagel; brother, Kaleb Rogers Kerr; niece: Posey Mispagel-Promise (due any moment); Aunts/Uncles on Mother's Side: Rosslyn Reed Alexander and Tommy Alexander, Dayna Reed Manning, Gena Reed Tadewald and Ken Tadewald, Mary Kay Yvonne Reed Bair and Robert Bair; Cousins: Marylyn Alexander Reed, Jason Alexander, Kevin Alexander, Jessica Bair, Jared Bair, Katherine Manning, Ryan Manning, Reed Stanley, Victoria Tadewald, and Meredith Grace Tadewald; Aunts/Uncles on Fathers side: Becky Kerr Dykes and Clayton Dykes, Sherry Corum and Tim Corum, BJ Kerr Peevy and Brett

Peevy, Ivan H. Kerr and Angela Jones Kerr; and numerous other family members.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of His Life

JUN **10**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Kerr Family Ranch  
250 Kott Rd.  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beth Kerr lit a candle in memory of Jonathon Braden Kerr*



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**Beth Kerr** - August 15, 2017 at 05:05 PM



*I miss you.  
I miss your voice.  
I miss your smile.  
I miss your hugs.  
I miss your smell.  
I miss how you made me feel.  
I miss your everything.*

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**Beth Kerr** - August 15, 2017 at 05:17 PM

TD

*This is Terry. I am so sorry momma. my heart breaks and I love you all..*

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**Terry Don** - April 20, 2018 at 05:12 PM

TD

*I hope you are doing well Beth. Id love to talk to you sometime..*

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**Terry Don** - April 20, 2018 at 05:14 PM

KK

*Jon Jon ...*

*It's almost 3 years now and my tears have never stopped flowing for you, my Beautiful Boy....the pain is so deep that it physically hurts me. Time isn't healing me. Time is only making it worse. It only makes it seem like that much longer since I saw you for the last time. All I can see in my head is the Moment they rolled your lifeless body out of the hospital room...your body was draped with our flag, the United States of America.*

*The next time I saw you, your body was handed to me....in a wooden box. I was devastated. I couldn't understand....I still can't. My heart is waiting every moment for the phone to ring....and a voice on the other side says..."Good Morning Beautiful!"*

*I love you Jon Jon ❤️*

*Momma*

*RIP#41*

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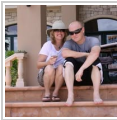
**Kathlyn Kerr** - May 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SM

“*My husband discovered Jonothan's obit in the newspaper & brought it to my attention. We were both so impressed to read about his life. And when we realized that Mary Kay Ash was his great-grandmother, we understood his greatness. It was obvious that he had her dna of a wonderful heart & love for others & life. I am an Ind Sales Diector with Mary Kay, Inc for 40 years. My heart goes to the entire family. Especially his momma. Eternal Prayers.*

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**sylvia limon martinez** - June 07, 2017 at 02:26 PM



*Thank you so much for your kind words...I am at a loss for words.*

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**Beth Kerr** - June 07, 2017 at 03:54 PM

TR

*I am sorry for your loss, I remember Jon at my first motocross race and was just amazed by how great he was able to ride. He sounds like he was as awesome off the track as he was on the track. Rip Jonathan*

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**tyler ray** - August 30, 2017 at 11:16 PM

SC

“ *RIP Brother*

*Semper Fi*

*Sonny Czarnecki*

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**Sonny Czarnecki** - June 07, 2017 at 07:40 AM

GS

“ *JB, Beth, Kaleb& Tiffany, My heart is hurting for ya'll... I didn't have the pleasure of knowing the awesome man that Jonathon became after his motocross career, but he was such a sweet young boy. Always had a smile for me at the line. Please know my thoughts & prayers are with y'all. Gay Smith*

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**Gay Smith** - June 06, 2017 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ *Jeff, Felicia, Sarah, James and John Anthony Brien purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathon Braden Kerr.*



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**Jeff, Felicia, Sarah, James and John Anthony Brien** - June 06, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathon Braden Kerr.*



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June 06, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathon Braden Kerr.*



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June 06, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ *Beth,  
Our thoughts and prayers continue for you and your family through this difficult time, Please know that he is loved by many, and will be missed. He will forever be your guardian Angel ❤️🇺🇸  
May Godspeed JonJon!*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Anne Chandler*

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**A Chandler** - June 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Jonathon had a big impact on my life, as well as others, when we attended Allen. He was always respectful and really funny. I'm lucky to have gone to prom with him as my best friend's date. It was the best prom I remember. We had so much fun, and he kept us all laughing, especially when we ditched prom to go bowling all dressed up. I loved his motocross stories and how great he was. Sending love to all of the family.*

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**Cara Corpora** - June 06, 2017 at 10:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathon Braden Kerr.*



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June 06, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Jonathon. He was truly a "bright light" in our lives. His quick wit and never-quit attitude was an inspiration to all mini bike riders that knew him or knew of him. Jonathon never knew a stranger - his kind heart and effervescent personality drew people to him - EVERYONE was a friend of Jonathon Kerr. So many places traveled together - all of them bring back memories of Jon Jon and his larger than life personality both on and off the track. We are grateful for the kindness that he showed our son, Kyle, and the friendship that ensued between the two. He was a strong man, committed to his country for the sake of all of us; and for that we are forever grateful. He was a kind and loving son and friend, and we feel blessed to count him as one of our own. We take comfort in knowing that he will continue to watch over all of us from his post in Paradise. Let us continue, on a a daily basis, by good deeds and random acts of kindness to carry on the legacy of Jon Jon. Thank you for sharing him with all of us throughout the years...may God bless you and yours in this time of sorrow. Love and hugs to all of you!*



*The Cunningham Family*

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**Lee Ann Cunningham** - June 06, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ Who is JonJon?

*I had a crash in 2001 at Texas World Speedway. Clayton Miller found out and called Jonathan since he lived right there. I was knocked out for about 3 hours but when I woke up, JonJon was yelling at the doctor to "get off him". There he was at the foot of my bed. I told Jonathan, "let's get out of here", so we walked out. Come to find out, the ER in College Station didn't even have my information and they didn't know who I was because when I was brought in by ambulance I was concussed.*

*At the drop of a dime, Jonathan was there. I wish I could say the same.*

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**Tommie Shields** - June 06, 2017 at 08:09 AM

AS

“ *Ma'am, I did not know your son, but I send my thoughts and prayers to you. I was in Afghanistan from 2009-2014. Losing one is never easy but know that he will always be with you watching over you and protecting you. God bless you in this time of loss.*

*AMS*

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**Annette Santiago** - June 06, 2017 at 07:38 AM

 Bobby Meche

“ *I am very saddened to learn of the loss of Jonathan. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Thank you for your service to my country and thank you for the entertainment you provided me on minibikes. Definitely one fast kid on the 80's. RIP Jonathan!*

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**Bobby Meche** - June 05, 2017 at 11:35 PM

CJ

“ I was privileged to read about the loss of your beautiful son in the Houston Chronicle. What a wonderful tribute to an outstanding person. You should be very proud to have been his mother as apparently he made everyone's life happier just for being in his presence. That attribute comes from a very loving and caring family. God bless his service to our country and god bless you and your family for raising such a wonderful human being. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

*Cheryl Jeter - Houston*

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**Cheryl Jeter** - June 05, 2017 at 08:53 PM



*Thank you so very much....he was my Boy...*

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**Beth Kerr** - June 05, 2017 at 09:54 PM

KW

“ *Beth*  
What a shock to hear of the loss of Jonathan. My heart breaks for you and your family. I know that your love for him will endure and carry you all through this great time of sorrow. I will always cherish and remember the small contribution I had in his life and the wonderful young man that you raised. It was a privilege to watch him grow up during his years at Allen Academy and I would often think about him. His legacy will continue on through his wonderful family that will remember him. You will be forever in my thoughts and prayers.

*I wish that I could be there on the 10th to give you a big hug, however we will be out of the country on vacation.*

*Karen White*  
*Jonathon's 6th Grade Teacher*

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**Karen T White** - June 05, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ Dear Beth & Family,

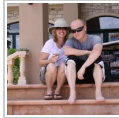
*It's with tremendous sorrow to learn about sweet Jon Jon passing. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel while we've lost a young man who simply made the world a better place.*

*Our prayers will be continuous for you all!*

*Theresa Cervantez, Jordan & Morgan Strope*

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**Andy N Theresa Cervantez** - June 05, 2017 at 10:37 AM



*Thank you Angel....I really want to see you soon...I have thought about your message you sent me on messenger and I am so thankful for you too...we have a lot to talk about...I love you💕*

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**Beth Kerr** - June 05, 2017 at 09:53 PM



*I love you, too, and have certainly missed you. We will see one another soon!*

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**Andy N Theresa Cervantez** - June 06, 2017 at 11:35 AM

SA

“ Beth and James, so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers always.

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**steve allbritton** - June 05, 2017 at 10:33 AM

RK

“ Beth,

*Caroline and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. Though we did not know Jonathon, it is apparent that he had your love of life and people. Please know that if there is anything that we can do, we are here to help.*

*May the Good Lord lift you up, knowing that you raised a wonderful individual who loved life to the fullest!1*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Rick and Caroline Kuper*

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**Rick Kuper** - June 05, 2017 at 10:25 AM

AC

Beth,

*Our thoughts and prayers continue for you and your family through this difficult time, Please know that he is loved by many, and will be missed. He will forever be your guardian Angel ❤️🇺🇸  
May Godspeed JonJon!*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Anne Chandler*

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**A Chandler** - June 06, 2017 at 10:19 AM

AC

“ *A final salute from the class of 1960 Allen Military Academy.RIP  
Jonathon.*

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**anthony caliva** - June 05, 2017 at 09:39 AM

CR

“ *I read about your son in the Houston Chronicle and he sounds like a beautiful loving son! You were so lucky to have him and his life is a testament of the people who raised him. Love & prayers for you and your family 🙏🙏*

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**Connie Rhodes** - June 04, 2017 at 02:57 PM