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Josh was born on Tuesday St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1987 in San Antonio, Texas. He passed on Thursday April 18, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 32 from complications associated with cancer.

He precedes his paternal grandmother Gloria (Granny) Hanna, dad Damian Hanna, mom Esther Hanna (Reyes), brother (bro) Seth Hanna and sister (sista') Tamara Hanna. As well as dozens of aunts, uncles and cousins on both sides of his family.

He attended St. Gregory for Kindergarten. St. Matthew Catholic School 1st thru 8th grades. Graduated from Central Catholic High School in 2005 and then with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UTSA in 2010. He was pursuing an MS degree in Advanced Manufacturing and Enterprise Engineering and pending the thesis portion of the degree.

While in high school Josh had starter jobs with Bill Miller's and Barnacle Bills. When attending UTSA he worked in the Athletic Recreational Center. After graduating from UTSA he went to work for Pratt & Whitney in San Antonio as a Mechanical Engineer. After a couple of years he moved his career to

Mitsubishi Power Systems where he stayed until his passing. His primary assignment was as a maintenance engineer of power plant gas turbines – those things which generate our electricity.

He was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas but also lived several years in both Houston, Texas and Orlando, Florida while employed with Mitsubishi. His family was blessed to have him at home in San Antonio while on his 22-month journey with cancer.

Josh enjoyed visiting other parts of the world and was a well-traveled individual mostly through work but also through family vacations. He had opportunities to visit parts of Europe, India, Latin America, Canada and the US. When he could no longer travel, he enjoyed watching the Anthony Bourdain series with his family to quench his desire to travel.

He had strong values and was a deep philosophical thinker. Always nonjudgmental of others and very generous with his knowledge, time and assets. He was a simple guy with little desire for material possessions. From his perspective, the fewer things he needed to sustain a satisfying lifestyle the better.

Josh was the curious type and had a wide range of interests. Besides travel he was an avid reader, music lover, sports connoisseur, devout and health conscious athlete, a maturing and sophisticated financial investor.

A few of Josh's reads were: The TAO of Charlie Munger, Sapiens, The Behavioral Investor, Comanches, The Hidden Life of Trees and Guns, Germs, and Steel. The Catcher in the Rye, however, was his life-long favorite book.

He learned to read music and played the clarinet, bass clarinet and started learning the saxophone while in grade school. He enjoyed a wide cross

section of music styles including the likes of Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dave Matthews Band, Coldplay, Incubus, Queen, Led Zeppelin, Neil Young, Anderson .Paak, Chicano Batman, and Scorpions.

A lifelong athlete. He played baseball, soccer, football and basketball from the age of 4 as part of CYO, through middle school years at St. Matthew, and through high school years at Central Catholic. His favorite was baseball. He could have played it in college but chose not to pursue that path. He also learned to sail small boats while in Florida. His plan was to get back to it when he moved closer to the ocean. He abstained from alcohol and ate clean before it was cool. Worked out religiously even while battling with cancer. He planned to be a kettle bell and gymnastic strength instructor as a side gig but put that on hold with the cancer thing.

Besides being an athlete Josh was a passionate sport aficionado. He could rattle off stats as if he had his own research staff working behind the scenes. He loved watching his teams – Spurs, Cowboys, and Astros. All professional and college level playoff series. As well as but not limited to the Olympics, World Cup and the Masters. He could enjoy ESPN 24/7. By far his favorite sports commentary show was The Dan Le Batard Show.

Infamous Josh-isms – “it is what it is” meaning it can’t be changed, deal with it without complaint; “there’s a process, use it”, example: how to engage the nurses using the call button for assistance; “the human brain thinks linearly even though life moves exponentially” – understanding the compounding phenomenon.

Josh had soft tissue sarcoma cancer. He received treatment from START Cancer Center in San Antonio and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Special expression of gratitude to the nurses and staff of Main Methodist

Hospital.

He went through 11 rounds of 21-day cycle chemotherapy, 3 major surgeries, 36 sessions of radiation and a phase 1 clinical trial. Never once did he complain. He'd just say, "I'll do what needs to be done." A tremendous display of courage and strength.

Besides participating in the phase 1 clinical trial, as a final act of generosity Josh donated his corneas to provide two people the gift of sight.

The best way to commemorate Joshua Damian Hanna's life, is to make a charitable donation to one of these two foundations. Please specify as a Tribute to Joshua Hanna's life and for the fight against cancer.

- <https://www.childrenshospitalsafoundation.org/>
- <https://www.curesarcoma.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
4201 De Zavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Rosary

APR **23**. 7:30 PM (CT)

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4201 De Zavala Rd.
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Celebration of Life

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

“ “Carry Me Jesus”..... The Journey



Esther. Damian and loved ones;

It is with our heavy hearts, to hear the passing of your "Joshua". As we celebrate his life, Our God's greatest Gifts in Human Life to receive is, "Our Children"... In the Human World, we are said and told; We should not nor do we not want our children to go before us. We then are mindful we all, are and live on borrowed time. As one mother to another, the day God brought the most precious gift into our arms, we immediately knew, what our purposes in life would bring.

Joshua, walk through this Journey surrounded by all who love him and carried through by our Christ our Lord, where he found peace within.

Joshua's struggles became his strength, His pain became his love and Joshua knew through it all, God's grace embraced him tightly. Joshua understood when thinking of how God's love rescued him, on a lonely cross he died to set Joshua Free is what guided Joshua to God's plans. "Carry me Jesus, My life is in your hands"....

Jesus let Joshua's passing come as a gentle friend. And now has enter his heavenly home to receive the final gift of grace to be near him forever and look upon the divine countenance of his Holy Face.

Today, we now pray for our love ones behind to honor and celebrate the love of a son, brother, grandson, cousin and friend, as he now watches above, over each of us until we are all united again.

Esther and Damian, we can not walk alone, but walk together and " He will carry you through, this journey"..

Our deepest condolences and you will shine with Joshua's light over you.

Respectfully,

Alejandro (Hondo), Diana, Joshua, Jacob & Lisa

Alejandro, Diana and Family - April 24, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 23, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 23, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 23, 2019 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ *Coach Marx lit a candle in memory of Joshua Damian Hanna*



Coach Marx - April 23, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 22, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 22, 2019 at 10:55 PM

GR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Josh at a power plant in Texas. Being on a refinery site, our office was a windowless, explosion proof steel box that we were in almost a full 12 hours a day..for months. Josh was still pretty new to the company but you would have never known it, he was a rock solid professional that never seemed to be phased by anything. After being stuck in that office for what seemed like forever, we decided it was time to see if we could rattle him, so we taped an air horn to the bottom of his chair...Well, the joke was on us because when Josh sat on it and it started blowing, I don't even think he flinched, he just smirked, rolled up to his computer and went work. I was just praying that thing would run out of air before we all went deaf! That's what I remember about Josh, he was always so steady and so much fun. I'm going to miss him.

Gregg - April 22, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.



April 22, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.



April 22, 2019 at 05:42 PM

MA

“ *Mitsubishi Power Systems - San Antonio purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



Mitsubishi Power Systems - San Antonio - April 22, 2019 at 02:58 PM

LH

“ *Love Betty Heffner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



Love Betty Heffner - April 22, 2019 at 07:54 AM

JP

“ *I am very saddened to hear the demise of Josh. Though we were associated for a very short term professionally at PW Power Systems, the memories are worth it. He was very knowledgeable and was fun to work with.*

My deepest condolences to the family and I pray that God provide you all the strength and courage during these tough times.

Sincerely

*John Pradeep Prasad
MD&A*

John Pradeep Prasad - April 21, 2019 at 09:41 PM

CJ

“ *Colleagues of Japan purchased the Sunny Memorials for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



Colleagues of Japan - April 21, 2019 at 08:05 PM

TI

“ My sincerest condolences, thoughts, and prayers for the family and friends of Josh. I was a peer and manager for Josh during part of his tenure at Mitsubishi and would like to add some thoughts on my experience with Josh during his professional life.

Professional is an accurate term for Josh when describing his career. As an Engineer he was thorough, dedicated, and a professional in all aspects even during stressful or difficult situations.

When working an assignment or task, he would dig into it, perform all appropriate research, and put together a document that typically would not need very much additional effort or comment. When working on site supporting work on one of the machines, he was one of the hardest working personnel we had, I can say from my experience as his manager he would accomplish more in a day on site than the rest of us typically would.

He always had a smile and a positive attitude, it was just him. Our General Manager when informing the team of Josh's passing made the comment that when you got to work directly with Josh, it seemed a little less like work.

Whenever we got together outside of work, it was a pleasure to have Josh with us as he always brought a smile and laughs to the group.

When staying in touch with him during his treatment journey, he never would complain about the situation, was very pragmatic about the situation and where he felt things were. His courage and positive attitude was something that all of us could aspire to.

If all of us were a little more like Josh, the world would be a better place.

Sincerely,

*Timothy S Irwin, P.E.
Principal Engineer - Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems*

Timothy S Irwin - April 21, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JV

“ *Keeping your family in our hearts and prayers. May God’s warm embrace provide peace and comfort to you as you celebrate Josh’s remarkable life.*

Roger, Joan, Alexa, Ryan, Brett Vessell

joan vessell - April 21, 2019 at 05:21 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Joshua Damian Hanna.*



April 21, 2019 at 01:02 PM