



Jonathan Joseph Avitia

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Jonathan Joseph Avitia passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the age of 31. He was the beloved husband of Lindsey Dotson Avitia. Loving son of Jose and Cointa Avitia of Gatesville, TX, and devoted brother of Ila Mae Avitia. He was the son-in-law of James and Janet Dotson of Mandeville, LA and brother-in-law of Meredith and Jay. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends across the world.

The owner of J. Avitia Design + Build in New Orleans, Jonathan was an avid bass fisherman with a cowboy heart. He loved the ocean, especially the beach. He will be remembered for his creative mind, ability to fix anything, his big smile, love of antique cars and his big, generous heart. His legacy reaches far and wide through the thousands of lives he touched.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services in Mandeville, LA or Gatesville, TX. On Monday, April 1 at 1 PM at Church of the King, 22205 Little Creek Rd., Mandeville, LA with visitation at the church beginning at 10 AM. On Thursday, April 4 visitation will be from 5-9 PM at Gatesville Funeral Home, 2425 E. Main St., Gatesville, TX and a funeral mass Friday, April 5 at 4 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1108 W. Main St., Gatesville, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in memory of Jonathan to be made to Friends In Need Foundation (finfoundation.org).



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TA

Tally posted:

What an inspiring way to be reminded to live fully, love more, and never waste a day. Prayers to all who knew him.

April 29 at 7:00 PM

SM

Steve Miller posted:

I never met Jonathan - yet we share a special place. I was a wrangler at Wind River Ranch from 1979-1981. If he worked there he was in a place full of joy and love. My condolences for your loss.

April 3 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jonathan was a wonderful kind young man. My sympathy to the family, he will always be remembered and I hope you find comfort in that we will see him again one day in heaven. So sorry for your loss. May God ease your pain. Praying Brenda Powell

April 3 at 7:00 PM

TS

Terry Shane posted:

Bubba was so open and had a great sense of humor. I met him once and will never forget how genuinely kind and sincere he was. Sorry for your loss I've been praying for your family. Such a tragedy.

April 2 at 7:00 PM

DA

Deanna Arellano posted:

Jonathan was a beautiful soul and has touched the hearts of many, he will be greatly missed. May the memories be in your heart forever.

April 2 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kelli Shaw posted:

You were the funniest and sweetest guy I knew. You will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

April 2 at 7:00 PM



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RD

Rhonda Dunahoo posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to your family. I remember watching Jonathan grow up, what a fine young man he became. I will continue to say prayers for your family.

April 1 at 7:00 PM

HR

Hugh Robertson posted:

Our prayers are with Lindsey and the entire family. We pray that you feel God's comfort and know Jesus' ultimate healing power for Jonathan and those who love him. We only met Jonathan once, but came away from that dinner blessed and impressed by a wonderful young man.

March 31 at 7:00 PM

RL

Rob Luttrull posted:

We miss Jonathan and his awesome sense of humor and amazing array of gifts. He was a great friend and we are so thankful for the homecoming we will have with him one day!

March 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May God's eternal love give you comfort during this difficult time and know that you are in our prayers. Ed and Carmella Marshall, Harvey, Louisiana

March 31 at 7:00 PM

TD

Tom And Donna O posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Tom and Donna O'Connor

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Michell Girarad posted:

Cointa - I know the words, "I'm Sorry" does not help much right now, but I want you to know my heart is hurting for you, but rejoicing for Jonathan. Jesus is our ultimate physician and he healed Jonathan in the most perfect way for him. He is whole and healthy now, to live forever next to our Savior. Yes, we wanted him to be healed here on earth but God knows the big picture. I think of how many lives Jonathan has touched just during his illness, let alone the other 30 years. He is a man of integrity that will not be forgotten. My friends and Bible Study group are all praying for you and your family. Lean on God right now. He will hold you in his hands. I love you.

March 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Cointa - We are so sorry for you and your family. We don't know why God takes our loved ones (like Jonathan and Linda) when he does, but I trust that He has a plan that we may later understand. You have a lot of friends and family that want to show their encouragement and support (including all my family, of course). Love, Bob and Carolyn Brown

March 29 at 7:00 PM



Jodie posted:

Cointa and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. My heart breaks for yours, but know that Jonathan is in peace with God and wrapped in the arms of love.

March 29 at 7:00 PM



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BE

Beckylynn posted:

JONATHAN.. A MAN I NEVER MET PERSONALLY BUT I FELT I DID THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.. A MAN READY TO CONQUER THE WORLD.. WELL HE DID THAT AND STILL DOING.. (through us now) YES, HE HAS REACH SO MANY THROUGH HIS STEADFAST LOVE IN THE LORD.. ONCE YOU BEEN TOUCH BY THE LORD LIKE HE HAS , HIS EYES PENTERTRATED WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN HIS LIFE .. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM WELL KNOWS THIS .. THOSE LIKE ME ONLY CAN KNOW BY THE LORD AND YES PICTURES.. SO LETS ALL REMEMBER WHAT HE KNEW... HE KNEW VICTORY... THE LORD'S PRESENCE , THE LORD'S GLORY WAS HERE WITH HIM FOR US TO ENJOY AND TAKE THROUGH OUR OWN ADVERSITIES.... HIS TESTIMONY.. WHAT A GODLY MAN ONE DAY WE WILL MEET IN PERSON.. WHEN THAT DAY comes and I GET MY CITIZENSHIP PAPERS TOO.. PHILIPPIANS 3:17-21.. AMEN.. THANK YOU JANET AND FAMILY FOR INCLUDING ME IN THIS WONDERFUL JOURNEY...OF NOT GIVING UP.. FULL OF FAITH... WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE YALL TO RISE UP AND KNOW WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BELIEVE.. THATS WE DID BELIEVE.. THANK YOU JESUS FOR BEING THERE EVERY STEP AND EVEN NOW...

March 29 at 7:00 PM

KD

Kelly David posted:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain."-In Christ

March 29 at 7:00 PM

LS

Liz And Dustin Shoaf posted:

Jonathan exemplified patience and kindness. Sending you all love and prayers.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

MK

March Kingsdorf posted:

Lindsey - I'm thinking of you - always - but especially now...You are such a most special woman & I know that Jonathan was just as special. He must have been. He fell in love with you. You know that Jonathan will always be by your side...his spirit will continue to soar & his heart will always be full of love...I love you - March

March 28 at 7:00 PM



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LM

Luz Moreno posted:

With deepest sympathy! May Jesus Consoler be with you during this difficult time!

March 28 at 7:00 PM

SB

Sue Bankhead posted:

I know Jonathan fought long and hard. I am so sorry. But he can now rest in the arms of our heavenly father. He will give all the strenght to go through this heart breaking time. God Bless

March 28 at 7:00 PM

JU

Juan posted:

Our thoughts and prayers for each of you all. Jonathan had such a heart, soul, and determination like no other. He will be missed by everyone that he touched in his way of being so simple, kind hearted, and loving smile.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

TO

The Staff Of E posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

March 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

TO THE FAMILY DURING THIS VERY SAD TIME, PLEASE LEAN ON THE "GOD OF ALL COMFORT"
2ND COR.1:3-4.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

GB

Gwynn Torres And Sid Berger posted:

Jonathon and his fight to survive had a profound effect on such a wide net of people. We are so thankful to have had the chance to meet him. To Lindsey and the rest of the family, I can't imagine the loss you feel, but I pray you find some peace in knowing that Jonathon and his strong spirit remains in our hearts and will continue to inspire.

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BH

Barbara Hutton posted:

If "gone too soon" ever applied to any passing, it is to Jonathan. He was a remarkable man, filled with love and light. Knowing him first through YL in Boulder when he was a student at CU, then with a shared love of horses with our family, he was a frequent guest at our dinner table and rode our horses often. He found a home at Wind River for our falling apart old truck and kept it running when others had given up. It was through Jonathan that we came to know and love Winston as well. His example of enduring Faith is a model for all who are challenged in this life. Our hearts are breaking. He is missed greatly. Our prayers for comfort and gratitude for Jonathan's life go to all who loved Jonathan. On behalf of the Hutton-McKinnie family Chelsea, Barbara and Pam

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our most heartfelt sympathy to all of the Avitia family. We pray for your peace in the loss of Jonathan. He was truly a wonderful young man. Richard and Sue Ashby

March 27 at 7:00 PM

LO

Leslie Heidi Ortega posted:

May God give you strength as you go through this very difficult journey. We are truly blessed to have been able to have known Jonathan. Rip Jonathan.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

DU

Dusty posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all, Cointa, Jose, and Ila Mae...Jonathan was an amazing person-he had a smile that would warm any heart, and wisdom beyond his years. I have many fond memories of him that will never be forgotten-one of which, was his way of building people up; he gave me more confidence than anyone else has ever done! He would always tell me I "could" do something when I would say I "can't"! His memory will forever live on, and I find peace in knowing that we will get to see him again one day. Love you all! You are in my thoughts and prayers..

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TW

Tara Woodson posted:

My prayers for you and your family. You are truly an amazing person Jonathan the world definitely lost one of the good guys.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jerry Riley posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

SB

Star Baize posted:

You will be missed. Prayers to your family and friends.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

EL

Elsa posted:

No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. Our deepest condolences are with you as you grieve.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

AI

Anna Ibarra posted:

Our prayers go out to you and your family. Jonathan was an amazing person that we were all blessed to know in our life time. He will always be an inspiration to all of us.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

GE

Gina Edmiston posted:

My sad heart sends sympathy. I wish I could have known Jonathan. He must have been an absolutely amazing young man. May the Lord continue to send you all strength and courage as you mourn his loss.

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MM

Meredith Massar posted:

Thanks Jonathan for the joy and love you exemplified! Peace and grace, friend.

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KM

Karen Magee posted:

May God bless you and wrap his arms around you. You family is very special. We all can learn a lot from you. God bless you.

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YD

Yvonne Dutschmann posted:

Our hearts go out to you at this time and in the days ahead.

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JL

Johnny And Megan Lynch posted:

We love you guys and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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ST

Stephanie posted:

May God bless you. May He grant you comfort and peace during this time. Jonathan's smile, his talent, his character will not be forgotten. He is truly the strongest man we've ever known.

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JM

Jennifer Mcfadden posted:

May the Lord surround you with His comfort and peace which surpasses all understanding.

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SS

Stewart Speer posted:

Our prayers are with you and your family. Jonathan touched the hearts of many people with his determination and appreciation of life. Please let us know if we can do anything.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

MD

Mary Delaney posted:

May God Bless you, and surround you with comfort & peace during this most difficult time. Please call on me if can be of help in any way.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

MM

Micah Mckamie posted:

Here's to a man that had a smile for every occasion. Never finding time to think to many thoughts of the bad. We were are lucky to have known a man like Jonathan. The times that Jonathan, Winston, and I spent in San Antonio have always been some of the best times of my life this far. Those who knew Jonathan are among the lucky few to have basked in his light. So here's to you Jonathan Avitia, may you be forever in our hearts.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

JO

John posted:

Our deepest sympathies to your family. You are in our prayers.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

CW

Cindy Waters posted:

Praying for you comfort in the days to come. God Bless all of you.

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VL

Velma Moreno Lewis posted:

We stand and surround you and offer you our strength, support and prayers. May God bless and guide your steps through this difficult time.

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FC

Francis Chavez posted:

Reciban mi mas sentido pesame y mis oraciones para que Dios los fortalezca en estos momentos de dolor. Los admiramos por que son un ejemplo a seguir pues su fe se transparenta y se siente asta aca. Dios los bendiga hoy y siempre, Francis y Arturo Chavez, Gatesville, TX

March 27 at 7:00 PM

GK

Graig And Morgan Keeton posted:

What a legacy of strength, courage, and faith Jonathan has left! God bless you guys.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kathy Smith posted:

May God Bless and comfort your family. All of you have been a blessing to numerous others. Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. Love to all.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kelli Shaw posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

ST

Stacey posted:

We are thinking of you and your family during this most difficult time. You are loved by us all and will continue to be prayed for.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

DO

Dona posted:

Cointa, Pepe, Ila Mae, my thoughts and prayers are with you. "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

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Anonymous posted:

May God Bless you all and I pray you can feel His loving arms around you at this time. You will always be in my prayers. God Bless. Carolyn Gallaway- Gatesville, Texas

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss and will keep your family in our prayers. Kathy and Richard Withrow , Gatesville, Tx

March 27 at 7:00 PM



LA

Larry posted:

We are thinking of you and your family at this time and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



JD

Jeremy Dean posted:

What an incredible family of faith and such an inspiration to all of us. My prayers continue with all of you.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



JR

Jenna Rogers posted:

Love to you all, know that there is no way Jonathan will ever be forgotten.

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RU

Rudy posted:

Our deepest sympathies to your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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Steve posted:

Our deepest sympathies to your family.

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Deral posted:

You have been in our prayers, and you all will continue to be in our prayers.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jonathan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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