



Jonathan Richard Kirsch

June 15, 1973 - April 6, 2024

Jonathan Richard Kirsch, age 50, of Tampa, Florida passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Advent Health of Tampa, Florida. He was born June 15, 1973, in Kankakee, Illinois, the son of Daniel & Mary Ann (Rivard) Kirsch. Jonathan married the love of his life, Denise Hohrein Buckley in 2013, in Bora Bora.

Jonathan was a pharmaceutical sales and commercial executive for 22 years. He graduated from the Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, class of 1991, as Valedictorian and Athlete of the Year. He pitched on the varsity baseball team, winning the Illinois state championship his senior year. He was also a member of the golf team. He secured a scholarship to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, where he played on the Navy baseball team. After his USNA graduation on May 31, 1995, he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy for 7 years. He spent several years on tours in the submarine U.S.S. West Virginia. He graduated from Northwestern in Chicago Illinois, with an MBA and subsequently worked in the pharmaceutical industry, leading 4 blockbuster launches of medication that improved people's lives & health.

He was an avid Cubs fan. He loved to travel with his wife, race cars, attend football games and have fun. He was born a fourth child, the only son, and grew up with 3 older sisters that doted on him. As an adult, he had a very

special relationship with his sisters and was a very intelligent, protective and generous individual. He was always willing to help family and friends. He was very charitable and also served as a board member of the breast cancer organization Journey to the Cure from 2004-2016.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Kirsch; his parents; his mother in law, Kitty Hohrein; 3 sisters and brothers in law, Amy Delmore, Valerie Goldfain (Butch Hovarter), Ellen (Larry Stringer), & Mark Goldfain, all of Bourbonnais, IL; 2 sister in laws, Lisa (Jonathan) Harley & Julie Watkins. He leaves behind many wonderful nephews and nieces, Bob (Kara) Delmore, Katie Delmore (his goddaughter), Dan Goldfain, Luke Goldfain, Rhiannon Stringer, Aidan Stringer, Joey Stringer, Amanda Harley, Caitlin Harley & Kaia Watkins and 1 great nephew, "ma man" Calvin Delmore.

He was preceded in death by brother in law Joseph Delmore; maternal grandparents Lumena & Roy Rivard; paternal grandparents Joseph & Florence Kirsch; godparents Frederick & Madonna Grasser.

A visitation will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, Illinois, on Friday, May 10, 2024 from 4:00 -7:00 p.m., with a memorial service held immediately after at 7:00 p.m. Interment will be in the United States Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis, Maryland at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation at www.usna.com.

Cemetery Details

United States Naval Academy

121 Blake Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21402

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Memorial Service

MAY 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“Denise, I'm sending love to you and all Jon's family and friends. It's heartbreaking. I will always remember Jon as thoughtful, brilliant, fun-loving and big-hearted. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from and work beside him.

Jocelyn M. Ashford - May 10, 2024 at 11:04 PM

MS

“I had the opportunity to work with Jon at Abbott and AbbVie for 15 years. He was such an intelligent and kind person. He was always willing to help and was completely dedicated to his team and the cause. I am so fortunate to have known him. The world is less joyful for his loss. Marianne Sutcliffe

Marianne Sutcliffe - May 10, 2024 at 09:34 PM

LH

“We send our deepest sympathies to Mary Ann, Dan, and all of Jonathan's family. Jonathan was one of the "really good ones," as they say, and we all share your sadness in his passing at much too young of an age. May he rest in peace.

Larry & Christine Huffman - May 04, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JS

“ Dear Denise, family and friends of Jonathan,
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Jonathan’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS West Virginia SSBN-736.
To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.

Denise and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,
National Chaplain, USSVI.
www.jimsandman.com

Jim Sandman - May 02, 2024 at 02:23 PM

MG

“ Our deepest condolences Denise and family. I’m so grateful to have known and work with Jon. He also had a smile, very kind, and an authentic person. Jon brought out the best in people. We will miss him dearly.

Marie Glenn - May 01, 2024 at 05:52 PM

AT

“ Andrea, Brooke, Carlos, Conrad, Ephraim, Julie, Rachel, Noon, Scott, Tanaz, & Tim planted a grove of 25 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Richard Kirsch.

Andrea, Brooke, Carlos, Conrad, Ephraim, Julie, Rachel, Noon, Scott, Tanaz, & Tim - April 30, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Jon was my former manager and I am deeply saddened about the news of his passing. He was a person who exuded kindness, exuberance, and a genuine love for his work.

Jon had a wonderful sense of humor that brightened many days and a thoughtfulness that touched the hearts of all who knew him. It was evident that he cared deeply for his colleagues and always made an effort to create a supportive and positive work environment. He always spoke fondly about his family, showcasing the love and joy they brought into his life. I will always remember Jon for his warmth, humor, and the kindness he showed to all. My thoughts and condolences go out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Jon.

Warm regards,
Nicole Pacheco

Nicole Pacheco - April 29, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ Jon was such a dynamic and passionate individual who always brought a big smile and determined energy to everything he did. He was a valued leader at Abbvie whose dedication to patients and to his colleagues was simply outstanding. I loved talking skiing and ski slopes with him - it seemed he had conquered them all. Everything that Jon did, he did with determination to be the best and enjoy to the fullest.

I am heartbroken to learn of Jon's passing, and am keeping Denise and the entire family in our prayers.

Jen Ward - April 29, 2024 at 06:41 PM

ML

“ I knew Jon at the Academy. He was a great guy- genuinely nice. We spent a lot of time together during our summer training a Quantico. Man, that guy made me laugh. I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Fair Winds and Following Seas, shipmate!

Mike Lopez - April 29, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DT

“ I had the great fortune to work closely with Jon for years at Abbott and then I was so lucky our paths crossed again more recently. He was unbelievably smart, strategic, and an inspirational leader; above all, however, I will always remember and cherish his kindness and authenticity. May his memory be eternal. My most heartfelt of condolences. Sincerely, Dora Tamer

Dora Tamer - April 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AP

“ Our thoughts are with Jon's family, Denise, and Jon's friends and loved ones. We are so sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
Alison Peterson

Alison Peterson - April 26, 2024 at 05:11 PM

CT

“ My deepest sympathy to Jon's family. Jon was my manager and I had the opportunity to work closely with him for a number of years. A great leader and person. Sincerely, Celex Thomas

Celex Thomas - April 26, 2024 at 04:39 PM

LA

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers for the family. I was blessed to work with Jon years ago. I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely,
Laura Anderson*

Laura Anderson - April 26, 2024 at 03:25 PM

SL

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you and your family!!*



Steve and Darci Lemner - April 25, 2024 at 05:24 PM

CB

“ *Candi Brenneisen lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Richard Kirsch*



Candi Brenneisen - April 25, 2024 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ *Sending Heartfelt Condolences.
Jim & Mary Kay Beedle*

Mary Kay Beedle - April 25, 2024 at 10:15 AM