



## Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce

July 21, 1975 - October 4, 2019

Jonathan Clay Koonce, age 44, of Shelbyville, passed away Friday, October 4, 2019.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Leming Cemetery in Normandy.

The family will receive 11 AM until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born July 21, 1975, in Shelbyville, to Dr. Marvin and Mary Ellen Douglas Koonce, of Shelbyville. Jonathan was born with a lot of challenges, but with his hard work and determination, and that of his loving and faithful family, he lived a happy and productive life.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Douglas Koonce, and his wife Santha, of Shelbyville, and David Koonce, and his wife Laura, of Murfreesboro; a sister, Jennifer Thorpe, and her husband Dicky, of Shelbyville; nieces and nephews, Bethany Koonce, Julia Koonce, Katie Thorpe, Rachel Thorpe, Claire Thorpe, Ellie Thorpe, Will Thorpe, Elijah Cartwright, Ash Cartwright, Grayson Koonce, and Paisley Koonce.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.



# Tribute Wall

MT

“ Prayers to you all. He was a sweet soul.



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**Melissa Teal** - October 09, 2019 at 05:44 PM

PT

“ Prayers for your family. So very sorry for your loss.

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**Pat Thompson** - October 08, 2019 at 11:30 PM

PT

“ Pat Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce



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**Pat Thompson** - October 08, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ Brianna Waggled sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce



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**Brianna Waggled** - October 08, 2019 at 10:42 PM

JO

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Jonathan. We love the Koonce family & will have you in our prayers & thoughts. We know that you will take comfort in knowing Jonathan is in a better place & that you will cherish all the precious memories.  
*Jerry & Nancy Osteen* ”

**Jerry & Nancy Osteen** - October 08, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ Sharon Mcclaran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce ”



**Sharon Mcclaran** - October 08, 2019 at 01:33 AM

DT

“ Devetta Totty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce ”



**Devetta Totty** - October 07, 2019 at 02:44 PM

MS

“ Mary Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce ”



**Mary Slaughter** - October 07, 2019 at 05:07 AM

KH

“ *Kim Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce*



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**kim harris** - October 06, 2019 at 08:52 PM

SH

“ *A beautiful soul has received his reward in Heaven with his loving father.*

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**Sandra Housch** - October 06, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sharon Mcclaran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce*



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**Sharon Mcclaran** - October 06, 2019 at 02:59 PM

SM

“ My Jon Jon, I have missed him so much since my retirement, and since we are no longer able to visit houses I was unable to visit. When I was working his home in the mornings he always greeted me with a smile and a hug, sometimes a kiss. After breakfast and meds we would go to his room and pick out a change of clothes for after lunch. I always let him pick. When I would be doing my morning note he would sneak in the room and slam the door when I would yell because he scared me. He loved to dance to Cajun Music and loves to sing along with Elvira and a gospel song No Not One. Jon would also take your shoe and take off with it and laugh. I cold go on and on. JON JON I LOVED YOU VERY MUCH! RIP MY DEAR ONE, ENTER HEAVEN DANCING AND SINGING. OH YEAH I GOY YOU SOME TIC TACS. LOL.

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**Sharon Mcclaran** - October 06, 2019 at 02:53 PM

CV

“ Mr. and Mrs. Koonce, I worked with Jonathan for many years at his home. It was such a shock to hear about your loss. Jon had a great spirit and a great sense of humor. Although some people may not have understood his words, all those that knew him well and worked with him daily certainly knew what he was trying to say. I will remember his laugh and love of music. My favorite memory was me and him singing Silver Bells at Christmas every year. I would sing the Silver Bells part and he would follow with dah, dah, dah and he never missed a beat. I hope it's a comfort to know Jon can now talk, walk and will be seizure free in his new home in heaven. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you both Cindy Victory.

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**cindy victory** - October 05, 2019 at 11:16 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing! Judie carr

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**judie carr** - October 05, 2019 at 08:25 PM

SD

“ *Shawn Freeman Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce*



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**Shawn Freeman Daniel** - October 05, 2019 at 05:23 PM

KS

“ *Karen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce*



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**Karen Scott** - October 05, 2019 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ *When I think of Jon I remember his sweet spirit and pure heart. For many years we shared Sunday mornings with me sitting behind Jon and his family during worship. Jon never failed in acknowledging me often times simply reaching his arm back at touching my arm or leg ( or grabbing my skirt 😊). The one morning I will always cherish is the Sunday I was so distraught over the impending passing of my Mother that when we sang “It is Well with my Soul”, Jon reached back and took my hand and held it. Today with tears of love I rejoice that Jon is in the arms of Jesus. Mary G.*

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**Mary Gordon** - October 05, 2019 at 08:58 AM

AJ

“ *Annie Jacobs Jernigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce*



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**Annie Jacobs Jernigan** - October 04, 2019 at 08:23 PM

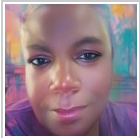


“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce.*



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October 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *To Mr.and Mrs. Koonce and family,you have my deepest sympathy. Jon's home was the first home I worked at when I started working at SDS. Even though I wasn't at his home anymore,I still saw him at the center. Some mornings I would get a grunt and some mornings I'd get a good morning. But no matter what I always got his scratch on my back. I always called him Koonce or JK. He loved his family feud and loved to sing Elvira. My heart broke when I heard of JK passing,because even though we aren't supposed to refer to them as babies,he was mine. I'd ask Jk sometimes does he miss me at his house,he would tell me yes,in his own way. Then I would tell him all he miss is my cooking and the dessert I'd fix. He would give me a smile and roll himself to the next person.Even though things was limited for him to do,he still wanted to be independent.RIP JK, I love you and will miss you so much. God makes no mistakes when he chooses his angels and he has chosen a great person.*

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**Veronica Gross** - October 04, 2019 at 04:32 PM

LN

*Mr and Mrs. Koonce john will be missed. I worked at sds a feed years back. John was such a joy and a blessing to be around. He was always in a good mood. He lived to sing his song and be around others. He was a very special person and will be greatly missed. Prayers for your family and those who work at sds I know they will miss him to. I pray for for strength and peace knowing that Jon will be singing and dancing with the angles in heaven. Lee nowlin*

Lee Nowlin - October 04, 2019 at 07:33 PM

TA

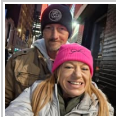
*To the family .... prayers for strength to hold on to the memories.  
Tommy Anderton*

tommy anderton - October 04, 2019 at 11:44 PM

EH

*I have so many loving memories of Jon and his family. My days with him at Eastside School are some of my happiest. Jon was always happy and never met a stranger. Mary Ellen and Buddy were always among some of the most supportive and cooperative parents I ever had to work with. Jon is now telling all of his friends his wealth of stories and trying out his new wings and legs. He was and is much loved and will be remembered for many years to come.*

Eudora Hargis - October 05, 2019 at 02:52 PM



*Mr. And Mrs Koonce I worked with Jon for 4 yrs at his home and loved every bit of it we would sing and laugh and go to walmart and to the park he loved trios out.. I have always kept up with Jon on yalls pages love to see his sweet smile come across y'all page on his trips home to see y'all .. He will be missed for sure Elvira was our song and biggest tn fan I know love u Jon Jon RIP buddy*

LeAnne Perry - October 05, 2019 at 08:29 PM

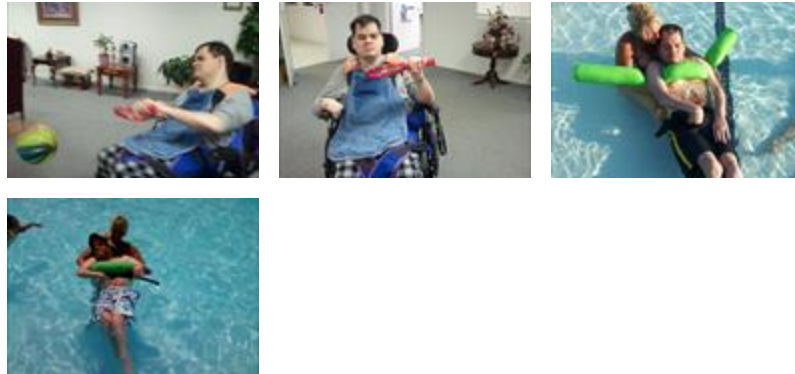
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*"The sorrow we feel when we lose a loved one is the price we pay to have had them in our lives."  
To the Koonce Family-hopefully you will always remember your Jon with joy in your heart. ]  
Julia's Family at the Sleep Inn Murfreesboro*

steph norris - October 08, 2019 at 08:48 AM

CB

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Cindy Brown - October 04, 2019 at 03:22 PM

PR

“ Peggy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce



Peggy Robinson - October 04, 2019 at 02:48 PM

OA

“ Ola Archer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Clay Koonce



Ola Archer - October 04, 2019 at 01:38 PM

OA

So, so very sorry for your loss. Many prayers for your family during this difficult time. Ola Archer

Ola Archer - October 04, 2019 at 01:40 PM

AB

*Prayers of comfort for your family.*

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**Andrea Bolden** - October 04, 2019 at 02:21 PM

JW

*I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**judy williams** - October 04, 2019 at 04:15 PM

BR

*So sorry for your family's loss*

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**BrendaAnderson** - October 07, 2019 at 10:09 PM