



Jonathan Wayne Critser

November 17, 1994 - April 7, 2023

Jonathan “Jon” W. Critser, 28, of Monrovia was found on Friday, April 7, 2023, after going missing on Christmas Eve. He was born in Martinsville on November 17, 1994 to Johnny Wayne Stapp and Audrey Marie (Brownen) Andrew.

The apple of his mother’s eye from birth, Jon was a precious bundle of joy. Born with a heart defect, the doctors were unsure he would survive, but his strong will to live pulled him through. He attended Monrovia and Martinsville schools, later graduating with honors in Logansport. A rambunctious child, he enjoyed the wind through his hair riding dirt bikes and go-karts.

A truly generous and thoughtful soul, Jon was known to literally give the shirt off his back. With a tremendous sense of humor, he reveled in being the jokester. A rapper at heart, he had his own YouTube channel, where he would entertain spectators with his lyrical raps, along with his talent of Muay Thai. The life of the party, Jon loved his family with his entire heart, especially his mother. When he went missing on Christmas Eve, Audrey diligently searched for her son, never giving up. Gone too soon from this world, Jonathan leaves those who knew and loved him with only memories. He will be deeply and profoundly missed.

Jon was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Wayne Stapp; daughter,

Ariella Marie Foster-Critser; uncle, Matthew Brownen; beloved grandfather, John Stapp; and cousin, Josh Calvert.

He leaves behind his mother, Audrey Marie (Brownen) Andrew (Earl Trotter) of Monrovia; step fathers, Jason Andrew of Monrovia, and Billy Critser (Shelly) of Indianapolis; siblings, Dalton Jason "Gunner" Andrew of Martinsville, Lindsey Critser of Indianapolis, Uriah Stapp of Mooresville, and Cara Critser of Martinsville; grandparents, Allen and Linda Brownen of Monrovia, Carol and Joe Jacobs of Monrovia, Patty Vaughn (Mitch Cornett) of Indianapolis, Fred and Danette Critser of Mooresville, and Bob and Cheryl Williams of Mooresville; aunts and uncles, David Stapp (Cheron) of Indianapolis, Amber Knapp of Greenwood, Christopher Stapp of KY, Shelly Firsich (Rick) of Monrovia, Sherry Danielson (Shawn) of Fountaintown, Mick Critser (Angel) of Martinsville, Kelly Daniels (Skylar) of Mooresville, Amanda Vaughn of Indianapolis, April Critser of Mooresville, and Jessie Critser of Mooresville; nieces and nephews, Antonio Jr., Tanyliah, Brandon, and Kaleigha Lyles, and Elijah Williams.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10am to 2pm at the funeral home, with a Celebration of Life Service beginning promptly at 2pm, with Pastor Rick Worley officiating. A private graveside service was held previously at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to help his family offset final expenses in c/o Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E. Main St., Monrovia, IN 46157. Please include Jon's name for online donations that may be sent directly through PayPal by clicking <http://paypal.me/LightMemorial> and envelopes will be available during services. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Jon's memory, please visit his tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - April 21, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - April 21, 2023 at 02:47 PM

JE

“ Audrey,
I just wanted to send you my condolences, and that I am praying for you and your family during this time. It has been a long time since I've last talked to or seen you. When my daughter told me about Jonathon first going missing I was in disbelief, and my heart went out to you. I could only imagine your pain. A mother should not have to EVER feel this pain EVER!! And then my girls and I heard that Jonathan was finally found it was not only a heartbreak, but a relief as well so that you as his mama could finally have a little comfort at knowing that at least your baby boy could finally rest as well as you
❤️ My daughter's went to school with Jonathon at Monrovia. My oldest Kaylee was in the same class as Jonathon. My youngest two were a few years behind him. Sadie is the middle sister, and Kinley my youngest. Her and Gunner were little sweethearts for awhile and they would come to your place on Blazing Star or Gunner would be over at ours down on Whispering Court off of Kivett. Oh the funny memories! Just know that Jonathan is at peace and safe. My 3 girls and myself are praying for you and your family.
FLY HIGH
JONATHAN.....YOU WILL BE MISSED ❤️🙏

Jessie - April 21, 2023 at 12:58 AM

AA

Thank you ❤️ and yes I remember sweet lil Kinley 💕

Audrey Andrew - May 06, 2023 at 12:06 AM

HM

“ I miss Jon everyday coming to my house just to ask to use my phone to call his mom.. to make sure she was ok and asked if I had tuna and peanut butter he said that good in protein lol I love and miss u jon



Heather McElfresh - April 18, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SS

“ Jon we miss you here in Drexel Gardens gone but never ever forgotten. Love ya RIH....

Shannon Smith - April 17, 2023 at 10:52 PM

RA

“ Rhonda Adams-Galyean lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Rhonda Adams-Galyean - April 17, 2023 at 09:43 AM

AA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Audrey Andrew - April 15, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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Audrey Andrew - April 15, 2023 at 12:27 AM

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Audrey Andrew - April 15, 2023 at 12:08 AM

AA

“ Fly High My Sweet Baby Boy 💙
Mama sure misses you . I'd give anything for
one of your big bear hugs right now. Kiss
Ariella for me and tell her granny loves her .
Watch over your brothers and sisters nieces
and nephews
I will see you again one glorious day 🥹💔🥹💔



Audrey Andrew - April 15, 2023 at 12:06 AM

DA

“ I taught Jonathan in preschool, he was such a sweet little boy. I'm
so sorry to hear of his passing. Your family is in my prayers during
this most difficult time. ~Denise Alexander

Denise Alexander - April 14, 2023 at 08:55 PM

AA

Thank you Mrs. Alexander 🤍🙏🤍

Audrey Andrew - April 14, 2023 at 11:58 PM

SP

“ God bless you Jonathon.



Sandy Pritchard - April 14, 2023 at 01:27 PM

LL

“ Sending love and huggs sorry for your loss



lorie lewis - April 14, 2023 at 07:28 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan Wayne Critser.



April 13, 2023 at 09:45 PM

KI

“ Audrey,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Jon will always be greatly loved and missed. Thank you for giving us a true gentleman. Such a sweet Soul. I hope and pray you find healing powers. You are NOT alone. If you ever need anything, please let me know
Rest in Peace Jon.



Kimberly - April 13, 2023 at 04:24 PM

KI

“ We will always love and miss you. ❤️ Thank you for your beautiful friendship. I'll never be able to look at railroad tracks or creeks the same again. I'll always be looking for you. I know you are in a better place, finally happy. Keep watch over all of us who still needs you. Your seat on the ground is always here, waiting for you. You know you are always welcomed. Damn, I'm gonna miss seeing your face. You are such a great sweet soul. Now I KNOW that was u with the ring. Just HAD to freak me out one last time, eh? Good one. 🤔 Next time, be a lil more specific, would ya? 🤔 You are greatly loved and will be greatly missed. We know you are finally at Peace. Thank you for sharing the laughs, stories, tears, happy memories. Rest in Peace, My friend. Hit me up later. Your seat will be waiting ❤️ Can't wait to hear from you... as always. Please help keep watch over all these kids. We could use the extra Angel over all of them. Rest in Peace, my friend. Till we meet again.....You'll forever be Loved and Missed

Kimberly - April 13, 2023 at 04:14 PM

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Kimberly - April 13, 2023 at 04:11 PM

SS

“ Audrey and family prayers are being lifted for all of you during this time of loss. God please wrap your arms around this Mother for comfort.



Susan Scott - April 13, 2023 at 10:15 AM

AG

“ Angel Guinn lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Angel Guinn - April 13, 2023 at 08:34 AM

AN

“ Adriana Nelson lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Adriana Nelson - April 13, 2023 at 05:42 AM

GS

“ Gracie Schlautman lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Gracie Schlautman - April 13, 2023 at 03:34 AM

MC

“ Misty Whitesell Cass lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Misty Whitesell Cass - April 12, 2023 at 11:47 PM

AC

“ Amanda Cox-Thacker lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Amanda Cox-Thacker - April 12, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DA

“ Darlene lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Darlene - April 12, 2023 at 06:34 PM

DA

Gone but never forgotten love you buddy

Darlene - April 12, 2023 at 06:35 PM

SY

“ Stephanie Young lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Stephanie young - April 12, 2023 at 05:58 PM

SK

“ *Skyler Kent lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser*



skyer kent - April 12, 2023 at 05:55 PM

CO

“ *I'm gonna miss you Jonathan! Prayers for your family during this difficult time!*



Chris Ooley - April 12, 2023 at 05:10 PM

SW

“ *Prayers for the entire family. So sorry for your loss. RIH Jonathan*



Sheila Whitaker - April 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SG

“ *You will be missed give Ariella a kiss from me*



Stephanie Gibson - April 12, 2023 at 04:33 PM

HP

“ *Heather Pitcock lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser*



heather pitcock - April 12, 2023 at 04:30 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Terrell lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser*



Michelle Terrell - April 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM

HO

“ *Hollee lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser*



Hollee - April 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM

LB

“ Hi love bug,

I know you will never get to see this but you know how much you and your family mean to me. I have loved you since we were just little kids. We spent almost 6 years of our lives together and at such a young age that was super impressive honestly. We went through so much and it eventually took a toll but we never stopped looking out for eachother. We were eachothers person and I am just so grateful for all those memories. I am going to miss you terribly but I know that you are with your baby girl again and you are looking down and watching over your loved ones. We will miss you more than you will ever know. I love you Jon.

*Love Always,
Peaches 🍑💕*

Laila Barden - April 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM

MW

“ *Misty Ward lit a candle in memory of
Jonathan Wayne Critser*



Misty Ward - April 12, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SD

“ *Jon Boy, that's what Grandma (Mimi) called
you. I hope you're at peace now buddy. You
will be missed dearly. You, Mimi and Ariella
watch over and protect your Mama! Love you
Jon!*



Shannan Dillingham - April 12, 2023 at 03:46 PM

HG

“ RIP Jonathan 🥹



Heather Galyan - April 12, 2023 at 03:44 PM

TB

“ Tia Beach lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Tia Beach - April 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM

PW

“ Penny White lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



penny white - April 12, 2023 at 02:55 PM

BW

“ Bob Williams lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser



Bob Williams - April 12, 2023 at 01:56 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss Marie, Jon will be missed by all . Prayers for all his family and friends .

Bob Williams - April 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fleener sent a virtual gift in memory of Jonathan Wayne Critser*



Kathy Fleener - April 12, 2023 at 01:24 PM

KF

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss*



Kathy Fleener - April 12, 2023 at 01:21 PM

TF

“ Dear Family:

We, the families of The Compassionate Friends, send you our heartfelt condolences on Jonathan's passing.

The Compassionate Friends is an international, non-denominational, grief support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have suffered the heartbreaking loss of a child. Our only mission is to provide comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or daughter, brother or sister, or grandchild, and to help others better assist the grieving family.

We meet monthly on the first Wednesday at the New Hope Church, 5307 Fairview Rd, Greenwood, IN 46142 and on the third Tuesday at the Epworth United Methodist, 6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Both meetings begin at 6:30pm.

If, and when, you are ready to do so, please join us for either, or both, meetings.

We Need Not Walk Alone. We are The Compassionate Friends.

The Compassionate Friends

Central Indiana Chapter

(317) 681-4292 (April)

Local Website: www.tcfcentralindiana.org

National Website: www.compassionatefriends.org

The Compassionate Friends - April 12, 2023 at 12:50 PM