



Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams

December 5, 1985 - June 13, 2020

Jordan was born in Stamford, CT, the second son of Maud Henrys and Mario Williams. He was welcomed by big brother Nikolas and the ecstatic grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins of his extended family.

Jordan was an intelligent, strong-willed, observant boy. A mischievous grin would slowly etch on his face as he watched foolish adults, and just at the right moment he would quietly drop a witty remark befitting the situation, and be off on his way. Jordan enjoyed sleep-overs with his cousins, followed by Saturday morning video game sessions and swimming. He relished weekends, vacations, and adventures shared with family and friends.

Jordan received his education in Miami, FL, where his family had moved when he was an infant. He attended Gulliver Academy from kindergarten through high school, graduating in 2004. He went on to Miami Dade College. Jordan, like his late father, loved sports and as a child enjoyed soccer and basketball. He had a lifelong fondness of the Miami Heat, never missing one of their games, often re-watching his favorite ones, even years later.

A gifted artist, particularly in charcoal drawing, Jordan proudly won his middle school's yearbook cover design contest at age 9. He had an early appreciation for art and music. The saxophone, at first, became his instrument of choice, and he and his schoolmate and friend Ricky, formed a duo called the "Saxy Boys." They developed a devoted following as they masterfully played Jordan's favorite tunes from the Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Big Band era. At the tender ages of 10 and 12, the 'Boys' were contracted to perform at various functions throughout Miami.

Jordan showed great stage presence whenever the "Saxy Boys" performed. His talent and maturity earned him a place at the prestigious Interlochen Music Camp. Jordan was also a gifted guitarist, often playing in band shows during his later teens, and twenties. As an adult in NC, he enjoyed spending countless hours playing his instruments and composing music and lyrics.

Jordan's charm, charisma, calm demeanor and distinct way of expressing himself, were perfectly suited to a career in hospitality. He was beloved and appreciated by his employers, co-workers and clientele alike.

Besides his grieving mother, he leaves behind brothers Nikolas, Max and Christopher. He is preceded in death by his sister, Briana.

A funeral Mass will be held Monday, June 22, 2020 at 11:00 am in St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church.

The service will be live streamed at <https://livestream.com/stmichaelcary/events/8758887>

Events

JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
804 High House Rd., Cary, NC, US, 27513

Comments



“ Jordan is one of my best friends. Matt and Chris hit the nail on the head about his humor and his profound artistic talents. He was always there for me - for us. We shared so much and it would not have been the same without him. Jordan not only made incredible art both visually and musically. Knowing him was like art. Hanging out with him was such an honor, to experience his presence. All the wit, insight, and friendliness. He made everything better and more fun. The band trips, the jam sessions, the chill sessions. What an amazing person.

We worked on a lot of music together and I want everyone who knew him to hear it. Jordan is an artistic genius. Everyone who knew him as an artist - you all know who you are - knows this as an actual fact. Jordan Williams was and is a real life bona fide genius. He cared about his music, put a lot of effort into it, and it is deeply beautiful. The songs we collaborated on are still being completed but it will be posted at a Facebook page: The Music of Jordan Williams. It'll have everything: our stuff, his own stuff, the jam sessions he had with me and Matt and Jose and everyone. His music will not go unheard. I love you Jordan, thank you for being my friend. Rest in peace, sir!

Robbie - 18 hours ago



“ Jordan was one of my buddies throughout high school and when I made visits down to Miami during college. I have fond memories of GameCube battles in Matt's bomb shelter, Jam sessions that went well into the early morning hours. His combination of a dry, no-nonsense attitude and incredibly goofy sense of humor was something I always enjoyed. I hope his family can find a little peace knowing we had just been talking about him and reminiscing a few months ago. Rest In Peace my friend.

Chris Jarvis - Yesterday at 08:55 PM



“ Eulogy from Maud:
A couple of years ago I came across a wooden plaque, with the phrase "It is well with my soul". I placed it in a prominent place in my room and the phrase became a part of my daily mantra. Regardless of what was going on in my life, I reminded myself that it had to be... "well with my soul". I had known that this was a phrase in the bible, and the title of a Christian song, but had never heard the hymn, nor knew its history.

With a quick internet search I learned that the author, Horatio Spafford, penned the hymn in the 1800's after having suffered multiple tragedies, as a tribute to his faith. A testament to the salvation he found in Jesus throughout the good and bad times in life. It is well with my soul... that plaque on my wall has even more meaning to me now.

Recently I re-read Rabbi Harold Kushner's well known book, When Bad Things

Happen to Good People...hoping to find some wisdom to comfort a friend who had unexpectedly lost her son. My take away from the book was where the Rabbi says, "We need to get over the questions that focus on the past and on the pain — "why did this happen to me?" — and ask instead the question which opens doors to the future: "Now that this has happened, what shall I do about it?"

For me, the answer is, that I shall honor my son's life. That I will do my part, no matter how small, to see that his illness is perceived with the compassion that it deserves. To be vocal about the systemic changes that need to occur, in the treatment of others like Jordan. Some of you may have noticed the words on my mask today... "Jordan's Life Matters"... present tense deliberate. His life will always matter.

If love had been enough to keep Jordan here on earth, he would still be with us today. But in spite of all my desperate attempts to keep him here, he was suffering greatly and needed to find peace. And that fact has to be... well with my soul... finding my own peace within God.

Jordan Christopher, you will be sorely, painfully missed, until we meet again. Meanwhile, rest in peace my beautiful boy; it is well with my soul.

maud henrys - June 23 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 22 at 10:57 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Jordan



Matthew Ashley - June 22 at 10:34 AM



“ When I remember Jordan, I think of one of my most deeply creative and caring friends. He had very deep and creative artistic abilities. I still have one of his drawings - an abstract spraypaint can character he drew for a pep rally my middle school band played for. He had a silly sense of humor that would help carry us through whatever our school and social lives threw at us. I spent lots of time talking about, playing, and sharing music with him. He played in some of our best jam sessions. I have a very vivid memory of listening to a gorgeous song by Radiohead with him in my truck one night. This was at a darker time in both of our lives, and I remember we were marveling at the beauty of the singing in the song. We were able to share our appreciation for music together, and it's something about our relationship that I miss very deeply. We spent much of our youth and twenties together, and I feel very lucky and honored to have been able to share those experiences with him.

The world is a more melancholy and empty place without him, but I take comfort in the knowledge that he will be watching over us.

Rest in peace, my friend. I love you.

Matthew Ashley - June 22 at 10:34 AM



“ Maud, I am praying for you and your family, and hope that you can find some comfort in knowing that Jordan can now rest safely in our Lord's arms,
Julia Heerding



Julia - June 22 at 10:06 AM



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maud henrys - June 21 at 11:36 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 21 at 11:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 21 at 08:38 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 21 at 07:03 PM



“ If you want to gauge whether something you said was funny, you could always tell if Jordan laughed at it. He was also a great saxophone player.



Rodney Dickey - June 21 at 02:41 PM



“ He was the only friend who actually enjoyed making coffee ice cream soup (i.e. microwaved coffee ice cream) with me. Don't ask why; it made sense in middle school. Were my parents not around? Who approved that? We miss you dearly, Jordan.

Jonathan Aguilar - June 21 at 01:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 21 at 01:04 PM



“ Guirla ,Michel and the Henrys Dodard family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



Guirla ,Michel and the Henrys Dodard family - June 21 at 10:16 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jordan Christopher Henrys Williams.



June 21 at 09:06 AM



“ maud e henrys is following this tribute.

maud henrys - June 20 at 11:41 PM



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maud e henrys - June 20 at 11:33 PM



“ a beautiful baby, a beautiful soul...i will miss my "second son"....may he rest in eternal peace

diane ashley - June 22 at 10:53 AM



“ Maud the service was beautiful. I only wish I would have had the opportunity to know this wonderful young man. It was obvious he was a blessing to all. Continued prayers for you and your family in this tremendous loss. I hope you will find comfort knowing Jordan is at peace and in Gods hands. Much Love, Susan

Susan Carter - June 22 at 11:53 AM