



Joshua Patrick Kanary

April 10, 1979 - April 28, 2013

He was born to Terrence and Marianne Kanary on April 10, 1979. He was a graduate of St. John Jesuit High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from Grand Valley State University with a semester of study in Maynooth, Ireland. He was currently pursuing his Master's Degree in social work from Cleveland State University and will be receiving his degree posthumously. He spent his career working in the non-profit field for various organizations which included Northeastern Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, Maximum Accessible Housing for Ohio, Extended Housing, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation, as well as an intern position for the office of Governor Dennis Kucinich. He loved music, video games, and spending time with his wife, Julianne and their two cats, Lenny and Carl.

Josh was preceded in death by his father, Terry; brother, Jeremiah; grandparents, Nannie, Papa, and Granny; uncle, Keith. He is survived by his loving wife of 3 years, Julianne; mother, Marianne; sister, Erin; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Friday, May 3rd from 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, May 4th at St. Pius X Church, 2950 Ilger Ave., Toledo, OH 43606, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
2950 Ilger Ave.
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *To the Family*

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you.

May the God of all Comfort comfort you. He promises us that the day is soon to come in which he is going to wipe away the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever and death will be no more. (Revelation 21:3-5)

He also assures us that all those in the memorial tombs (graves) will hear his voice and come out. (John 5:28,29)

I hope that the Scriptures bring each of you comfort and hope for the future as we awaits God's promises to be fulfilled.

Annette - May 30, 2013 at 10:10 AM

CF

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Irene Meder and Carol Fairchild*

Carol Fairchild - May 03, 2013 at 08:54 PM

MN

“ *The name is Mary Ellen Novinsky,not Mary*

mary ellen novinsky - May 03, 2013 at 03:14 PM

MN

“ *Marianne and family, I am so sorry to hear about Josh. I was reading a few of the tributes. He must have been one heck of a good guy...there is not one negative comment. He sounds a lot like his mom..with his sense of humor and quick wit. May god give you strength at this difficult time*

mary ellen novinsky - May 03, 2013 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ *The Komuniecki Family purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.*



The Komuniecki Family - May 03, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.*



May 03, 2013 at 09:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.*



May 03, 2013 at 08:50 AM

JM

“ Terribly sorry to hear about Josh's death. My deepest sympathy to all his family and relatives.

Jim Machen - May 03, 2013 at 08:06 AM

BD

“ I went to GVSU with Josh and we lived in neighboring dorms for a while. I also live locally and we hung out in Toledo sometimes too. As I am writing this, I am thinking of his song that I liked, something about a person acting like they were cool in their "American Navy Abercrombie Shirt." Hope someone else knows that out there.



Josh, who some of us called Jash for no reason at all, was always up for anything. He would go Ravine Romping way in the deep creeks at GVSU. He would help carry and lift stuff, he would help staple campus events on every board in every building, he would make people watch Bob Dylan documentaries, he would crack jokes when we needed them.

The last time I "heard" from Josh, it was through his open letter to Sarah Palin in support of community organizers. I was thinking "Yes! He's doing it right!" I knew he would be working in the trenches to support the people who really needed him.

I imagine he would make a great son and a great husband. I know he was a good friend.

Brenna Dugan - May 03, 2013 at 07:40 AM

CF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Josh was such a kind soul. What do you say about a loss of this magnitude? I wish I could be there for the visitation and service - my heart goes out to you and your family, and please know our prayers are with you. God bless Josh, and his father and brother.

Chrissy (Fletcher) Carnicom

Chrissy Fletcher - May 03, 2013 at 07:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Canary.*



May 03, 2013 at 06:59 AM



“ I've known Josh since 1997. When I sit down and look at the year, it just seems like must have been longer than somewhere around 15 ½ years. But, that is reality. Perhaps it seems like longer because he has left such an impact upon everyone that knew him.



Josh is the most caring man that I have ever had the pleasure of calling my friend. This is not to say that he wasn't quick with a sarcastic comment or a well-meaning jab at someone, but that he actually cared about other people, on a deep and genuine level. He empathized with the problems and pain of those around him. He would be moved to deep feeling by the plights of others. When the rest of us might turn our heads and not pay a second look to someone that was down on their luck, you could count on Josh to feel compassion for even a remote stranger.

If you needed a favor or someone to talk to, Josh would be there to help in any way that he could. He might not have been the first person you would call if you needed help with, say, digging a trench, or any other manual labor, he'd be more than willing to come over and take part in helping you with real life problems.

He was witty, intelligent, funny, and caring. I'm glad that I had the chance to know him. I'll be forever indebted to Jesse for bringing Josh into my social circle all those years ago. While I feel sadness and pain now, I know that I've been made richer for knowing Josh. He's shared his imagination with me through his writings and gaming material that he created. I've sat and listened to his music, as he strummed away on the guitar while blowing the harmonica, though now I know I didn't get to hear nearly as much as I wished I had.

We all wish we were able to read a few more lines of stories that he wrote, he another moment or two of his folksy melodies, or even listen to him make one more perfectly timed joke, possibly at our

expense. We won't have that chance, but we still have the memories of him, and each of us can be certain that we are better off in our lives today for knowing Josh, in spite of the raw pain, shock, and even anger we feel, than if we had never met him.

I will remember Joshua Patrick Kanary for the rest of my life. I'll miss him sorely, but I will cherish the memories. I hope he finds peace and I hope his family is able to find solace. My heart goes out to Julie, Erin, and Marianne for their cruel loss. Remember that Josh loved each of you fiercely, with all his heart. It will never bring him back, but it will keep him from fading away.

Jaimsley Cooper

Jaimsley Cooper - May 02, 2013 at 09:25 PM

JU

“*Julie lit a candle in memory of Joshua Patrick Kanary*



Julie - May 02, 2013 at 08:55 PM

JW

I am so sorry to hear the news about Josh. I was his Resident Advisor at GVSU. He was a great guy and provided some great laughs for everyone - particularly in a homecoming skit one year. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Julie Warne - May 02, 2013 at 08:58 PM

JL

“ Josh was a man with tremendous character. He touched the lives of those around him and fought for the greater good of man kind. Josh was a classmate, friend and future colleague of mine. His intelligence was admired by all his fellow social work colleagues and classmates. Josh was an extraordinary man with a loving, kind heart and soul. He touched my life and left an imprint on my heart.

Peace be with you Josh,

Jennifer Langtry

Jennifer Langtry - May 02, 2013 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ I have good memories of Josh from his days in Honors housing at GVSU. I had the pleasure of directing the GVSU Honors Program/College. My office was in the Honors residence hall. Josh was part of a vibrant community of bright young scholars. He joined in the sanctioned activities as well as some harmless high jinks. Josh had so much to offer. He was a kind and gentle soul with a wonderful sense of humor. Josh was taken far too soon.

Johnine L. Callahan

Professor Emerita, GVSU

Johnine L. Callahan - May 02, 2013 at 02:27 PM

YD

“ Your Co-Workers & Friends at Small Hands Big Dreams purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.



Your Co-Workers & Friends at Small Hands Big Dreams -
May 02, 2013 at 09:29 AM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Canary.*



May 02, 2013 at 08:59 AM



“ *Josh was such an amazing man. He touched so many people in our MSW program. I feel honored that God gave me the opportunity to know and learn from Josh. He had such a calm and understanding presence about him with always a reassuring word if you were struggling or feeling down. I am eight months pregnant and remember just a few weeks ago him talking about wanting to start a family and expressing the love he had for his wife. My thoughts are with you Julie and although you don't know me, please know I am thinking of you. Although I will not have the chance to walk in commencement with Josh, he will definitely be with all of us as we receive our diplomas.*

With lots of love and prayers,

Jessica Leon

MSW graduate student

Jessica Leon - May 01, 2013 at 10:53 PM



“ *Josh was the kindest most gentle person I have ever known. I attended CSU with Josh and he was the "go-to person" in class for just about any question. He always was willing to take time out of his day to help his classmates no matter the issue. His words were always kind and thoughtful to each and every person he came in contact with. Josh you will be missed greatly! To his wife and family, I wish peace and comfort in this most painful time.*

Cheri Craft - May 01, 2013 at 07:34 PM

DA

“ My heart is saddened to hear the news of the passing of my dear classmate. Josh was so smart, kind, and captivating. I remember in the first year of the MSW program Josh blessed the class with his talent of song...He was such a gift-such a wonderful person. To the family I pray that the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you.

Dawn

Dawn - May 01, 2013 at 05:01 PM

NS

“ I am very saddened to hear about the news of an amazing person. Josh was an amazingly smart and witty classmate of mine. He was always willing to help and asked questions most of us were probably too embarrassed to ask. May he rest in peace.

nereida serrano - May 01, 2013 at 12:32 PM

MG

“ I am so sorry to hear such news! I am in the School of Social Work at CSU but did not attend the same class as Joshua Canary. May G-d grant his wife, children, parents, siblings, extended family only strength to cope in the face of such a tragedy. We should only share in good things together.

Mordechai Geberer
MSW student class of 2014

Mordechai Geberer - May 01, 2013 at 12:17 PM

MO

“ *Josh's smile, wit, compassion, etc.... For his family, his classmates, the people he worked with, the people he served at his work, the people he served as a volunteer..... Everyone was touched and we will always remember you.*

*With a deeply saddened heart,
Mordechai B.*

Mordechai - May 01, 2013 at 11:50 AM

CH

Josh had a heart for people who were hurting, for people without voices, and people who were cast out by society. I am greatly saddened by the loss of Josh but am so grateful for the impact he had while he was here. My prayers are with his dear wife and family, that God can give them the strength to get through this most difficult time.

*Charles
Fellow advocate for people who are homeless*

Charles - May 02, 2013 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.*



May 01, 2013 at 11:50 AM

KA


“ If it weren't for Josh, I would still be working on McKinney's policy assignments.....So witty, so helpful, so compassionate, so remembered.Karolin S. Ash

" To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die".

~Thomas Campbell



karolin - May 01, 2013 at 10:58 AM

 Lizzi
Ash

“ Josh you will be missed immensely. You had so much to offer and you have touched many lives with your love, compassion and dedication to the field of social work. God bless you and your family

Lizzi Ash - May 01, 2013 at 10:32 AM

TJ

Julie and family, you are in my prayers. Stay strong and may God grant you peace

Therese Jankowski - May 01, 2013 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ The Keller Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joshua Patrick Canary.



The Keller Family - May 01, 2013 at 10:30 AM

CE

“ Josh was my classmate at CSU. We met in the fall and this past year and most of our classes together. Josh always asked the "smart" questions and never failed to assist or explain something to one of us that we just didn't seem to get when the professors would say it. He was patient and one of the kindest men I have ever known. I admired him for his commitment to his profession and his compassion for the clients he served in his work. He was the standard that we all looked to when doing projects as we knew Josh's projects were always well done and on point. His generosity and thoughtfulness to me and all is classmates is something I will always remember. I feel so blessed to have been able to share these times with such a caring, kind person.

I would like to see us followup on his project to get the Laketran bus route extended to the industrial parks in Painsville.

God comfort Josh's family. You are in my heart and my prayers.

Josh was a special person who touched many of our lives and encouraged all of us. I wish you strength, and courage in you time of loss and grief.

Proverbs 31:8-9 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

Yes, speak up for the poor and the helpless, and see that they get justice.

cheryl edwards - May 01, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joshua Patrick Kanary.*



May 01, 2013 at 08:14 AM

RC

“ Josh and I not only interned together at Congressman Kucinich's office but we had the majority of our classes together this past year at Cleveland State. Ove the last year and a half Josh had become a true friend. He was always quick with a dry remark to make the class chuckle and always set the bar on all our assignments - we knew if ours looked like Josh's we were doing something right.

Considering how he's touched all of us, I know he would have made a tremendous impact on the field of social work. I will miss him at graduation... and every time I remember all of the great "Josh" moments from the past year.

My heart aches for his family and friends and I wish for you all the strength to get through this horrible time. Peace.

~Rebecca Clark

Rebecca Clark - May 01, 2013 at 07:53 AM

AM

“ Josh was my virtual classmate in the University of Akron-Cleveland State Joint MSW program. Every time he spoke it was with sincerity and passion. I am confident that Josh would have gone on to continue making tremendous positive impacts in many lives and communities. The last memory our class shared with Josh was celebrating his birthday and enjoying cupcakes, which he contacted me asking if I would get so that Akron would not be left out of participating in the festivities. My deepest sympathy goes to all of his loved ones, friends and each and every person he touched throughout his journey on this earth. May peace be with you.

-Amanda Frye

Amanda - April 30, 2013 at 04:31 PM