



Jacob Nathaniel Worthen

January 13, 1986 - March 12, 2012

Jacob Nathaniel Worthen, 26, of Murphysboro, passed away at 1:58 a.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012, in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Jacob was born January 13, 1986, at home in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Richard Worthen and Anna Kathleen "Kathy" (Hoppe) Worthen.

He worked in the construction industry.

Mr. Worthen was a member of the New Life Tabernacle in Murphysboro. He was a former member of the Grimsby Pentecostal Church in Grimsby, Illinois.

He loved to fish and to be outdoors, but his greatest love was spending time with his daughter. He loved to be with her and to do anything she wanted to do.

Survivors include his parents of Murphysboro;

one daughter Kylee Dawn Worthen and her mother Ashley Dawn Carson, both of Murphysboro;

three sisters and one brother Jennifer (Worthen) Bezar and her husband Jimmy Bezar, Amanda Worthen, Emily Worthen, all of Murphysboro, and

Joshua Worthen and his wife Wendy Worthen of Ava;

five nieces and two nephews;

grandparents Claude Worthen and his wife Roberta Worthen of Murphysboro,
and Joyce (Hoppe) Bodenhamer of Lexington, North Carolina;

several aunts, uncles, and cousins;

and many, many friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob Nathaniel Worthen*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jacob, you left a deep void in our heart & lives the day the Lord called you home. Our lives will never be the same, but I know that you're with Pawpa Hoppe, Neal & your cousin, Loyd Reed, & you'll save a place for us @ the Lord's table. Until we meet again, dear sweet Jacob. You'll stay in our hearts forever. We all miss & love you dearly. Granny*



Joyce Bodenhamer, Jacob's loving Granny - March 08, 2013 at 06:52 PM



“ *We will always remember Jacob and keep him alive in our hearts.*



Terry and Angie - March 08, 2013 at 07:18 AM

JB

“ It has been almost a year since you passed.. The hole seems to get bigger everyday... We miss you so much Jake!! Words can never describe the huge hole that is there.. Jacob you were always the life of the party, never saw any bad in people always saw the good (I guess that's why you aren't here anymore!) We are taking life one day at a time, which is all any of us can do.. Jake I just wanna tell you that you will never be forgotton!! your memories will live on!! Love and miss you so much lil bro!! RIP

Jennifer Bezar - March 05, 2013 at 11:41 AM

C(

“ I had only met Jacob Twice, maybe a few more when I was younger, but Not much as I got older, But he was my Cousin. The First time I met him I think I was maybe 16?? we came up to Illinois for the week and we got to catch up some, spend a little time together. Took me Hiking through the Trails, Went to Spillway, Devil's Backbone Park, Went out to the Movies, and so on, He was a Great Guy from the time I had Spent with him, Has an Beautiful Little Girl that Im Sure will Grow up to be a Good Young Woman one day

Casey Hawkins (cousin) - April 15, 2012 at 12:48 PM

LE

“ JAKE I LOVE U NO MATTER WHAT ANY BODY SAY U WERE LIKE MY BIG BRO EVEN THOUGH U R MY UNCLE IT WEIRD I KNOW BUT I STILL LOVE U ND I DONT CARE WHAT ANYBODY SAYS ABOUT U THEY R JUST HATERS AND THEY WERE JUST UPSET BECAUSE THAY WILL NEVER GET TO MEET A PERSON LIKE U EVER U WERE KIND WOULD GO 2 THE END OF THE EARTH 4 KYLEE AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE THAT BEFORE SO GO TO THAT HIGH MOUNTINS AND REST IN PEACE BECAUSE WE WILL ALL BE WITH U AGAIN SOMDAY SO U JUST HANG IN THERE WITH CORY BET U WERE HAPPY 2 C HIM THERES ONE LAST THING IM GOING TO SAY JACOB I LOVE YOU!!!!

LEXI - April 13, 2012 at 09:18 PM

FH

“ JAKE I HAVE SO MUTCH 2 SAY 2 U BUT THERSE 1 I NEED 2 SAY I LOVE U 1 OF MY MOST FAVERITE MEMORIS OF IS WHEN U WOKE ME UP 4 SCHOOL U WOULD STICK YOUR COLD HAND IN MY FACE OR YOUR FEET OR FLIP THE COUTCH OVER ON ME BUT I STILL LOVED U YOU MADE ME SMILE LAUGH TILL I CRY U WERE A CHARICTOR JAKE I WILL LOVE U FOREVER

FOREVER IN MY HEART] - April 13, 2012 at 08:49 PM

MW

“ Jacob where do i begin i miss you more than words can say;(when u died a part of me died with u its so hard to go on with life knowing that you are not around any more i keep waiting for u to come up that driveway with your speakers cranked as high as they will go but i have to face reality that will never happen again. I miss your smile and your crazy personality and how we would just you and i have our talks about things i miss that you always had my back if i ever needed anything at all i just had to call u and u would always take care of the problem. Sometimes still to this day i catch myself saying well i will call Jacob or have Jacob do it its just because you were such a dependable person and so loved and were such a great uncle as well of course with lexi u was more like her dad than an uncle and for that THANK YOU!!! But you were also an awesome daddy u made KYLEE number 1 and that is what its all about:)Even though u are not with us any more i still think of you all the time and i wish we could turn back time i miss u so much;(Only god knew that when u left here that night that u would not be coming back he said your work on earth is done and he needed another hard workin angel home I LOVE YOU SO MUCH GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN LOVE YOUR SIS MANDI <3 <3 <3

MANDI WORTHEN - April 13, 2012 at 02:44 PM

MD

“ Jacob was the baby in our family. But don't say that to him!! He'd say, "I'm not a baby anymore, Mom!" Well, let's just say he was the youngest of five children. There are a lot of stories that I could share about my son, Jacob. He was a man who had a heart of gold. He would literally give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. He also was always on the go. He was hyperactive at times and usually had 4 or 5 projects going at the same time. He lived life in "full throttle" as he flew around curves and barely stopped at the stop signs. It seemed he was always in a hurry and couldn't get there fast enough. Sometimes his urgency would cause him to make careless mistakes. he was a person who would NEVER tell someone "No!" But, because he was so caring, and giving of himself, his car, or his time; he was often taken advantage of by a few of his friends. If they needed something done- call Jacob, he'll do it; or he'll take you where you need to go; or he'll buy your lunch; whatever the need, he would be there. I know a lot of his friends are gonna miss him terribly. But, NO ONE can miss and love him like we, his family do. It's hard to believe he was taken at such a young age. He still had a lot of plans for his life. He was completing his education, was getting enrolled in college in welding and from there he planned to get hired at the mines, like his Uncle Gary. I now know that God had other plans. Just like the puzzles that he would put together with Kylee, we can only see a small portion of the picture. But God sees the whole picture. "I know the plans I have for you". I am saddened and overcome by grief at times because of the loss we all feel; like a portion of us has died. Jacob, I love you so much and miss you terribly, but I have the hope that I will one day be united with you again. Until that day... my love for you will see us through this; the worst nightmare you can imagine. Jacob, just know that dad and I loved you very much and were always proud of you and the man you had become... and the love you showed to your daughter, Kylee, well you were a better father in your short years than many men are who have had a lifetime to learn. Love forever and always, Your Mom and Dad

Mom and Dad - April 13, 2012 at 01:21 AM

LH

“ my heart goes out to the family. don't worry yourselves about the negativity of others. he will always have a special place in your heart's and memories. god bless you all

lowell I howard - April 04, 2012 at 05:37 PM

AT

“ Jacob will be sadly missed by everyone in my family. He was like one of my own children, I was there the day he was born and saw firsthand the miracle of his birth. He was a fighter from day one. He was always willing to help us when we needed anything done. Sometimes he only had 2 gears happy hyper or mad at the world. That was Jacob and he was always helping people or working. I remember when my son was overseas Jacob bought boxes of snacks and stuff for a care package, he was as proud of Jeremiah as i was. He loved to play x box with Zach and talk smack. He was Bethanys personel mechanic, and she loved hanging out with him. He was always helping Terry with so many things it would take a book to write them all. I remember how proud he was of the tool set Terry bought him and we all hope he knew how much he was loved. The last time I saw him he was at my house, he hugged me and told me he loved me and he wanted to come to church with me.... Thats a precious memory to hold on to, from the heart the mouth speaketh.... so his heart was thinking about church and the love of God. We as the Bastien family are saddened and hurting but thankful he was so close to us and thankful for his love and friendship. You will always be remembered in our hearts, memories and stories as we will tell them always.

Angie and Terry - March 24, 2012 at 07:57 PM

JH

“ Uncle Rick, and Aunt Kathy, I am deeply sorry. You know if you need anything you can call me.

Jordan Hoppe - March 24, 2012 at 07:51 PM

JE

“ Mom, Dad, I am so lost for words, no words to comfort you in this time of tragedy. I can only pray and hope that through this tragedy, that this family will learn to appreciate one another more and not take each other for granted. We must keep his memory alive forever, but we also must continue with life!! I love you guys so much and I wish there were some magic words to erase the pain you all are feeling, but only God and time will help to heal the brokenhearted, but know this Psalms 30:5 Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning.. Love ya'll and I am praying for God's peace, as it is the only thing that has kept me somewhat sane during this whole tragedy. Remember the scripture Isaiah 2:5 Oh House of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Praying for perfect peace that casteth out all fear it's God's perfect peace!!!

Jennifer - March 23, 2012 at 08:16 PM

JE

“ Jacob was a wonderful, fun, loving, brother, daddy, friend, son, cousin, nephew, and uncle. He was the kind of of guy everyone wanted to be around. He was the life of the party. He made life very interesting; never a dull moment with Jake. I look back in life as a sister, and I feel that sometimes I just assumed Jacob would always be there. Maybe I just took him for granted. Jake was the kind of person if he saw a need he just simply did it. I believe we were all spoiled by Jake. Who did anyone call when they needed something??? Jake! He was always looking to please people, (although sometimes he went about it the wrong way) bottom line he was all about helping someone out. I have 4 children and can sometimes get overwhelmed Jacob would come to my house and watch the kids just so i could have some (me time)!! Anyone who knew Jake at all knows he didn't know a stranger. He might see you sittn on the side of the road broke down and raining cats n dogs but he would always stop to help you, and if he didn't have what it took to get you rollin again; DAD DID ; LOL :-) He was notorious for his smile and his playfulness oh and let's not forget that Worthen okay Worthen/ Hoppe temper!!! He did so many wonderful things its hard to name everyone of them, but Jake was just a big kid himself. Everyone knows that his little girl Kylee was the apple of his eye and he would do anything, and I do mean ANYTHING!!! He let her put make up all over him one time..(he looked hilarious!!), but it made Kylee happy and laugh so he was game. He would sit in the floor for hours and play with her wrestle, color put puzzles together, really anything his (little princess) wanted to do!! Many times he would gather Kylee and all his nieces and nephews, and go outside and play flashlight tag, or jump on the trampoline. etc... Kylee was truly the light of his life!! He also had a very special place for Ashley, (being the macho man he was, he just had some trouble showing it.) He and Ashley shared a very special bond and connection and her name is Kylee!! Jake was just an all- around, fun , loving guy who has left a hole in our hearts bigger than the grand canyon... We love you so much Jake your memory will forever remain in our hearts!! R.I.P. my little brother love you so much Jennifer

Jennifer - March 23, 2012 at 07:57 PM

BB

“ *Uncle Rick and Aunt Kathy..*

Im so sorry for this unexpected and heart breaking loss in our family. I pray for yall's peace and comfort thru this tragedy. Our family is so close and this has hurt us all.. I hurt for the loss of jake, I hurt for the pain you and aunt kathy are feeling. Ive never felt a heartbreak like this before.. All I know is I am always here for you guys.. that goes for all of your family.. Jake was an amazing person and he will be greatly missed by all.. but I know no one will miss him as much as him parents.. He's in a better place now which should give some comfort... I love y'all and am here for y'all.. RIP Jake.. I love you and miss you..

Bethany Bastien - March 23, 2012 at 02:56 PM

BB

“ Sharing a memory about Jake is hard. There's so many to choose from. Jake was always in the picture for as long as I can remember. When we were younger he was generally the one causing the most mischief. I remember him taking my brothers and I on a four wheeler ride, going too far on the side of the hill, and flipping us all out in the woods! Its funny now but at the time it wasn't. lol. Jake could always be counted on.No matter what. Whenever my car made a funny sound, my first thought was, "Jake can fix it!" He really was my mechanic. He changed my oil, he changed my breaks, fixed dents in my car,basically everything you could think of.. One night he was hooking up my system, and he kept getting side tracked with ways to make it better. He got a cooler and sodas for us, spent an hour making the cd player in the pole barn work just so he could show me his new Brantley Gilbert CD. He was putting on a full blown show for me! He was singing like he had a full audience. Of course he got a "little" upset a few times through out the night... Okay.. Okay.. With that famous Worthen temper he got more than a "little" upset. I didn't get home until almost 3AM! But that was Jake, always willing to help and make it better no matter how long it took. When I first moved back to illinois Jake helped me move everything, he was so protective of me, he really was like another brother to me. That Christmas he invited me to his work christmas party. I was so excited. He even drove all the way to Cape to pick me up. We had a blast that night.He introduced me to everyone that night. I know I don't just speak for myself when I say, Jake will be greatly missed. Everyone who knew him loved him. His energy and charisma was contagious. Jake, me and you got really close.. Im going to miss talking to you about anything and everything. You confided in me and I in you. Im going to miss hanging out with you coin nothing but listening to music and just chilling. Ill even miss your temper. Im going to miss you goofing off all the time. You always knew how to light up a room. Jake, Im just going to miss you.. I love you so much.. Im gonna miss you everyday.. This is the hardest thing I've ever had to do.. Ive never known a loss like this.. You really were my brother Jake. Im not sure how to let go of someone I can't accept is gone... R.I.P Jake.. I love

you so much.. i know your in a better place now but that doesn't make the loss any easier...

Bethany Bastien - March 23, 2012 at 02:49 PM

BR

“ *Jake was the closest thing Ive ever had to a brother. He'd get in one of those moods where he would just want to fight! He would come out of nowhere, with no warning and just tackle me! lol or pin me in some awful wrestleing move that was impossible to escape from! And he wouldnt let go til i said uncle. I remember the first time him and Ashley kissed. I was so happy to see my 2 best friends together! And when we found out she was prego it was amasing. His love for her was undeniable. I love you Jake! Im so sorry for being mad at you. I wish I could go back to the last time i saw you and give you a big hug. I will always miss you! My Boedean!*

brittney - March 21, 2012 at 02:15 PM

GS

“ *This is hard to think about more so to talk about. I have gathered a new feeling in life losing jacob as i move on with life i can only remember the person he was. Im very lost in facing the fact that this has happened. When you lose a person you love I've learned sometimes it leaves you speechless. To my best friend to the end we shall still be. We will talk again another day. You are irreplaceable my friend.To the worthen family thank you for all you have done for me.jake was a great gift.*

Glenn luke stoke - March 20, 2012 at 01:02 PM

BH

“ I have many many memories of great times with Jacob and I but also with his sisters. Well had lost touch and were just starting to get back together. Jacob just recently helped me threw a hard time in my life, and no matter what time I text him or called him he always answered me!! Jacob was still one of my best friends. It was like we left off from the last day we saw each other. He was just one of those people you can always count on!! He was always there for any of his friends/ family or even people that didn't know him, if he saw someone in need he was there!!! (he got that from having such a loving family) I love all of you and I know that the only thing that has helped is knowing that he is in a better place and he will always be watching over us. Jacob we love and miss you, and we will meet again! Always in our hearts!

Brittany Hawthorne - March 20, 2012 at 10:43 AM

AH

“ Since we were kids I dont ever recall one time of seeing Jacob that he didnt have an optimistic smile on his face even when life seemed to be stressful or something was weighing on his mind he still smiled through it. I can remember that smile & anyone could see the love come straight from his heart to his daughter and his family. I will miss Jake very much but I cant say I have one bad memory of him. Just remember that smile & know he's in a better place watching over us all with that huge heart thats one rare angel because there are few people who have such a huge heart & care so deeply for so many.

Annette N Hoppe - March 19, 2012 at 10:11 PM

MW

“Dad & Mom i am so sorry for all the pain that you are going through right now only god knows why he was taken at such an early age he needed another angel and Jacob was it Jacob had a heart of gold and was willing to help anybody at anytime day or night and we have u guys to thank for that u raised him to be a very caring, compassionate, Jacob I love u with all my heart I cant put in to words how much I miss you u was my baby brother and was always there for me know matter what until we meet again you have my heart!!!!

Mandi Worthen - March 19, 2012 at 05:45 PM

AM

“I didn't know Jacob very well. I met him probably a year ago, and when we walk the face of this earth we tend to spot good people from the get go, that is what I seen first time I met him. I knew Jacob was a very good person right off the bat. It is hard because he left this earth so young, but I think God has the greater plan and although we don't understand the plan we just have to trust in God. My prayers are with the family always. He will be missed by all.

Angie Moore - March 18, 2012 at 08:24 PM

FT

“Aunt Kathy and Uncle Rick..... I remember many years ago when our familly went through thls you both were Gods hands and feet and It ment the world to us..... I will never forget the night Richard passed Uncle Rick came In the room where I was scooped me up and held me In hls arms as I crled..... My arms are not that blg but I will hold you up In prayer and hug you all tlight I love you all so very much

Falth Tilley - March 18, 2012 at 06:22 PM

EW

“Dad & Mom Im so sorry I know that things will NEVER be the same now. I want you both to know that I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH And that I am here for you! Words can not express or take away the pain that you are dealing with right now but just know that you both are surrounded by family and friends that care and love you both deeply. We know that Jacob is safe now and with Gods help we will get through this together. I love you with all my heart!!

Emily Worthen - March 18, 2012 at 02:26 PM

EW

“ I have so many wonderful incredible memories of my brother. He loved his Baby Girl KYLEE DAWN WORTHEN and His FAMILY & absolutely adored spending time with all his nieces and nephews whether it was playing indoors doing puzzles together, coloring , watching cartoons and making funny faces making the kids laugh untill it hurt. Or playing outside Jacob would swing with them on the swing set, ride bikes with them it didnt matter as long as Kylee and the kids was having a blast it would put the biggest smile on his face. I loved how Jacob would help ANYONE ANYTIME no matter what the situation. He was the type that would stick with the job untill it was finished no matter how long it took. He was always working on Dads tractor, mower, weedeater ect and even though it wasnt actually broken Jacob would try to fix what wasnt broken. He truly was a character!! Jacob was always helping his family and friends with oil changes, yard mowing, landscaping, woodcutting, it didnt matter . No job was to big or to small in his eyes He LOVED helping out and he was so PROUD to do it.He was mommas baby boy and so proud of it and he wasnt scared to show it , he was not scared to HUG or Kiss DAD & Mom when he left . I can remember Jacob making his rounds hugging Dad, Mom, Josh, Jenny, Jimmy, Mandi, Wendy, Doodie, Me and all the kids before he would leave and say I LOVE YOU and call us by our nicknames but that was just Jacob. He loved the outdoors, camping, bonfires, swimming, barbecues, But he loved his precious baby girl KYLEE Dawn more than life itself. Jacob did anything Kylee wanted him to do and he loved every second of it. Ive heard alot of guys say I wouldnt let my daughter do that , well it never stopped Jacob because when we played games with the kids he was down in the floor particapating and having a ball with us too. Jacob even let Kylee put makeup on his face making him look like a clown LOL and they both loved it. It was a daddy and daughter moment and I can remember both of them laughing SOOO hard once Kylee grabbed the mirror and said "here daddy look at yourself"!! at that moment they both fell in the floor laughing because Kylee made her daddy look so hillarious. JACOB NATHANIEL WAS AN AMAZING daddy to his baby girl and he LOVED HER with every beat of his heart. I want everyone to

know what a great kind and loving son, brother, daddy,uncle, nephew, grandson and friend he was to us all. Jacob had touched so many lives in some way . He was such a blessing to us all and I thank God for the time that he blessed us with Jacob and I pray that his memories live on forever in your heart because they will in mine. Jacob I LOVE YOU & I MISS YOU SO MUCH THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I NEVER GOT TO SAY TO YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING OVER US AND WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN! OUR FAMILY WILL NEVER BE COMPLETE AGAIN NOW THAT YOU ARE GONE AND THE TEARS WILL NEVER STOP FALLING BUT IT GIVES US COMFORT AND PEACE TO KNOW THAT DANCING WITH JESUS NOW.. I LOVE YOU REST IN PEACE JACOB! GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!!! ALWAYS IN MY HEART .. Love your Baby Sis Emily :(XO XO XO

Emily Worthen - March 18, 2012 at 02:20 PM

DL

“ *Kathy may God give you comfort at this time.I will be praying for you and your family.*

Darla Klein Lucas - March 18, 2012 at 11:02 AM

JH

“ *Rick anx kathy, i am so sorry to hear about jacob, yall are in my prayers*

Janice Hoppe - March 18, 2012 at 12:22 AM

JH

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Janice Hoppe - March 18, 2012 at 12:21 AM

WW

“ R.I.P. Jacob Worthen. You may be gone from this world but you will never be gone from our hearts. We love you and miss you.

Wendy Worthen - March 16, 2012 at 07:13 PM

MB

“ In this time of great loss no one has the right words so I am not going to even try to say something clever other than this I know losing my mother can not come close to you losing a son. I will close out by saying my heart and prayers go out to you and all of your family.

BREWER FAMILY

MICHAEL&SHIRLEY BREWER - March 16, 2012 at 02:59 AM

DI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. God gave us memories to help with times like these. May your burden of sorrow lessen with time and only the wonderful memories of Jacob remain and dominate your heart. You folks remain in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you.

Douglas & Jackie Rodman Elkville, II. - March 16, 2012 at 12:54 AM

KR

“ Susie and I are so very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you

Kevin & Susie Watson Reynolds - March 15, 2012 at 07:37 PM

BC

“ *Dear Worthen family,
I am sister Irene Chaney's granddaughter, I wanted to just say I am so sorry for your loss, I didn't know your son personally yet knew his name, I just want you to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, may God comfort you all in this tragic time. God bless you all,
Sincerely,
Bobbi k Chaney*

Bobbi chaney - March 15, 2012 at 08:29 AM

AC

“ I have so many memories with Jacob. Everything from loosing a best friend to becomming parents as teenagers. I will never forget the look in his eyes when i said those three little words "I am pregnant" He was so scared as was I. He immediately told me he would always be by my side. And I knew then he was telling the truth. He was there EVERY step of the way. Both of us scared out of our wits to become parents. On June 21st 2006 i was scheduled for and induction. The night before neither of us slept a wink. We layed in bed all night discussing what we thought she would look like or what she would be when she grew up. The alarm went off at 4:00 am and we both were quickly on our feet. When we get in the truck to leave for the hospitol neither of us spoke most of the way there. Both nervous about the events to come. Until I broke the silence with "OMG Jacob this is gona hurt so bad!" He looks at me, smiles, grabs my hand and says to me "I will be there every step of the way" And he was. He rubbed my feet and my back and catered to my EVERY need. He was a soldier that day. I will never forget when Dr. Gates looks at him and says "So you gona catch this baby?" Jacob stutters what he said was a yes. And he did. He was the first to touch our precious baby girl. I will never forget looking into his eyes as soon as she was in his arms and seeing the unconditional between all three of us. He was such a proud daddy! He loved his baby girl more than anything. As did I. And that morning when the nurse brings our baby back to us we all three snuggled up in the hospitol bed and that was the 1st time in my life i have ever felt complete. I want the whole world to know what a great daddy Jacob was to our lil Kylee! And I will NEVER let his memory fade! Jacob is my heart and soul! I have never and will never experience a love the way he and I shared. Kylee and I LOVE you so much Jacob Nathaniel Worthen and miss you so much already! I want to thank you for being such a great daddy to our princess and i promise you she will NEVER forget you!

Ashley Carson - March 14, 2012 at 11:37 PM