



Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler

October 25, 1979 - February 26, 2015

Jonathan (Jon) James Hitchler, 35, a resident of Gardendale, Alabama, went home to be with our Lord on Thursday, February 26th. He was a loving and devoted husband to Ginger Swiney Hitchler and father to daughters Kenlie James (8) and Maddie Klaire (5).

Jon is also survived by Charlene Hunt (mother), Nathan Hitchler (father), Lori Hitchler (stepmother) Heather Hitchler (sister), Christopher Hitchler (brother). The loved ones who met him in heaven are Phyllis Hitchler, Mildred Jackson, and Jacob Johnson.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, March 1st at 1:00 pm at The New Gardendale Funeral Home, 2214 Decatur Hwy, followed by a balloon release and visitation from 2-4pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests your prayers and donations are being accepted to a memorial fund that will benefit daughters' college funds. In addition, a donation will be made to the East Carolina University (Jon's beloved Alma Mater) Athletic Department. Donations can be made at any branch of Regions Bank or mailed to:

Jon Hitchler Memorial Fund

c/o Regions Bank

895 Odum Road Gardendale, AL 35071

Tribute Wall

KE

“ I remember meeting Maddie Klaire at the Bragg pageant two years ago.



Kenzie - March 01, 2022 at 12:57 PM

 Billy Smith

“ Billy Smith lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Billy Smith - March 07, 2015 at 09:28 AM

BW

“ Bill Williams lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Bill Williams - March 05, 2015 at 08:51 PM

CZ

“ You and Jon rewrote " A Love Story". God bless you and your precious girls. Catherine Zodrow

Catherine Zodrow - March 03, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JG

“ One of God's most faithful servants is home. You were an exemplary man and it was an honor to call you my friend. Thank you for loving my best friend and taking such good care of her while you were here, I know you'll continue to do so and with a better view. Go Pirates and War Eagle, Joncle! We love you and will miss you until we meet again in glory.



Jana Gwin - March 03, 2015 at 07:01 AM

MA

“ Misty Ash lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Misty Ash - March 02, 2015 at 05:09 PM

KC

“ From your neighbors, around the corner and down the hill from you. We have only just met you guys. I just heard from another neighbor what happened. So shocked, just very saddened by all of this along with you. Every time we saw Jon outside, he would always wave, so friendly, such a big smile. He must have been a really great guy. God comfort you all in the days ahead. If there is anything we can help you with, please look us up. Karen & Greg Crauswell

Karen Crauswell - March 02, 2015 at 12:50 PM

EE

“ Erin Eatman lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Erin Eatman - March 02, 2015 at 11:43 AM

Jl

“ Jamie G. Ivey lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Jamie G. Ivey - March 02, 2015 at 07:09 AM

HL

“ Hayes Lee lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Hayes Lee - March 01, 2015 at 10:29 PM

EM

“ Ed Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Ed Mitchell - March 01, 2015 at 08:29 PM

TW

“ I was saddened to see that Jon had gone to be with the Lord. I had the privilege to work with Jon several times and he was always a pleasure to be around and was a all around great man.
My heart and prayer go out to his family.

Terry Wheeler

Terry Wheeler - March 01, 2015 at 07:41 PM



BM

“ Beverly And Dwight Meadors lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler

Beverly and Dwight Meadors - March 01, 2015 at 06:27 PM



SC

“ Steve Crowley lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler

Steve Crowley - March 01, 2015 at 06:06 PM





Jennifer
Smith

“ *Jon blessed everyone he met, with a smile, a joke or something ridiculously hilarious. He had a zest for life that will be greatly missed.*

I will never forget his amazing smile, and he gave the best hugs! Kelley and I are so blessed to have had him in our lives!!!

Jennifer Smith - March 01, 2015 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ *Jon will be missed by so many!!! Love, hugs and prayers to his wife and children!!! Praying for strength and peace during this difficult time for his family!!! He will never be forgotten!*



Amanda Edwards McCarty - March 01, 2015 at 05:56 PM

MT

“ *Ginger, you dear sweet young lady, I just read of Jon's death today; I am completely heartbroken for you and your little ones. You know you have always been one of my forever loved students, one whose life I have followed and of whom I am extremely proud. I know now you are crushed under this load of loss and despair; trust in The Lord. He tells us to come unto Him and He will give us rest. He knows our burdens are heavy, but he will make them light. That is His promise to us. Ginger, my daily prayers will carry your name dear one.*



Mary Nelle Banks Tyrer - March 01, 2015 at 05:21 PM

JB

“ *Jacklyn Smith Buck lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Jacklyn Smith Buck - March 01, 2015 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ *What a shock to all. Jon was the model ideal American guy, just always smiling, had a kind word and a sweet spirit. Our hearts go out to his family today and in the days to come.*



Danny & Teresa Smith- from Washington, NC

Danny & Teresa Smith - March 01, 2015 at 03:51 PM

MW

“ *Mary Beth Williams lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Mary Beth Williams - March 01, 2015 at 03:14 PM

BS

“ *Barabara Fuller Samuels lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Barabara Fuller Samuels - March 01, 2015 at 01:43 PM

BG

“ *Barbara Smith, G.M. lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Barbara Smith, G.M. - March 01, 2015 at 11:37 AM

SB

“ *Stephen Batten lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Stephen Batten - March 01, 2015 at 08:32 AM

JP

“ *Jennifer Parker lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Jennifer Parker - March 01, 2015 at 08:26 AM



Amanda Franks

“ *Sorry for your loss. My son, Triston, is in Kenlie's class. He wanted her to know that he is praying for her.*



Amanda Franks - March 01, 2015 at 07:56 AM

ET

“ You'll be missed, my friend. Praying for your girls. Much love, Turtle.



elizabeth turtle - March 01, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ Mark Alexander lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Mark Alexander - March 01, 2015 at 06:53 AM

GN

“ Ginni Nickell lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Ginni Nickell - March 01, 2015 at 02:39 AM

MH

“ Melanie Hobson lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



melanie hobson - March 01, 2015 at 12:42 AM

BH

“ *One of the most likeable guys I've ever known, truly a class act.* ”



Buddy Holland - February 28, 2015 at 11:09 PM

BH

“ *One of the most likeable people I have ever come across, truly a class act.* ”



Buddy Holland - February 28, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BH

“ *We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. You will be missed Jon* ”



Buddy & Stephanie Holland - February 28, 2015 at 10:26 PM

KW

“ *Katie Whitley lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler* ”



Katie Whitley - February 28, 2015 at 10:24 PM

LH

“ *Lorrie Harbison lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Lorrie Harbison - February 28, 2015 at 10:00 PM

RM

“ *Rodney Moore lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Rodney Moore - February 28, 2015 at 09:23 PM

SM

“ *Susan Broome Moore lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Susan Broome Moore - February 28, 2015 at 09:22 PM

EW

“ *Elizabeth Williams lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Elizabeth Williams - February 28, 2015 at 08:58 PM

DV

“ *Dan Vinyard lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Dan Vinyard - February 28, 2015 at 08:28 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Swindle lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Kelly Swindle - February 28, 2015 at 08:13 PM

SD

“ *Sorry for your loss My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family....Im here for you Lorie...*



Sherri Davis - February 28, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ *Cameron Buckman Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Cameron Buckman Schmitz - February 28, 2015 at 08:02 PM

WH

“ Wanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Wanda Henderson - February 28, 2015 at 07:56 PM

 Dawn Anderson-Hagen

“ Dawn Anderson-Hagen lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Dawn Anderson-Hagen - February 28, 2015 at 06:37 PM

TB

“ Tre Bell lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Tre Bell - February 28, 2015 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ Jennis Crisp lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Jennis Crisp - February 28, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ Matt And Jennifer Swanner lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Matt and Jennifer Swanner - February 28, 2015 at 04:01 PM

Stacey Baughn

“ Stacey Baughn purchased the Lord's Prayer English Blanket for the family of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler.



Stacey Baughn - February 28, 2015 at 03:58 PM

ET

“ Erin Moore Terry lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Erin Moore Terry - February 28, 2015 at 03:52 PM

ED

“ Erin Daw lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Erin Daw - February 28, 2015 at 03:46 PM

Stacey Baughn

“ Stacey Baughn lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Stacey Baughn - February 28, 2015 at 02:55 PM

KT

“ Kelly Gerard Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Kelly Gerard Taylor - February 28, 2015 at 02:44 PM

ST

“ Shelby Barber Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



shelby barber thompson - February 28, 2015 at 02:31 PM

SB

“ Sara Bell lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Sara Bell - February 28, 2015 at 02:23 PM

RR

“ *Robbie Richburg lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



Robbie Richburg - February 28, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler.*



February 28, 2015 at 01:47 PM

CA

“ *Trevor,Dac,Cheryl and Doc Austin , Jon was an outstanding young man.We enjoyed his many visit to our home.We remember his playing basketball and baseball with Trevor.All our love to his family.*

Cheryl and Fred Austin - February 28, 2015 at 01:28 PM

 Kathy Ritchie

“ *I was Jon's babysitter! The Hitchler family lived next door to me in Marietta Ga for years. Babysitting for Jon wasn't just a job, it was an adventure! He loved to jump off the upstairs balcony onto the couch that I was sitting on. Scared me to death! I can still hear his infectious laugh.*

Kathy Ritchie - February 28, 2015 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ Jenny And Dan McNeill lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Jenny and Dan McNeill - February 28, 2015 at 01:21 PM

AC

“ Ashley, Mandy, Wayne and Christine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler.



Ashley, Mandy, Wayne and Christine - February 28, 2015 at 12:51 PM

RN

“ Roy Newton lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Roy Newton - February 28, 2015 at 11:52 AM

LM

“ Lauren Morris lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Lauren Morris - February 28, 2015 at 10:57 AM

HR

“ You will always hold a special place in my heart. There will never be another smile like yours. My God be with your family and friends.



Heather Everette Radcliff - February 28, 2015 at 10:20 AM

BL

“ Bill And Trish Litchfield lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



bill and trish litchfield - February 28, 2015 at 08:47 AM

BL

Sons Joe Pollock and Will Litchfield are friends of Jon from Washington. Jon was always one of our favorites of all their friends.

bill and trish litchfield - February 28, 2015 at 08:49 AM

AS

“ Jon, you will be missed but never forgotten.



Avery Sparrow - February 28, 2015 at 05:59 AM

AS

“ Ashley Sierant lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Ashley Sierant - February 28, 2015 at 02:09 AM

MF

“ Mary Ellen Morlock Foreman lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Mary Ellen Morlock Foreman - February 27, 2015 at 11:20 PM

DD

“ Derik Davis lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Derik Davis - February 27, 2015 at 10:54 PM

MC

“ Mary Mac Capener lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Mary Mac Capener - February 27, 2015 at 10:10 PM

GB

“ Gretchen Beasley lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Gretchen Beasley - February 27, 2015 at 09:25 PM

Jaime Cook

“ Jaime Cook lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Jaime Cook - February 27, 2015 at 08:06 PM

LE

“ Laura Smith Ennis lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Laura Smith Ennis - February 27, 2015 at 06:59 PM

TS

“ Trey Smith lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Trey Smith - February 27, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ I was always hoping to see you again 1 day and let our kids play together like we use to just hate that I will not have the chance anymore. You will be missed. 1 day we'll be able to see each other again, but for now I will be praying for your family.



Alex Dawley - February 27, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ Lizanne Godley lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



lizanne godley - February 27, 2015 at 04:10 PM



“ Doug Bryant lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Doug Bryant - February 27, 2015 at 04:06 PM



“ I remember running around grandma's house as kids and going to the beach. Jon was always a handsome guy. Rest in peace.



Susan Bjerre Hitchler - February 27, 2015 at 03:50 PM

CP

“ I am still in shock. Jon was always smiling every time I seen him and love his family so much. Every time he brought Kenlie to school him and Maddie Claire would always roll the window down and say hey. You will truly be missed.

We love and miss you,

Daniel, Crystal,Zoe,Jonathan,and Joseph Price

crystal price - February 27, 2015 at 03:44 PM

LD

“ I will always remember Jon as a smiling teenager with a gleam in his eyes snd a kind word for everyone he met. Although I haven't seen Jon since he left Washington, I have been overjoyed to keep up eith him and his beautiful family from facebook. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. My husband and I send many hugs and much love. Bless you.

lisa and Gordon davis - February 27, 2015 at 02:52 PM

SY

“ Sarah Young lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler



Sarah Young - February 27, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler.*



February 27, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Linda & Lonnie Allen lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Hitchler*



linda & lonnie allen - February 27, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ *The shock is still raw but the memories will live on. I remember when you were born and I finally had a boy cousin on my father's side. Many memories of time spent with you in Georgia and the times you stayed with us in MS. But I think I will remember most the first time I got to spend time with you as a man, at Uncle Sam's annual Christmas party that I had missed so many of. You were all grown up but still that kind and funny cousin who always had a smile. Although now you had a few inches on me. I've enjoyed talking with you over the last few years and watching you be such a great husband and father. God Bless you and know you are loved and will always be kept in our hearts. Until we meet again cousin Jon.*

David Dawley - February 27, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JH

“ I served as Jon's Chaplain at Central States Manufacturing. From the first day I met him in June 2014 until the last time I spoke with him, he was always an encouragement to me. He had an infectious smile! I loved stopping by his office space and discussing everything from our families and Disney World to things of a more spiritual nature. He loved his wife and daughters very much! He also loved his relationship with Christ!

Prayers for the Hitchler family from our family at CSMI and CCA!

Jason Handley - February 27, 2015 at 01:24 PM