



Jonathan Thomas Appel

November 23, 1970 - April 27, 2022

Jonathan Thomas Appel died peacefully in his sleep in his home in Newberg, Oregon on April 12, 2022 from complications suffered after a car accident in 2005 that left him with a traumatic brain injury for the past 17 years.

Jon was born in Astoria, Oregon, on November 23rd, 1970. A natural athlete as a young man, he was gifted in baseball, football, basketball, and found a love for weightlifting. Upon graduation from Oregon City High School in 1989, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he deployed in combat in support of Operation Desert Storm and operations in North Africa. After serving four years and receiving his honorable discharge from the USMC, Jon continued to serve as a non-commissioned officer in the Oregon Army National Guard as a recruiter and as a logistics specialist as a civilian. Jon was quiet yet extremely proud of his service in the Marines and Army, which came to define so much of his view on life. His physical stature and strength were matched only by his love of living, energy, confidence, gigantic hugs, and his unique ability to make anyone laugh and feel at ease.

He was an extremely proud father of his children, but also adored his nieces and nephews, who know him as Uncle Jon, a larger-than-life presence that endures after his death. After his accident, he was left 100% disabled but no less a warrior, demonstrating an incalculable will to live by surviving for 17 years under the vigilant care of his mother, family, and a team of dedicated caregivers.

Jon is survived by his three children, Zachary, Haleigh, and Michael, his mother Barbara, and his 5 siblings, Mary, Justin, Joseph, Amanda, and Rachel. Jon's father, Thomas, passed away in 2017.

Jon will be laid to rest next to his father at Valley View Memorial Park on April 30, 2022. In lieu of flowers, Jon would appreciate donations to the Wounded Warrior Project <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> who generously supported him after his accident.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue
Newberg, OR 97132

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel
207 N Villa Rd
Newberg, OR 97132
(503) 538-2191
info@attrells.com
<https://www.attrells.com>

Committal Service

APR 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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“ Oh my, where to start. So many memories of Jon and his brothers with our son Rob. The four amigos, always together. Our kids “brother from another mother”. Broken windows.
The whole clan in the kitchen checking on the neighbors housekeeping chores. Holes dug in the lawn in the spring so they could play golf. Cookies and milk. Spraying water on the back porch in winter so they could play hockey. Summer trips to the coast to listen for clam farts to know where to dig. Aborted trips in the fall to dig pits in the desert so we could catch antelope, and tears from the back seat because someone didn't want to hurt the deer. The huge beanbag in the hall and each trying to get the highest when jumping into it. The trip to North Fork Reservoir and wiggling fish in the pockets. Breaking through the ice in the pool. So many things I'm sure we never knew about. They were family. Jon was one of ours. Those of you who were there will know what I'm talking about. The others will have to ask. God bless and keep you Jon.

Bob - April 27, 2022 at 10:31 PM