



Joshua S. Bell

November 4, 2021

Joshua Bell, 25, of Ft. Collins, CO, a Doctoral Candidate of University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, died Nov. 4, 2021. Son of Mark Bell and Madonna Kukay and brother of Nick Bell.

A Vigil and Rosary Service will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Nov. 22nd and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Nov. 23rd at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 5450 South Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins. Interment, Grandview Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Vigil and Rosary

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ When I heard that Josh had died a year ago, I didn't believe it. It's surreal to learn that someone you knew is gone, and has been for a long time.

It's been almost 10 years since we graduated from Fossil and by now I can barely remember most people's names or faces. But I remember Josh so clearly. We spent 7th - 12th grade in orchestra together, and when I close my eyes I can see him at the front of the classroom (first or second chair), and hear the sound of his vibrato. Josh was an incredibly gifted musician, and also, incredibly kind. He'd comfort me whenever I was upset at the end of a "challenge" for my chair or was disappointed in my own performance. I wasn't a natural musician, but being around someone like Josh--who truly loved music, and who expressed his whole body and soul when he played--made me appreciate it that much more. After graduation, I never played again, but I still remember the orchestra classroom and miss the safe space it became for me. Josh was a huge part of that.

I'm sad that I never got to meet Josh after graduation, and get to know him as an adult. He's someone I would have loved to reconnect with. I'm so sorry Donna, Mark, and Nick, for your loss, and I hope you know there are still people out there saying Josh's name.

Maike - January 08, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ Joshua S. Bell

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

CL

“ Donna, Mark and Nick,
I have such good memories of when we last saw each other for Aunt Marti's celebration. Too much time has passed since then. We enjoyed your family so much. Donna, I remember realizing you lived in CO when I moved here in 1998 and I came to visit you when Josh was about 4 years old. You kindled a kindness in Josh, he was so gentle with my little Spencer then. I'm so very sorry for your loss, and pray that time has eased a little of the pain and grief. Love and hugs to your family always.
Clare, Dayne, Spencer and Lauren <3

Clare - May 21, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Madonna, Mark, and Nick. I am so sorry to hear of Joshua's passing. My whole family sends love and healing thoughts. Lucy

Lucy Hill - November 27, 2021 at 09:40 PM

CA

“ I never met Josh but heard so many WONDERFUL things about him that in my heart I felt I knew him. To the family, your emptiness is heartfelt. If there is anything that I can do, please don't hesitate. My love and thoughts are with you.



Cathy - November 23, 2021 at 07:06 AM

AU

“ We here at Allen Hall at the University of Illinois are deeply saddened by the passing of Joshua. He was an incredibly gifted teacher and did so much to help his students progress. We were all very fortunate to work with such an incredible talent and someone who was so devoted to his students. He will be deeply missed. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Allen Hall at UIUC - November 22, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BK

“ I worked with Josh when I was a graduate student at the Univ of Northern Colorado and he was always such a sweet guy and eager to learn and take on new challenges. He had a great outlook on life and was always himself in every situation. I'm heartbroken to hear of his passing.

Braun Khan - November 18, 2021 at 04:40 PM

TD

“ So many memories... Ryker, Alyx, Kevin and I are holding you close in our hearts. Sending love and the hope that you will find comfort with each other and that his memory will always be a blessing.



The Van Dorens - November 18, 2021 at 12:11 AM

RG

“ I only met Josh(ua) once, in Feb. 2020 when I sang for the first time at a jazz jam with a combo including him, at Urbana's Iron Post. We barely interacted expect in the rendering of one tune, but I had hoped to do that with him again. Partly because he seemed like a kind person, obviously a huge talent, and also for his expertise; I was told he might know the introductory section of Cole Porter's "Night and Day," which for me really makes the song what it is, but apparently most of the jazz students aren't familiar with that section. A testament to his knowledge and skills. Sending my heartfelt condolences to all of his family and friends. I know his absence is and will continue to be felt here in Illinois.

Rachel Gushee - November 17, 2021 at 09:54 AM

UM

“ We at the UNC School of Music are deeply saddened to hear of Josh's passing. Josh brought a sense of joy and wonder to his studies and spread that to others through his gift of music. He will be sincerely missed in our arts community, and we send deepest condolences to his family and friends.

UNC School of Music - November 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MS

“ Sending condolences. So sorry for Your loss! Josh was such a super creative, intelligent and talented student who I learned so much from! Such a bright light that will always shine in our hearts!
Mark Sloniker and family

Mark Sloniker - November 15, 2021 at 11:32 PM

ST

“Remember always, The Holy Family, your family, friends, neighbors are there to carry you or walk alongside you during this most unexcepted time of loss of Joshua. I will forever hold you all in my prayers, may the knowledge of prayers being prayed for you all and candles lit in memory of Joshua bring you comfort in time of need and sadness. Let's others help you, lean into each other and into the Catholic faith Joshua believed in and you will know that he is in heaven with our Lord. A song for you to listen to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0n67dSG35L4>
My deepest sympathies to all who knew, loved and treasured Joshua.
Sheila Timmerman
SFA | WDM, IA



Sheila Timmerman - November 15, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DH

“My boys were friends with Josh in elementary school at Bacon, then reconnected through music and friends when Josh was at UNC. He was a brilliant musician and a wonderful person. He will forever be in our hearts and memories.



Dona Horne - November 14, 2021 at 11:06 PM

LO

“ Mark and Madonna, I am so sorry to read about Josh's passing. I have sweet memories of a very intelligent, fun boy from FAST swim team and school. Praying for comfort during this most difficult time for you and all of your family.
Lois Ascough

Lois - November 14, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - November 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JO

Josh brought our family joy. We are crushed with sadness. His loss is a loss for all of our neighborhood. We are so sorry for your loss. Your neighbors are here for you.

Jon - November 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM

AY

Oh Mark, Madonna and Nick, we are heartbroken by the news and so deeply sorry for this tremendous loss. You are all so loved; your village is here and we're ready.

Alison Yoxall - November 14, 2021 at 09:56 AM

LK

Artistic, kind and intelligent, I will always remember Joshua. Deepest condolences and love to Madonna, Mark and Nick. The Kaplan family holds you close.

Lee Kaplan - November 15, 2021 at 01:43 AM

CF

Josh brought the joy into any room. Our family loved when he would start playing the piano during swim team dinners. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of comfort and strength for your family

Colleen Fine - November 17, 2021 at 09:31 AM

LM

I met Josh as a curious, delightful 7th grader willing to try tennis at Kinard Middle School when he was an experienced FAST swimmer by background! He grabbed any opportunity to play more & stay on court longer whether it was practice or a match against another school! Some stories I tell to this day are from watching Josh & his can-do cheery attitude!

Over the years, it was fun to get brief updates on Josh's adventures from Madonna or Josh himself as we overlapped at the health club, that's when I learned he had such a musical gift! I can picture how he was poised to leave his mark on the University of Illinois campus as a Doctoral student & teacher already making a difference! As a U of I alumna, I would've looked forward to chatting up Champaign Urbana next time I saw him!

Mark, Madonna, Nick, your son & brother, Josh, will remain a wonderful reflection of your family!.

Laurel McClellan - November 22, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JL

Mark and Madonna, I haven't seen Josh since preschool but I remember him so well. He was such a bright, adorable, gentle spirit! I am so sorry for your loss.

Jackie Leidholt - December 14, 2021 at 05:45 PM