



Jonathan Elliott Cortez

June 4, 1998 - April 3, 2018

Age 19 of White House passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from injuries received in a traffic accident. He was born June 4, 1998 in Palm Harbor, Florida to Steve and Susan Coursen Cortez. He worked in the produce department at Wal-Mart and was a graduate of Aaron Academy in Hendersonville, TN. He loved playing with legos as a child. and still enjoyed playing video games, especially ones with tanks. He had a particular interest in WWII history and liked fixing things, including computers. He attended White House Elementary and White House Middle Schools. He had been accepted to Tennessee Tech, where he was making plans to attend in August. He was fun loving and always took care of the needs of others before thinking of himself. He loved the Lord with all his heart. He is preceded in death by two infant sisters. He is survived by his parents, Steve and Susan Cortez; brother, Joseph Dominic Cortez; sister, Nicole Cortez, all of White House, TN; maternal grandmother, Yvonne Coursen; paternal grandmother, Margit Welzel. A Celebration of Life Funeral service is scheduled for Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 4pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Steve Cortez officiating. A private family burial will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation is planned for Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 2-4pm at the funeral home. REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest

White House, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.*



April 09, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Elliot will always be known as one of us. He was always welcome in our home, in our vehicle on the way to Cummins Falls, in our canoe (no matter what the weather), on vacation and always in our hearts. Elliot was easy to be with, never demanding and had the most silly sense of humor. Wow. Elliot will ALWAYS have a place in the hearts of the Fuller family.*

Deana Fullet - April 08, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy, The Coffman Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.*



With deepest sympathy, The Coffman Family - April 07, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.*



April 06, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.*



April 06, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM

FK

“ So much fun in Big Bear last summer!



Fran Kielty - April 06, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.



April 06, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.



April 05, 2018 at 08:33 PM

LL

“ Although I only knew Elliot during our time in middle school, having grown separate due to no longer attending the same school, I still have many fond memories of the times we got to spend together. SEARCH is where I met many friends, Elliot being one. We would talk about video games and joke around during lunch. During a SEARCH field trip, we were in a group together, where we got lost on our way to the school, leading to one of the funniest encounters I have ever had at a gas station. I could not stop laughing until we got to the school. This is the same trip we created a skit that, although not great, was extremely fun and is still one of my favorite memories, from dressing up with fake mustaches, to throwing a 'tomatoe' and accidentally hitting someone in the head, I would not change any of it. Despite not knowing Elliot for long, the time I did spend with him will remain with me. From his intelligence to his humor, he was a one of a kind individual who was taken to soon. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Luis Luna - April 05, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Elliott Cortez.



April 05, 2018 at 09:16 AM

EM

“ Elliott was one of the most insightful students I ever had. I remember that he came up with the most remarkable creative ideas when we were doing Future Problem Solving, and he made teaching so incredibly fun when we debated philosophical topics like truth vs. perception. I remember he wrote a dialogue between M.C. Escher and Plato (the philosopher) on the nature of reality- it was awesome and I use it presentations to show examples of creative thinking!! He was most importantly so kind and compassionate towards the other students. He was filled to the brim with humility and kindness. I am devastated to hear this news. I will say that my time with him and his peers are some of the best memories of my life. I will treasure him and the memories forever. My love and prayers to you and your family! - Emily Mofield

Emily Mofield - April 05, 2018 at 02:50 AM

EM

“ 2 files added to the album Middle school memories



Emily Mofield - April 05, 2018 at 02:29 AM

ZW

“ Elliott was my best friend all through middle school up until freshman year when we sadly became more distant because he started being homeschooled. He was one of the smartest people and definitely the funniest person I have ever known. Elliott and I used to get into trouble all the time. Well, usually just Elliott because he was just always wanting to have fun and make people laugh. Some of my best memories of him are when we were making up silly songs or when he was just being a goof-ball. Once, when we were on a trip for SEARCH class he decided it would be a great idea to just jump a wire fence. As expected, when he tried to jump over his shirt got caught on the fence and he ripped off a couple buttons. Most people at this point would have freaked out that their mom was gonna get mad or that they were gonna be seen missing buttons in public, but not Elliott. The second we got him untangled from the fence he ran right back at it and tried to hop it again. Needless to say he failed again and ripped more buttons off his shirt. I'm pretty sure he told his mom the buttons came off in the drier, and some how that worked. On a seperate SEARCH trip we were wandering the halls of the school we were at and Elliott decided he was going to jump up and hit the exit sign on the wall. Well, instead of hitting the exit sign he completely missed it and smacked straight into the wall. Of course I was crying laughing at him until he stood up and smiled. That boy had broken one of his teeth clean in half, which prompted me to laugh even more. I know these stories seem like they were negative things that happened, but with Elliott nothing was negative. He knew how to make you smile when you just wanted to hate the world and I will never ever forget him or the impact that he made on my life.

Zach Webb - April 04, 2018 at 11:05 PM