



Jonathan Michael McNamara

February 11, 1992 - May 30, 2026

Jonathan Michael McNamara, affectionately known as “Jon” and “Jonny Mac,” passed away on May 30, 2026, in Nashville, TN, at the age of 34.

Born on February 11, 1992, in Stoneham, MA, Jonathan was the cherished son of Thomas and Kathleen (Hanlon) McNamara of Westford and the beloved younger brother of Catherine McNamara of Boston.

Jonathan spent his early years in Billerica, before moving to Spartanburg, South Carolina, just before the age of two. He lived and attended school in Spartanburg for eight years until his family settled in Westford when he was nine years old. He graduated from Westford Academy with the Class of 2010.

Jonathan’s love of music began in elementary school in Spartanburg and continued to flourish throughout his years in Westford. He developed a passion for singing and songwriting that ultimately led him to pursue his dreams in Nashville in 2015.

With his charismatic personality and love of performing, Jonathan found his way onto many stages throughout his life. From elementary, middle, and high school theater productions to the Westford Academy Honors Chorus, music became both his passion and his calling. Alongside close friends from Westford, he co-founded the band Vinyl Square, performing throughout

Westford, Cambridge, Boston, and surrounding communities before deciding to chase their musical aspirations in Nashville.

A gifted lead vocalist, Jonathan became a true master of every instrument he touched, including the acoustic guitar, harmonica, and keyboard. In 2017, Vinyl Square embarked on a tour from Nashville to New England and back again. In Nashville, Jonathan became a passionate and energetic member of a supportive and vibrant music community. He collaborated with numerous musicians, wrote countless songs, and performed regularly throughout the city. His latest bands, Repeaters the Band and Jonny and the Jacks, further showcased his talent and infectious spirit. It was nearly impossible to travel anywhere in Nashville with Jonathan and not be warmly welcomed because you were with “Jonny Mac.”

Jonathan was passionate about many things in life—from cheering on the Boston Bruins and collecting hornets' nests to writing and performing music. Yet, no passion was more important to him than the relationships he built with family, friends, and every person whose life he touched. He was caring, sensitive, and always put the needs of others before his own. To know Jonathan was to experience deep love, genuine support, and an unwavering appreciation for who you were as a person. He truly was “one of one.”

Jonathan’s music, laughter, kindness, and boundless love for others will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. The impact he made and the memories he created will endure forever.

Jonathan was predeceased by his beloved uncle, Chris McNamara, and his grandparents, Thomas McNamara, Mary (Gibson) McNamara, William Hanlon, and Theresa (Kennedy) Hanlon.

In addition to his parents and sister, Jonathan is survived by a large and loving

family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends whom he considered family.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, June 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Those wishing to join the funeral procession are invited to gather at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m.; others may proceed directly to the church. Interment will follow at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Cemetery Details

Wildwood Cemetery

Wilmington, MA 01887

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

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