

Jonathon was born on September 13, 1984 to parents Thomas and Pamela (Bird) Atkinson in Sheridan, WY. He passed away peacefully at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital on Sunday, September 17, 2017, with his family by his side. He was a true fighter from day one to the end. Jonathon grew up in Sheridan and loved life, anyone and everyone was his friend. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 2003, Sheridan College in 2005, and enjoyed a year at UW with his older brother, Christopher before his illness took over leaving him deaf and blind. Jonathon loved working out at the YMCA, driving, music, reading and especially hunting and fishing. In 2002, he shot a Boone and Crockett bear in the Big Horns, as well as numerous deer and elk. He did not let his illness slow him down, he continued to hunt with the help from Jim, Gary, Joe, Frank, Jack, Timmy and his dad, never letting anything slow him down regardless the inconveniences life threw at him. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Jonathon is survived by his parents Tom and Pam Atkinson, brother Christopher (Brenda) Atkinson, grandmother Lois Hall, Aunts Stephanie Kendrick, Tina (Anthony) Mediate, nephew, Owen, niece, Nora, cousins Jake (Nicki) Kendrick, Sam (Hannah) Kendrick, Phillip (Sammy) Mediate, Daniel (Beth) Mediate, as well as numerous great aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by his Grandparents Akie and Josie Atkinson, and Hugh Bird.

*We have lost a true hero.*



# *In Loving Memory Of* *Jonathon Atkinson*



*September 13, 1984 - September 17, 2017*

## I Will Lend You A Child

I will lend you, for a little time, A child of mine, He said.  
For you to love the while he lives, And mourn for when he's dead.

It may be six or seven years, Or twenty-two or three.

But will you, till I call him back, Take care of him for Me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you, And should his stay be brief.

You'll have his lovely memories, As solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay, Since all from earth return.  
But there are lessons taught down there, I want this child to learn.

I've looked the wide world over, In search for teachers true.  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love, Nor think the labour vain.  
Nor hate me when I come.

To take him home again?

I fancied that I heard them say, 'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!'  
For all the joys Thy child shall bring, The risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness, We'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known, Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him, Much sooner than we've planned.  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, And try to understand.



# *In Loving Memory of* **Jonathon Michael Atkinson**

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

### **OFFICIATING**

Father John Inserra

### **READINGS**

Lois Hall ~ *Grandmother*

### **MUSIC**

Wind Beneath My Wings  
The Dance

### **MUSIC BY**

Pianist ~ *Cathy Storm*

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Jim Young, Joe Mentock, Gary Mentock  
Jack Bare, Anthony Mediate & George Matthews

A reception to follow immediately in the fellowship hall.

Private inurnment will take place at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.



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