

Jonathan Brantner – BS 1990 Pharmacy

On Monday evening, March 31, 2014, Jonathan Paul "Jon" Brantner, Easton, MD, went home to be with his Lord, following a prolonged illness. He was at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and was surrounded in the love of his wife, Renee, and other family.

Born on September 18, 1964, in North Dakota, Jon was the son of Jerry Brantner and June Warner Brantner of Fargo, North Dakota. Described as a "sweet and loving child" by his mother, Jon grew up in Harwood and attended school at West Fargo and Oak Grove Lutheran High School. While at Oak Grove he was involved in music as a member of the Choir and the Madrigal Singers, as well as sports, playing on the Basketball team and running Track. Jon loved to run, and participated in both the 800 meters and the mile. Upon graduation from High School in 1982, Jon continued his education at North Dakota State University, graduating from the School of Pharmacy in 1987.

While attending a Summer class at Ohio Northern in 1986, Jon met Renee Coons, and they were married in 1989. Jon and Renee lived in Ohio where they were both pharmacists. In 2000, they moved to Easton, MD, and Jon accepted a position at Hills Drug Store where he soon became one of Hill's most beloved pharmacists. Jon so enjoyed his job, the people he worked with, and all of his customers. He was also a member of Mid-Shore Community Church, where he sang in the praise band.

In 2008, Jon and Renee adopted their daughter, Lily, from China. Though they expected the process to take a year, it, in fact, took three and a half years, but both Jon and Renee thought Lily was worth the wait.

Jon loved the outdoors; loved to golf and to fish. And he loved his friends, of which he had many, especially loving to entertain them at his home. But first and foremost, Jon loved Jesus, and told everyone before he passed, "I'll see you in Heaven."

Jon will be dearly missed by all who knew him. As one friend said, "What a profound impact Jonny had on our lives and spirits. A life well lived."

Jon is survived by his wife of 24 years, Renee Brantner, and six-year-old daughter, Lily, both of Easton; his father and mother, Jerry Brantner and June Warner Brantner,

Jon's siblings: Jamesina McLeod (Malcolm), Jennifer Waldera (Michael), Jerilynn Adams (Jonathan), and Jason Brantner (Kerri). Also nephews, Wade McLeod, (Erin), Dillon Waldera, Christian Adams, Charles Brantner, Dodge Waldera, Jackson Adams, and Benjamin Brantner, and niece Megan Gustafson (Josh). And great nephews Gavin, Cooper, Quinn, and Beckham McLeod and Carter and Hunter Gustafson. Jon's Godparents: Lanny and Lois Brantner and Dean and Carol Essen.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at Mid-Shore Community Church, 8610C Commerce Dr., Easton, MD 21601.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lily Brantner Memorial Fund c/o Talbot Bank, 18 E. Dover St., Easton, MD, 21601.

Arrangements are being handled by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., in Easton.