John Thomas Kenney II

May 26, 1978 - April 22, 2018

John Thomas Kenney II, age 39 of Winter Garden, Florida passed away far too young on Sunday April 22, 2018. John was born in Howell, Michigan on May 26, 1978 to John and Charlene (Bowen) Kenney.

John was a 1996 graduate of Howell High School, where he discovered his passion for music, theatre and sports. His junior year he learned how to play the piano. He had a natural talent and went on to write his senior class song for his graduating class titled “Letting Go,” and set out to make his musical passion his livelihood.

Known as Johnny or Johnny K to many, he became a dueling piano player and spent time all over the country perfecting his craft and using his sense of humor and natural stage presence to entertain crowds. He spent a considerable amount of time working at Howl at the Moon in Indianapolis and making magical memories for guests at Jellyrolls, a dueling piano bar at Disney’s Boardwalk Resort in Florida. The pinnacle of his career was when he was able to become his own boss and entertain for weddings and corporate events with his business Orlando Dueling Pianos.

Johnny went on to meet his best friend in his wife Meagan, shortly after moving to Florida. They shared a love for college sports, music and Disney. Together, they watched his beloved Michigan Wolverines, which usually

involved a lot of yelling at the television, living room tailgates and good luck game day rituals. Meagan and Johnny had a natural chemistry and you could see why they were such a good match for one another.

Johnny's children were the loves of his lives. His 15 year old daughter Hannah was his best pal. They had countless memories together and lots of inside jokes. His 1 year old daughter Charlotte brought recent joy into his life. He made lots of memories playing and singing to her, swinging and having daddy/daughter dance parties to Disney music.

People who knew Johnny will miss his jokes, his laughter, his smile, his compassionate heart and genuine care for other people and his unbelievable talent and creative mind. His memories and zest for life will be held in our hearts forever.

John is survived by his wife Meagan (Mickewicz), daughters Hannah and Charlotte, father John [Kathie], sisters Alyssa Victor [Jay] and Erin Kenney-Pascarella [Carl], brothers Justin and Jordan, many aunts, uncles and cousins as well as countless friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Charlene.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 30 at 11am at Centerpointe Church in Howell, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kenney Scholarship Fund, c/o Meagan Kenney 7326 Twilight Bay Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

Tribute Wall

John, I just heard about you leaving us way too soon. I'll always remember hot summer days in high school training for football, going to passing leagues, and goofing around. Rest well my friend.

Dan Jeffery - September 21, 2018 at 05:26 AM

KK

My most meaningful moment with Johnny was in January 2018. We were sitting around talking late one night and he told me " I don't care what anybody says, you ARE Charlotte's grandma Kathie! " Then he gave me the biggest and nicest hug and kiss. I will cherish that very meaningful and loving time we had. It still makes me cry when I think of it. Johnny told John and I that he loved how much love and care we gave to baby Charlotte. We talked before, but not like we did that night. I miss and love you Johnny with all my heart!! RIP Johnny

Kathie Kenney - May 02, 2018 at 07:09 PM

Robyn Carr

Growing up in Howell, I have known John for many years. I have fond memories of singing with him, performing with him, shooting pool and staying out too late. I loved getting to catch him doing his dueling piano thing in St. Louis a few years ago and I am so thankful he was able to see the reunion of HHS choirs. I know that program held a very special place in his heart. I am sad he left us soon soon. Thinking especially of his little girls and all John's family at this time.

Sincerely,
Robyn (Paige) Carr

Robyn Carr - April 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM

BK

We are very sorry for your loss. Johnny was a very talented, professional who was loved by many. He loved all of his family so much. We will all treasure the memories we have with Johnny. Continued prayers for everyone in the family and his wife and beautiful daughters.

Bill and Melanie Kenney - April 27, 2018 at 09:57 PM

AV

My brother John and I were close growing up as kids. We would play together, either running through the woods near our house, making a fort out of a used cardboard box, or playing with our He-Man and She-Ra action figures. I was fiercely protective of my brother and always looked out for his well being, despite our fights at home. As we grew up, we had many of the same interests, music and French being 2 of them. We both liked New Kids on the Block and Marky Mark. We both took French in high school. As we grew up, John and I always remained close. We would talk on the phone and even hang out together from time to time. He became protective of me, now, and always wanted to make sure I was happy / healthy. I was excited when he had Hannah. It was fun being an aunt. It was exciting when he got a job for Disney. He loved Florida so much, he got me to move down there. It was fun being able to spend time together again. Then, he and Meagan had Charlotte. He was so excited, as was I. I visited John and Charlotte after work from time to time. I was so happy until I saw my brother started to not be himself. This saddened me greatly. I tried so hard to get him help, but he and others denied him needing help. When I heard of his death, it was like I lost a part of myself. He wasn't just my brother, he was my friend. I am so hurt without him. I love you, Johnny.

Alyssa Victor - April 27, 2018 at 09:25 PM

CF

I remember working with him in Guys and Dolls at CTH. He was sweet, funny, and talented. Someone I have not forgotten even 20 years later.

Cindy Franklin - April 27, 2018 at 07:44 PM

SW

Johnny were loved by many people. You made a mark in this world with your music and your kind heart. You made us all proud as I constantly bragged about my awesome nephew to all that would listen. You gave us two beautiful souls to love as well and we will watch over them as we go on without you. You chose an amazing and beautiful woman when you took the hand of Meagan to join our family. I was so proud to be your "mom" at your wedding. I know I never told you enough how much I loved you and now it is too late.
But rest assured, I will not ever make that mistake again and will be there for your loved ones. I hope you had an amazing heavenly reunion with your mother as God's promise to us is that when you are saved by his grace (and I know you were) that no can pluck you from the Father's hand! Until we meet again, all my love to you....Aunt Sally

Sally Wilson - April 27, 2018 at 04:54 PM

Meagan Kenney

I miss you terribly and will ALWAYS love you... more than you ever possibly could know. I'll take care of our little girl and make sure she grows up knowing what an amazing Daddy she had.

All my love until we meet again....
Meagan

Meagan Kenney - April 27, 2018 at 04:35 PM

JS

I was always so proud of my son. He was my best friend. We would text about U of M sports and tell me everything about Hannah and Charlotte and Megan. I miss him everyday. I just ask way did this happen. Johnny loved life and his wife and kids. Johnny and his sister.were close and I am here in Florida helping her with her cancer fight. I never want to see another one of my children die. Johnny I love you and miss you! Go Blue! Son

John kenney St. - October 09, 2018 at 08:57 AM