

## John Ellsworth VanGorden

August 18, 1987 - August 14, 2018

Lord's Valley, PA -John E. VanGorden, Jr., age 30, unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in Danbury, Connecticut. Born in Newton on August 18, 1987, Johnny grew up in Sussex County before moving to Lords Valley, PA. He had a passion for hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes and four wheelers. Johnny was a New York JETS fan, a New York METS fan, and a Chicago BULLS fan. He had a smile that would light up the entire room when he walked in. He was predeceased by his grandfather, William Douglas Van Orden on January 10, 2018 and his paternal grandparents, Alfred and Helen VanGorden. He is survived by his mother, Doris J. VanGorden and her longtime companion, who was Johnny's step-father, John Occhipinti of Lords Valley, PA; his father, John E. VanGorden, Sr. of Greeley, PA; his three sons, John E. VanGorden, III of Lords Valley, PA and Bentley VanGorden and Rivers VanGorden both of Tioga Junction, PA; his two brothers, William VanGorden of Lords Valley, PA and Joseph VanGorden of Greeley, PA; his two sisters, Nicole VanGorden of Lords Valley, PA and Lalina VanGorden of Greeley, PA; his niece, Teigan; his nephew, Travis; and his maternal grandmother, Mary Van Orden of Sussex. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday prior to the service from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to his mother, Doris or to the funeral home to help defray the funeral costs. Online condolences may be

offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 21.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *Doris*  
*I'm so sorry for your loss.. May God hold him in his loving arms*

rv - August 21, 2018 at 05:19 AM

SD

“ *I have known Johnny since he was little he was a great kid. But drugs will do this to you. What a shamr*

Scott dingman - August 20, 2018 at 05:51 PM

DG

*No need to make the commet that u did. If u don't have anything to say don't say anything. U have no idea what happen so shut it.*

Doris Van gorden - August 21, 2018 at 10:35 AM

GH

*I agree! NO NEED FOR THAT COMMENT. Johnny was a great kid with an addictive smile. Things happen in life they just do!!! This is the time for his family to grieve and remember the good times. R.I.P. Johnny*

glenn van horn - August 21, 2018 at 01:02 PM

RV

*I agree that's disrespectful. Rip johnny*

rv - August 21, 2018 at 05:13 PM



*Who are you anyway?! Keep your rude, ignorant comments to yourself. How my brother died is not your business. It's a shame that people like you exist and are free to make stupid comments to MY FAMILY who is grieving right now. Honestly, you're a stupid asshole!!!*

Nicole VanGorden - August 24, 2018 at 09:49 AM

TT

“ I remember all the kid's when they lived upstairs in town im sorry for there loss he was a great kid



Tammy Teague - August 17, 2018 at 06:46 PM

NI

“ My big brother. Not a day will go by where I won't think of you. Journey well big ears!!! I'll meet you in the other side.

Nicole - August 17, 2018 at 10:47 AM

BS

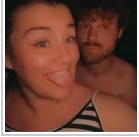
“ i remember all the times you used to hassle me to go fishing with you . always you always talked me into it and we would be gone for hours . just hanging you were my main man i looked up to you like a father figure . you was always there when i needed you man i didn't think such a person would be such a big impact on my life . im glad for all the memories we had together and im glad i got to know you . rest easy man . you'll be missed ill see you soon one day . ❤️

bryce seeley - August 16, 2018 at 09:55 PM

JC

“ To the VanGorden Family: My thoughts and prayers go out to you all in this difficult time. So sorry for your loss, I remember when I babysat Johnny he was a great kid always smiling and always was polite. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Gone too young but not forgotten and will always be in our hearts. RIP John Ellsworth VanGorden, fly high with the angels, fly high with the angels. may you find strength and faith in this difficult time.

Jeannie Crowell - August 16, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *I love you isn't enough....it's never been enough... Your my heart...my soul...my everything...I know your with the boys and I. Every day.*

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**Kaylynn Smith** - August 16, 2018 at 09:04 PM

HA

“ *Love ya kid! Watch over your mom, siblings and kids. RIP JOHNNY* ❤️



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**Heather Ashley** - August 16, 2018 at 08:54 PM