



## Johnathan R. Sebecke

June 20, 2007 - July 25, 2025

Sandyston - Johnathan R. Sebecke, age 18, peacefully passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025 at Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown with his loving family by his side. Born in Newton, Johnny grew up in Sandyston and attended Kittatinny Regional High School, Class of 2026. While in high school, he was on the student council and played lacrosse and football. He was an active member of Christian Faith Fellowship Church in Hardyston and was an integral part of their Nextgen family. He enjoyed giving back to the community and traveled with Nextgen on a mission trip to Los Angeles, California in July of 2024. He spoke about the trip often and how he was able to help so many people in need. Johnny's positivity and love for Jesus was infectious to those around him. He was a young man who always acted with integrity and never failed to humble himself before the Lord. He was predeceased by his father, Robert R. Sebecke in 2016 and his maternal grandfather, Gene Murdock. He is survived by his loving mother, Yvonne L. Sebecke of Sandyston; his brother, Robert H. Sebecke, his wife Portia Marcum-Sebecke, and their son, who Johnny is Godfather to, Declan Abel Sebecke of Franklin, Kentucky; his devoted aunt and Godmother, Kimberly Sebecke of Hardyston; his maternal grandmother, Linh Murdock of Charlotte, North Carolina; his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Frances Kelly of West Milford and Robert C. and Nancy Sebecke of Magnolia, Delaware; his uncles, Alan K. Murdock of North Carolina and George Murdock, who is Johnny's Godfather and his wife Melissa of Colorado; his cousins, Porter, Lluvia and Jojo Murdock; and many

close friends with whom he touched during his life. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, New Jersey. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Christian Faith Fellowship Church, 3188 NJ-94, Franklin, New Jersey. Virtual services will be available by logging onto the church website at [cffchurch.org](http://cffchurch.org) or on the church YouTube channel, which is CFFCNJ. Interment will immediately follow at North Hardyston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Johnny's memory to the Johnathan Sebecke Fund, c/o Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street, Sussex, New Jersey 07461. The monies raised will go towards keeping Johnny's memory alive by way of giving back to the community and organizations that helped him in his time of need. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Hardyston Cemetery

Route 94  
Hardyston, NJ 07419

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 30.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
(973) 875-3272  
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

**JUL 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Faith Fellowship Church  
3188 State Route 94  
Franklin, NJ 07416

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *What a wonderful young man. He has made a powerful impact on the world around him.* ”



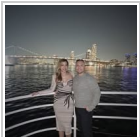
Kat Alcock - August 01, 2025 at 10:38 PM

TJ

“ *I love you! You brought me back to the Lord I will honor you by continuing my journey with you in my heart. Thank you for reminding me that there is beauty in the world and we all have a purpose.* ”



Tamara Jean - July 31, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Johnny was such a strong young man, may he Rest in peace* ❤️ ”

Karen Barahona - July 30, 2025 at 03:09 PM

GV

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I was so fortunate to have had Johnny in my English class this year. I had the privilege of seeing his kindness, his potential, and his spirit that he brought to the classroom. His presence left a lasting impact, not just on me, but on his peers as well.

*My heart and my prayers go out to Johnny's family. May you find strength in the memories you shared.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Grace Valenti*

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**Grace Valenti** - July 30, 2025 at 12:31 PM

CA

“ Thank you Johnny for letting me be part of your journey, and sharing your awesome playlist. Catherine

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**Catherine** - July 30, 2025 at 11:23 AM

OC

“ Our Deepest Condolences, The High Point Football Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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**Our Deepest Condolences, The High Point Football Club** - July 30, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



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July 29, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SK

“ Scott, Lori and Kyla purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



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**Scott, Lori and Kyla** - July 29, 2025 at 03:45 PM

SK

“ Scott, Lori and Kyla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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**Scott, Lori and Kyla** - July 29, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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July 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

LM

“ Lauren M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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**Lauren M.** - July 29, 2025 at 12:18 PM

KL

“ Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



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Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse - July 29, 2025 at 10:03 AM

KL

“ Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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Kittatinny Youth Lacrosse - July 29, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



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July 29, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

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July 29, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.*



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July 28, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.*



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July 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.*

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July 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ I had the honor and privilege of meeting Johnny at Camp Happy Times 2024 where I served as a counselor. My co-counselors Kail and Steve were charged with 15-18 year old boys cabin. To describe Johnny as a 'good kid' would be an understatement. He diligently said his prayers before each meal and before turning in at night. He demonstrated extraordinary leadership capability while fitting in and clowning around with the other campers naturally. I had a chance to visit him at MMH a few months ago for a little BBQ lunch. I know he was looking forward to returning to camp this year, right up until he passed. The world seems less bright without Johnny's light in it.

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**Tom Baker** - July 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

TH

“ Johnny's smile was contagious, his strength was fierce and his fight was like no other and his friendship will last forever with those he let into his circle. There is no other defense man like you Johnny. Rest easy now.



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**Trish Hendershot** - July 28, 2025 at 12:23 PM

SN

“ Johnathan was one of a kind. His spirit, his kindness, his generosity, were overwhelming. He has left an immense hold in the world in the space that he occupied. I will forever hold a special place in my heart for him and carry his spirit with me always.

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**sarah newman** - July 28, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KF

“ KRHS Boy's Lacrosse Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



KRHS Boy's Lacrosse Family - July 27, 2025 at 02:59 PM

KF

“ KRHS Boy's Lacrosse Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

KRHS Boy's Lacrosse Family - July 27, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DW

“ Rest in sweet peace Johnny, I will miss you at my Christmas Eve table 🧡🙏🧡

debra weeden - July 27, 2025 at 12:38 PM

MK

“ My heart goes out to Johnny's family. I got to know Johnny in my History class when he was in 10th grade. He just loved history and was always contributing to the conversation in class. He helped make the class more interesting and easier for me to teach by having someone who was so willing to engage in the class conversations and activities. He was also an up standing young man that wanted to help make the world that he was a part of, even for a short period of time he was here for. He had joined the Interact Club that I advise at school and came and helped with our Snack Sack program for local elementary students and in our fundraisers. Johnny will truly be missed.



Michele Kaminskyj - July 26, 2025 at 09:27 PM

LK

“ Was very sad to hear this. Sending our Deepest Condolences, prayers and love to Yvonne and her dear family.  
🕊️🌹❤️🙏🏠 A life taken way before his time. RIP Jonathan. I'm sure your Dad welcomed you with open arms.  
God Bless Yvonne & her family.  
Linda Kinney-Homan & Paul Homan-Roxboro, NC

Linda Kinney-Homan - July 26, 2025 at 08:25 PM

DT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Yvonne and her family at this difficult time. Dean and Diep Tong

Diep Tong - July 26, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CS

“ Claudine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

Claudine S. - July 26, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Johnathan R. Sebecke.



July 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnathan R. Sebecke.

July 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM