



## Jonathan S. Valonis

March 29, 1962 - September 14, 2016

Jonathan S. Valonis, age 54, a longtime resident of Lake Forest died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at his home. Son of Laverne and the late Edmond Valonis, and friend of Tom Broome. Private interment at St. Rosalia Cemetery in Sister Bay, Wisconsin. For information contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or visit [RTfunerals.com](http://RTfunerals.com).

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“ I first met Jonathan Valonis in December of 1988 at a coffee shop on Main Street in Evanston. A group of us got together there on Saturday nights. He came in with one of my friends and sat next to me. We started talking. I liked him right away. In some ways we were polar opposites. I was the world's biggest extrovert and he might have been the world's biggest introvert. But we had, as we started talking, several things in common. We both loved trains and we both loved baseball, although he was a White Sox fan and I loved the Cubs. My dad was born in Chicago and had liked both teams until the Sox threw the World Series. After that he only rooted for the Cubs and I grew up feeling the same way.

Our group started getting together on Monday nights at a restaurant just over the border in Chicago. When we broke up around 10:30, I'd drive Jon to catch the train to Lake Forest and we'd usually talk through the next to the last train and then he'd take the last one, which came an hour later.

Jonathan and I hung out with my friend Megan on weekends. I have a photo I took of the two of them together that I'll post later. Jon and I went to the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Institute and Lincoln Park Zoo. We'd take the train to the Loop and have breakfast at Lou Mitchell's,, then tour the city on foot, picking out our favorite buildings.. We both loved the Hancock Building, the Inland Steel Building and 333 West Wacker.and all those designed by Louis Sullivan. We only disagreed on two buildings. I thought the new AMA building was cool and pristine; he found it cold and heartless. He considered the design of the new NBC building ageless and I thought it already looked dated. And our favorite building was Northwest Atrium by Helmut Jahn, where the train station was.

**Marcia Loy** - February 24 at 02:50 PM

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“ Jonathan was a good friend for a long time during our high school years. I am very sorry to hear of his passing at such an age. He was creative and funny. A I happen to have music in my car right now with us playing music back around 1980! My sympathies to Jon's family and friends.

**Stu H.** - February 16, 2019 at 09:05 AM

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“ I knew Jonathan at Western Ave JHS. Smart kid, I always wondered what he was doing.

pat b - June 17, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ Jonathan, I still miss you. Rest in peace.

**Marcia Loy** - January 24 at 01:16 PM



“ i took the photo of Jonathan and our friend Megan after an outing we shared one weekend. Posting the week he would have turned 59.

**Marcia Loy** - March 31 at 01:48 PM