



Jon Absey

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Hello! I am so sorry to hear about Jon. My brother Ron was great friends with Jon. Jon was a wonderful person! He will be greatly missed.

- Patty(Kane)Koenigs

Sending love and comfort blessings to all of Jon's family and friends. Love & God bless. George & Brian

- George & Brian Severson

Jon was my co-worker, my neighbor and lucky me, my friend. When Jon was on the Jazz court he was my co-worker, I was an NBA referee for 18 years and I got to see the best mascot in the whole NBA do his magic up close, many times I would tell him that the fans would be happy if he waved a flag on a 10 foot ladder instead of his thirty foot ladder!! A few years into being a referee we moved to South Jordan and found out Jon's house is a stone's throw from my house, going over to his house made me laugh because he was like Batman, Jon the yard worker in the day and the Jazz Bear at night, and nobody living close to him knew. And last, I get to proudly say he was my friend, from charities he would invite me to come along with, to sitting with him because he wanted to watch as many sunrises as possible after getting sick. I will never look at another sunrise the same way. I have met a lot of people in my life and Jon was truly a special person. He would give you a hug with all his love. Will really miss him!

- Gary Zielinski

Jon You were my brother from another mother. The silence you left behind is heavy. You were more than a friend you were family, chosen and forever. You showed up in my life with loyalty, humor, kindness, and a heart bigger than any room you walked into. You loved deeply, gave freely, and never asked for recognition. You made people feel seen, welcomed, and safe just by being you. I miss our talks, our memories, and the way you always knew how to lift others up, even when you were hurting. I miss your wisdom, your stories, and the way you carried so much love for your family and for the community you served so tirelessly. You left a mark on this world that can never be

erased. I will carry you with me—in every smile, every act of kindness, and every moment I try to live the way you taught me to: with compassion, courage, and love. Until we meet again, my brother... thank you for choosing me as family. I love you. I miss you. Always. God Bless You Andy

- Andy Chudd

Godspeed my brother. You was an amazing, inspiring person both on and off the court. The love that you had for so many people, is going to live on. Until next time. Love ya brother, Travis

- Travis Rice

I worked at the arena supplementing my income for years as a lowly security officer. Jon would always greet me with a smile and a pat on the back. On cold winter days when he would find me posted up at the gate to the back lot, he would stop and ask if he could grab me a coffee. I would tell him I was fine but thanks anyway. When Jon found out I didn't drink coffee, he surprised me on many occasions with a hot chocolate. That's who he was, (is) always looking out for others. Till we meet again brother!

- Greg Duncan

My heart goes out to the Absey family with the passing of Jon. What an amazing person, and such a great loss to all whose lives he touched in so many different ways.

- Colleen (O'Leary) Stinar

I belong to the Delta Center family that Shana and their daughters shared Jon with. Never have I met a man who was so full of life that he made thousands smile every day he went to work... not to mention those he cheered up through his many charities. He will be missed so much by us all. RIP my dear friend. May God bless his family through this very tough time.

- Harmonie Race

Jon was my mentor in the mascot industry and one of the best friends I could ever ask for. Every time we talked on the phone, he was always so happy to hear about my performances and adventures with my mascot. He helped shape me into the mascot performer I am today and for that I am forever grateful. I am going to miss you Jon and I will always carry you in my thoughts and in my heart. To the Absey Family, I am so sorry for your loss. The world lost the best mascot performer, friend, and family member anyone could know. I am sending my deepest and most heartwarming thoughts, prayers and condolences to all of you during this difficult time. I know Jon is watching over you all and smiling down from heaven above. Much love and sending bigs hugs your way.

- Ryan Mason