



## Jeffrey Thomas Gonce

April 19, 1973 - June 6, 2019

Jeffrey Thomas Gonce, age 46 of Lewes, DE passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019. He was born on April 19, 1973 in Baltimore, MD, son of Lyman W. Gonce, Jr. and Joyce A. Gonce.

Jeff graduated from Calvert Hall College High School in Towson, MD, Class of 1992. He went on to receive his bachelor's in political science from Towson University in 1996. Jeff alongside his brother, was the proud owner and operator of Henlopen Landscape, a local landscaping company. In his spare time, he loved going to the beach and swimming with his Labrador retrievers, Captain and Lily; they were the loves of his life. Jeff was a loving son, brother and dear friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Jeff is survived by his brother, David Gonce and his partner Tyler Townsend of Rehoboth Beach, DE; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will immediately follow at St. Peters Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE.

Friends may also call the evening prior, Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Home & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jeff's name to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947 or by visiting their website <https://bvspca.org/donate/give/>

**FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES BY 10 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019.**

# Events

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**JUN 11**   **Viewing**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel  
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

**JUN 12**   **Viewing**                      10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Edmond Catholic Church  
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, US, 19971

**JUN 12**   **Mass of Christian Burial**    11:00AM

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St. Edmond Catholic Church  
409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, US, 19971

# Comments

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“ Mr. Bill, Mrs. Joyce and David, I am very saddened by this news. Jeff was a brother to me for many years, not just the ones when you watched me after school. At Philmont, Jeff explained to me in detail how to kiss a girl. We reconnected a couple of times through college and one last time when we both joined Facebook. We had many of good times and I am so saddened.

I am sorry I cannot be there for the service. I would have been if I could.

**Matt Warfield** - June 11 at 10:11 PM

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“ Aunt Joyce, Uncle Bill and David, Brenna and I would like to express to you our sincere condolences on the passing of Jeff. I am very sorry to say that I cannot be there for his funeral. I will never forget Jeff and I feel privileged to have know him. I'd like to share a favorite quote of mine:

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." Kahlil Gibran

May Jeff's memory dwell in your hearts for eternity. I pray that you find comfort and healing through God's grace.

Love, Michael and Brenna Oles

**Mike Oles** - June 11 at 01:29 PM

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“ Joyce, Bill and David, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you are in my prayers during these difficult days. Fr Joe Cocucci

**Joseph Cocucci** - June 10 at 09:43 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



June 10 at 02:55 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



June 10 at 02:54 PM

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“ Joyce and Bill:

The trouble with hello is saying goodbye!!!

The most difficult part of life is saying goodbye to a loved one. Kathryn and I are deeply moved and saddened by your loss and will simply leave it at that. We both are thinking about you and would be there with you if we could. If you would like to contact me, my email address is [d\\_mezzanotte@yahoo.com](mailto:d_mezzanotte@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

Dominic "Mickey" and Kathryn Mezzanotte, Sr.

**Dr. & Mrs. Dominic M. Mezzanotte, sr., D** - June 10 at 02:49 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



June 10 at 12:35 PM

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“ Aunt Joyce, Uncle Bill, and David,  
My heart is broken by the loss of Jeff. God truly blessed me with a cousin so special and who was more like a little brother to me. When I felt my loneliest he was there and always had the ability to put a smile on my face and laughter in my heart. As devastating as his loss is, much like Jeff's character, I hope you know you're full of strength and that I'm here to support you if you ever need it. May our Lord bless you and give you comfort and strength. Please know that you are all in my prayers.

Love you all very much, Melissa and Brynna

**Melissa Oles** - June 10 at 11:40 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Jeff’s passing. May God bless all of you during this difficult Time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Maria Donatelli and Family.

**Maria Donatelli** - June 10 at 09:21 AM

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“ Dear Cousin Joyce, Bill and David - with my Deepest Sorrow and Sympathy on the passing of my 2nd cousin Jeffrey Thomas. May you know joy of his life and find peace in your hearts by knowing he lived the life and time God Set out for him. Jeff will remain with you forever and ever. Love Cousin Debbie Mezzanotte Bacon

**Delores Bacon** - June 10 at 09:17 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



June 10 at 08:06 AM

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“ Mr. Bill, Mrs. Joyce and Dave,

I am saddened with the news of Jeff’s passing. All I could do today, was laugh and smile, remembering all the good times we had growing up together. I am blessed I had the opportunity to begin our friendship in our early childhood days at Gunpowder Elementary School. Jeff was a kind caring person and he sure will be missed.

You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely, Brian Fiorucci

**Brian Fiorucci** - June 10 at 12:17 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



June 09 at 10:18 PM

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“ Mr. Bill, Mrs. Joyce and Dave,  
No words can express my heartfelt sympathies. Jeff was such a major part of memories and adventures growing up. I can't help but smile and laugh when I think back of course that now is shortly followed by a trail of tears. You all are in my prayers and thoughts, I'm so sorry.  
Love and hugs - Merribeth Morisi

**Merribeth Morisi** - June 09 at 09:49 PM

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“ Mr Bill, Mrs Joyce and Dave,  
My deepest condolences to all of you. I was just thinking about him and how many times we moved him from place to place. Jeff was a good man with a good heart and I will miss him but at least I have numerous fond and funny memories to keep his spirit alive. Take care. Sincerely Greg Taylor. If I can be of any help I can be reached at (443)617-2257

**Greg Taylor** - June 09 at 04:30 PM

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“ We are extremely saddened by the news of the loss of your son Jeff.  
Through the years when we would reminisce with our boys, Brian and Jeff, your son Jeff (better known to us as Gonce) would always be part of our joyful conversations. We send you and your family our heartfelt condolences and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Beverly and Armand Fiorucci

**Beverly and Armand Fiorucci** - June 09 at 04:17 PM

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“ Cousins Sharon, Sergio, Karli, Kourtney and Milos purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



Cousins Sharon, Sergio, Karli, Kourtney and Milos - June 09 at 11:55 AM

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“ Mr. Bill, Mrs, Joyce and Dave;

I have so many lifelong wonderful memories of Jeff, we grew up together and were best friends for many years. Like driving to Calvert Hall together in the yellow boat! He loved his family and friends! If you ever want to talk I am here! Call me on 410-913-0599 anytime!

Deepest Sympathy!  
Gene

Eugene Donald Lockett Jr. - June 09 at 10:37 AM

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“ Love, Phil, Janis and Anna purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey Thomas Gonce.



Love, Phil, Janis and Anna - June 08 at 02:18 PM

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“ Dear Bill, Joyce and David,

Even as my heart breaks for each one of you and for this heavy loss to your precious earthly family life, I thank God for the witness and example you have been from day one of God's unconditional covenant "love which knows no ending...of patient hope and quiet brave endurance, with childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death".

With all four of you safely in God's infinite loving care, and eternally connected together through the power of His Holy Spirit, I pray for you His "peace that passes all understanding" which our Risen Lord Jesus gave and left to us.

With much love and many prayers, Cousin Janet

Rev. Janet Jones - June 08 at 11:56 AM



“ Joyce and Bill and David and Family

It is with a heavy painful heart Ron and myself and Maria and Julie and Family extended our sincere condolences on the passing of your Son Jeff. My Mom was the 1st to notice at David's Graduation party the resemblance that my Julie and your Jeff had. Being 3rd cousins it is true how cousins can resemble ones another. Julie and Jeff use to talk at times but Julie told me she hadn't talked to him in about 10 years. She is very saddened of Jeff's passing as a said earlier in this message. We will keep Jeff in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time and pray that you can get some peace through your faith and love of God. God Bless you Bill David and the Family and Friends. Love and sincerity Joanne and Ron Palczynski (Mezzanotte) and Family. We love you.

**Joanne Mezzanotte Palczynski cousin to J** - June 08 at 07:05 PM



“ Prayers Cousin Joanne

**Joanne Mezzanotte Palczynski cousin to J** - June 08 at 07:07 PM



“ Dear Bill, Joyce, and David

Words cannot begin to express the pain and sorrow my family is feeling after hearing of Jeff's passing. I'm sure this is the time that our faith is supposed to take over and guide us through this heartbreaking difficult time. Please know that Jeff and all of you will be remembered in our prayers. May God bless all of you and give you strength and healing. Love, Cousin Sharon, Sergio, Karli and family, and Kourtney and Milos.

**Sharon Casalena** - June 08 at 10:48 PM



“ Mr. Bill, Ms. Joyce, Dave, Tyler & Bobby- I am saddened by your loss. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Keep your strength as you get through the days ahead. With much love, Mark Scurti

**Mark F Scurti** - June 10 at 05:52 AM



“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear of Jeff's passing. We will keep you and the family in our prayers. May Gob bless you.

**Maria Donatelli** - June 10 at 09:17 AM



“ Joyce, Bill and Dave, I am so sorry for you loss and can't even begin to know how you all feel. I hope God gives you the strength to go on. Please call if you need to talk. Love cousin Connie. # 410-344-6686. Prayers to all of you.

**constance d newlon** - June 10 at 02:21 PM



“ Bill and Joyce...our entire family is saddened by Jeff's passing. Brian has shared childhood stories, we are very sorry for your loss. Kenny Dryden

**Kenneth Dryden** - June 11 at 01:39 PM