



Jon F. Kemmer

November 17, 1990 - April 12, 2026

Jon Forest Kemmer, age 35, of Santa Fe, Texas, formerly of Shippenville, passed away Sunday evening, April 12, 2026, following injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born on November 17, 1990, in Oil City and grew up in Shippenville. Jon was the son of F. Edward and Jackie Von Henderson Kemmer, both of whom survive.

He was a 2009 graduate of Clarion Area High School, where he was a standout on the Clarion Bobcats Baseball team. Jon continued his education at Allegany College of Maryland. He then played baseball for Clarion University and later Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia, before being selected by the Houston Astros in the 21st round of the 2013 MLB Draft. Jon lived and breathed baseball, spending seven seasons in the minor leagues and two in Mexico before retiring in 2021. He always lived by his dad's words: "No pressure, just opportunity."

Jon then settled in Santa Fe, Texas, with his wife, Kourtney Krampota, whom he married on March 2, 2022. Together, they had two beautiful children, Jacklin Joyce Kemmer (age 3 ½) and Forest Todd Kemmer (age 1 ½), and lived on a 15,000-acre waterfowl hunting ranch, Hall's Bayou Ranch, where he worked as a ranch handler. Jon also coached the HTX Battle Bucks 14U travel baseball team in Texas and was still active in his hometown, returning several times a year to give baseball lessons at The Garage in Shippenville. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved hunting and spending time

with his dogs and the farm animals. Above all, his most cherished role was being a dad.

In addition to his parents, wife, and children, Jon leaves behind his brothers, Neil (Terri) Kemmer and Scot (Angie) Kemmer; his nieces, Kortney (Devin) Murray, Lindsey Kemmer, Samantha (Adam) Neill, and Hope Kemmer; a nephew, Casey Kemmer; his aunts and uncles, Jeff Kemmer, Nancy Rimer, Dee Bish, Debra Whittington, Perry Kemmer, and Johnna Fries; several cousins; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Todd and Tamy Smith Krampota.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Forest and Blanche Kemmer; maternal grandparents, John and Vivian Henderson; and an uncle, Terry Kemmer.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is assisting the family with arrangements.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on May 23, 2026, at the Clarion Moose Lodge #101, 401 Grand Avenue Ext, Clarion, PA 16214.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Kourtney Kemmer, 10811 FM 2004, Santa Fe, Texas, 77510, to help with their children's future endeavors.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Robert Burkhart know him he played softball . He is a Good Guy . He my Buddy all The Times . He Give me The Baseball card his pictures with his Autograph on it . He Talk To me at Shipperville pa Little League Baseball Field Batting Cages . He is a Nice guy. If you need anything let's me know ok 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Robert F Burkhart - May 02 at 12:16 AM

SW

“ Mr and Mrs Kemmer, I cannot imagine the pain you must have in the loss of your precious son Jon. To lose a child has to be the hardest journey in life one must take. We had the privilege of hosting Jon in our home when he played for the Astro's in Fresno. He was one of the most polite, unselfish, respectful individuals I have met. He was a delight to have in our home. We loved watching him play at the Grizzlies ball field. Talented and humble. Jon took the time to interact with us one on one when he could. I happened to be out of town when I got a call from him saying he was being transferred. I began to cry as in the short time he was in our home, he had become like my son, (we had raised three boys). I knew that he must have had amazing parents to be the gentleman that he was to me. Please know that I tried to give him the care that you as his parents most certainly did growing up while he was here. My heart is broken that his life has been cut short but he will not be forgotten in my heart. Susan Willis.

susan Willis - April 21 at 10:22 PM

SW

“ Jon worked with me for a couple of years in high school for my swing. The countless tips and lessons he taught about baseball and life in general are something I will never forget. As phenomenal of a coach he was to me, he was an even better human being. I always looked forward to his lessons because of who he was. He was kind, knowledgeable, funny, and most importantly, he was honest. He always wanted what was best for me. He helped me in many ways for which I am forever thankful. He made a lasting impact on me, and I am forever thankful for the experience and lessons he gave my family and me. I want to send my condolences to Jon’s family, his wife, and his children. I will keep his family in my prayers. I am going to miss you Jon. Rest easy.

Samuel Webb - April 16 at 08:12 PM



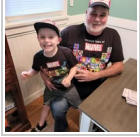
“ I scouted Jon in Toledo, Oh. He put a great show during the home run contest. Ill never forget it!

Bobby Mitchell - April 16 at 07:00 PM

DA

“ Jon was awesome. He worked with my son and our travel organization for a few years when he was in Pennsylvania. As great as he was as a coach and mentor, he was a better guy. He was down to earth, hilarious, and just one of those people you loved to be around. We will miss Jon. Prayers to the Kemmer family, his wife, and his children.

Douglas Ault - April 16 at 10:51 AM



“ While Jon was rising in the minors he was back in Clarion and was working out at the little league field. He noticed my 10 year old grandson in the batting cages. He stopped his workout and came over and coached him. He was incredibly kind and helpful (so was Ed, Jon's first coach) and both his dad and I were really grateful. I also pitched against him in modified softball when he was 16 and could not get him out(a real lesson in humility tempered by the fact that no one else ever could either),

ED Hopkins - April 15 at 02:39 PM

RW

“ SENDING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO HIS PARENTS, BROTHERS , HIS WIFE & CHILDREN & TO ALL THE KEMMER FAMILY!! MAY HE REST IN PEACE!!



Regis & Pat Walters - April 15 at 10:53 AM

DW

“ First, I want to thank my Brother Ed and sister-in-law, Jackie for raising such a wonderful young man. Jon was a strong, loving, polite and caring person, thanks to his parents. Words cannot express how this death has effected our whole family. Its hard not to question why God chose him that day, to take him. The only comfort was that he did not suffer.

Jon had a lot of living to do. Especially with his children and wife. We all looked forward to when Jon and his family came home to visit. the whole community loved Jon and had so many great memories of him. Jon loved Baseball, Hunting and most of all his family. Life will go on, but it will never be the same without Jon. You will be forever missed and always loved.

Debra Whittington - April 15 at 10:17 AM