



## James Penn Strandberg

October 25, 2020 - October 30, 2020

GREENSBORO, N.C. — James Penn Strandberg, 32, of Greensboro, N.C., passed away October 30, 2020. A private ceremony will be held for immediate family members. Penn graduated from Weaver Academy For Performing & Visual Arts in 2007 with a concentration in classical guitar, at which he excelled. During his years at Weaver, he developed a passion for music composition. He devoted himself to this passion for the rest of his life, leaving behind a large catalog of music compositions. Penn will always be remembered by those who loved him for his gentle soul, sweet smile, keen intellect and abundant talent.

Surviving Penn are his parents, John and Mimi Strandberg of Greensboro; his brother Jace Strandberg (Tyson) of Greensboro; his sister Kathleen Welte (Christian) of Raleigh; his sister Julia Strandberg of Greensboro; his niece Spencer Welte of Raleigh; and his nephews Hayes Welte of Raleigh and Bodhi Strandberg of Greensboro.

Due to COVID-19, a private celebration of Penn's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Penn's memory to Piedmont Blues Preservation Society, P.O. Box 9737, Greensboro, N.C., 27429, or at [piedmontblues.org](http://piedmontblues.org). Online condolences may be offered at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).

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“ Penn left a deep impression on me. He was so beautiful, kind and always so smart. When I taught him at Weaver he was always engaged and wanted to learn at every turn. His gift for composing was amazing and I am lucky that he continued to share his music with me throughout the years. His gentle spirit will be remembered and his smile stays with me even after all these years. I am so sorry for the loss of this creative genius. But he will live on in his music,.  
Kami

**Kami M Rowan** - November 22, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, we are praying for peace and comfort at this time.  
Love,  
David & Andy Richey

**ANDREA** - November 20, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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“ I remember so well all the wonderful Strandberg kids that I taught in my L S art class at the Greensboro Day School. Penn was such a special, gentle and kind young man. I offer my condolences and prayers to the Strandberg family.  
Much love, Lynn Mathews Noecker

**Lynn Noecker** - November 20, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ Penn is the kindest and most remarkable person I’ve ever known. His musical ability and sharp witted intellect were unmatched among any circles that we were a part of, but it was always his kindness that shone through the brightest. He had a knack for mischief, but was just as adept at getting out of trouble as he was getting into it - probably because of a sheer likeableness that’s undeniable to anyone that’s ever met him. Quiet by nature, but bold by action, especially as it pertains to friendship, Penn had a way of creating relationships that never ceased to amaze. There are people in life that you meet and instantly realize they are a cut above the rest, and for me, Penn has always been a cut above even those people.

To Penn : For 32 years you created musical genius with limited resources here, I can’t wait to someday hear what you come up with now. Sending love always - JY

**jonathan Yates** - November 20, 2020 at 11:21 AM