



Jonathan Frid

December 22, 1924 - April 14, 2012

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Tribute Wall



“ *Amalla Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jonathan Frid*



Amalla Funeral Home - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I watched Dark Shadows with my mom when I was growing up. I fell in love with the show and with Barnabas Collins/Jonathan Frid. Those were the best teenage years I had. Thank you Jonathan for your magical presence on screen*

Mary - November 07, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PA

“ *I also rushed home from school to watch dark shadows and my favorite vampire. My mother told me that her sister loved this show, so I watched it once and am hooked for life, even at 65 years old I am watching it as I write this. Many years I went out trick or treating or to parties on Halloween dressed as my favorite vampire. I wanted to see the cast for lunch in NY but didn't go, then soon after heard of mr frids death which really hit me. My condolences to this gracious man's family. There will never be another like him.*

Patty - February 22, 2024 at 09:31 PM

SR

“ Sydney Railing sent a virtual gift in memory of Jonathan Frid



Sydney Railing - June 25, 2023 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ Had to rush up the driveway from the school bus and turn on the tv in record time. I didn't want to miss a minute of DARK SHADOWS! Yes I too was in love with the vampire, Barnabas Collins. Angelique was the real villainess for she had put this curse on Barnabus. I had dreams about him, never scary, I was always trying to help him. Poor guy he had experienced so much heartache. You were the best. RIP JOHNATHAN FRID ♡



Dorothy M Manley - June 02, 2023 at 03:53 PM

NS

“ As a child decades ago. My mum n I shared watching dark shadows together. I was under the spell of Mr. Frid from early on. He inspired in me a love of Shakespeare, Poe, and education in general. He taught me that the classy gentleman is best n that this symbolizes the need to achieve beyond what people expect you should accept or follow. Im graduating with my bachelors degree today at almost 40. You are in my heart today as I do this. Thank you, you stunning stunning man!

Nirmal Singh - June 03, 2021 at 11:31 AM

MW

Here I am at 65 and still hooked on Dark Shows. Johnathan Frid was a wonderful actor. The likes of which we will never see again.

Michelle C White - November 03, 2022 at 10:05 PM

JB

“ *I only recently "met" you John through your work on Dark Shadows, and have come to admire you very much.*

You were very dedicated to your career and craft as an actor, and greatly enjoyed exploring your own humanity through the roles you came to play. You also delighted in opening up new vistas for others through your work, finding a unique pleasure in reaching to others through your readings.

Thank you for your inspiration and your legacy. You have touched my life, and for that I am very grateful.

*Sincerely,
Jana Bess*

Jana Bess - July 21, 2019 at 11:04 PM

SU

“ I was right there along with the other thousands of kids who ran home from school to watch *Dark Shadows* and fall in love with this new heartthrob, a vampire named Barnabas Collins. Thru the years of *Dark Shadows*, we came to know not just the vampire but Jonathan Frid also. The whole cast became family and a bit of light went out of our world when *Dark Shadows* ended. But thru technology, it will never end. The friendships that were forged between the cast was evident at all the reunions. They were doing this because of their love of the show and the love of their fans, not because they were being paid. In Jonathan's last years, he still converted to Barnabas as a cameo in the new movie. And what a great job seeing the old with the new. Jonathan's death was a blow, it was like losing a family member. But he will live on in all of our hearts. A kind, gracious, gentleman from a bygone era. May his family find comfort and peace in all of our memories. I am so very, very grateful to have had the blessing of him in my life.

Susan - April 07, 2013 at 08:22 AM



“ I had no idea who Jonathan Frid was, much less what *Dark Shadows* was at the start of 2012. However, thanks to my wonderful Mother, I soon became attached to the series and its small company of actors. Mother had mentioned she loved Barnabas Collins, and I didn't quite get it at first. But, Jonathan ever so slowly managed to grow on me, and this was amplified by the series soundtrack where I could listen to the actor speak. His voice commanded attention, but was soothing at the same time; I admire the way he was able to achieve that. I also admire who Jonathan was: a fantastic human being. I did not know him personally, but from the photos I've seen and the stories I've heard from other actors I gather he was a very kind man. I'm afraid I don't have much to say here except that I am saddened he is gone, but I think he is at peace wherever he has gone. And I think he might want fans not to be sad, but rather remember him fondly as they always have.

Rest in Peace, Jonathan.

December 02, 2012 at 06:47 PM

KS

“ I became the next generation of viewers to see *Dark Shadows*. I would watch it with my mom. I recall how she came home from work and would run in and scream out like it was the end of the world.... "YOU GOT IT ON?!" When I had gone to his website for the first time, Jonathan Frid opened up a whole new door of literature for me. Which I was so glad that he did.

When I was at work, one of the workers let me use there computer and I decided to go to his website again to see what was going on and such. Well when I went to the readings, and waited for the page to load.....when I heard a gun shot go off I almost hit the floor. LOL

Recently I did two dedications to Jonathan Frid. Poems I had written that a friend had recorded and sent to me. He played both pieces on his radio show. The first was to the Frid family. The second, for everyone. One was entitled *A Precious ONE* and the second was entitled *My Lost Sorrow*.

My deepest condolences to the family of Jonathan Frid. A great man.

Kathy Seaman - April 28, 2012 at 01:26 AM

LP

“ He will be greatly missed. I didn't get to watch *Dark Shadows* til later which when it came on I wasn't born but I sort of remember the latter years of it 1970-1971. I was 4 or 5 years old. My sister later got me to watching it so I got hooked watching it reruns. Later it came out on dvd so I bought the whole set. Now I can watch it anytime and many times I want plus have co-workers interested in borrowing the dvds. Jonathan Frid may your memory stay with us. There is only 1 *Barnabus Collins* thanks Jonathan Frid for being *Barnabus*. Love the video tribute and the song that played. Thank you.

Lisa Phillips - April 27, 2012 at 10:43 PM

CC

“ I am so so saddened by this. As we all are. I remember at 9 yrs old watching this show! Running home from school to watch the show! I was in love with Barnabas! I dreamed of him! He was wonderful as Barnabas Collins. NO ONE COULD EVER PLAY HIM. He was and will be the one and only Barnabas Collins. A true actor. I am sorry to his family, and to all the wonderful actors who co starred with him. I am so sorry I never got to meet him. But someday, when God calls me, I shall! Rest in Peace Mr. Frid....you are always in my heart.....Love sent you Sir!

cindy cavaliere - April 27, 2012 at 09:16 PM

ED

“ Jonathan will be missed by so many more than he knew. R.I.P.
Sweet man

Eileen Dunmire - April 26, 2012 at 12:05 PM

ML

“ Jonathan was a wonderful driving force in my life. It was his talent that made me become an actor. It was his love of the written word that made me become a writer and it was his fame that caused me to meet and marry my late wife Ellen, a lady who filled my life with joy and love. Jonathan and I have met talked and laughed together over the years. The last time Ellen and I saw Jonathan she told him that we met and married because of him and that we both love him very much. He replied: And I love the both of you too. Thank you Jonathan Frid, I shall never forget you.

With Love,
Michael Lipowski

Michael Lipowski - April 26, 2012 at 02:43 AM

KA

“ All my prayers to Jonathan's family. He will be missed. I have had the pleasure of meeting him several times and he was always the nicest person. I WAS one of those kids who ran home from school to watch Dark Shadows

Kathy - April 26, 2012 at 01:26 AM

SU

“ Words cannot described the emotions going thru me when I heard of Jonathan's passing. Like millions of others, I ran home from school to catch my most cherished friends from Dark Shadows. And beyond Dark Shadows, I always knew Jonathan was a true gentleman. Always so evident and something we are sorely lacking in our society these days. To his family, his Dark Shadows family, and everyone, thank you for sharing Jonathan with me. Thanks for sharing your thoughts and memories. They will sustain us all.

Susan - April 25, 2012 at 05:47 PM

LH

“ My condolences go out to Jonathan's family and relatives. This brilliant actor who influenced and changed (for the better) every child growing up in the 1960's will be missed beyond measure! A true Shakespearian actor, a gentlemen, who at times (so I've heard) could be a bit irreverant as well. Jonathan touched so many people's lives! Jonathan God speed to you! You have left us with only brilliant memories of you and our past. I feel as if a large part of my childhood has passed along with you and therefore I grieve for not only losing that, but losing you as well. I'm so glad that you were physically able to make the journey to England to appear and perform with, your Dark Shadows family once again in the new Dark Shadows movie. What a delight that must have been for everyone in your presence! I shall never forget you or "Barnabas Collins"! Your beloved fan,Len Handeland

Len Handeland - April 25, 2012 at 03:46 PM

M"

“ *She was one of your biggest fans and introduced us all to Barnabas. Thank you for the memories and may you rest in peace.*



Monica & Becky in memory of "Mom" - April 25, 2012 at 02:25 PM

JD

“ *I was one of the millions of school children who literally ran home every day to make sure I got back in time for the latest episode of "Dark Shadows." The show spoke to me on many levels, first and foremost because it was imaginative. Jonathan Frid, as Barnabas Collins, made a huge impression on me. His portrayal of a reluctant vampire conveyed power, magnetism, intelligence and humanity. I really took Barnabas as sort of a supernatural superhero (and be fair, he did wear a cape). After "Dark Shadows" concluded its run, I found out that Mr. Frid turned down numerous parts that would have simply traded on his success from the show. I admired his conviction. Of course I would have watched him in anything, but I did respect the fact that he stuck to his guns. In later years, for personal reasons, I found that identifying with a fictitious vampire had other implications, and they amounted to something of a survival skill. And I realized that the character Jonathan Frid created was still important to me. He will be very much missed.*

Jim Dixon - April 25, 2012 at 10:44 AM

MS

“ *It is so sad to hear of Jonathan's passing - he will be missed by many.
My he rest in peace.*

Miguel Novoa Sánchez - April 25, 2012 at 10:24 AM

GN

“ My deepest condolences to the family. One of my very fondest moments of Mr. Frid is from a one-man show he did some years ago at the Lockwood-Mathews mansion in Connecticut. It was in December, and the mansion was decorated for Christmas. We read through the program, but the last selection was not stated. At the end of the performance, Jonathan opened a book and began to read to us. A loud shriek of joy emanated from the entire audience - Jonathan Frid was reading us "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"!!!! Later, on the autograph line, I told him, "I can die happy now - I've had Jonathan Frid read me Dr. Seuss."

Gail Newcomb - April 25, 2012 at 07:29 AM

LO

“ soso sorry for your loss there will never be another vampire like him

lois - April 25, 2012 at 05:12 AM

DH

“ My condolences to all the Frid family. As a teenage girl of 14 I have many happy memories watching Barnabas Collins on Dark Shadows. I have a beautiful drawing of Jonathan as Barnabas that my daughter drew for me when she was taking art classes in high school. It hangs in the entry way of my house and is always a great reminder of this great man, now more than ever. I am glad to have had a chance to meet him when my daughter and I went to the 2010 Dark Shadows convention in Burbank. Our thoughts are with you all.

Dale Huffman - April 25, 2012 at 04:58 AM

AC

“ I am certainly not alone in writing of my sadness at the passing of Jonathan Frid. Although I was not yet alive at the time of *Dark Shadows*' original airing, it has touched my life in so many ways. *Barnabas Collins* is, through home video, as much a part of my childhood as anyone who lived to see the masterful character come to life on the screen. Jonathan carried such power, vulnerability and grace in his portrayal. His character was so layered, and Jonathan's performance so honest. Jonathan seduced everyone with his uneasiness as it worked to craft a character of incredible depth and sympathy. I saw Jonathan at the *Dark Shadows Festival* in 2010, and, although we did not get to speak, it is something I will not forget. Everyone who loves *Dark Shadows* loves Jonathan, and his great work has lived to inspire new generations of fans, remakes and a new film. He will be missed and treasured in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

Andrew Catton - April 25, 2012 at 03:28 AM

TI

“ Rest in peace, Mr. Frid. You were one of a kind and nobody can ever, ever take your place, especially in the eyes of the little girl that still dwells inside of me from time to time that remembers running home from school to watch for you every day in her living room. Farewell.

Tina - April 25, 2012 at 01:29 AM

JW

“ You will be greatly missed Jonathan, you had many years bringing us *Dark Shadows*, we love and miss you.

James Willars - April 24, 2012 at 10:42 PM

RI

“ *Rest In Peace Dear Sweet Jonathan. You will be missed by all who know and love you. You brought so many years of joy and happiness and entertainment into my life. I have met friends, who are now family through being fan's of yours. I love you, miss you and you will live forever in my heart. Patti Williams*

RIP - April 24, 2012 at 07:03 PM