STRAND, JONATHAN PAUL; June 19, 1980, Wichita, Kan., to Sept. 8, 2007, Tinley Park, Ill.; son of Rev. Paul and Connie (Dyer) Strand; graduated St. Louis, 2006. Served 2006–2007. Ministry/parish: Countryside, Ill. Funeral: Sept. 12, 2007, Tinley Park, Ill.; cremation.

## Rev. Jonathan Paul Strand Obituary

Date of Birth:

Thursday, June 19th, 1980

Date of Death:

Saturday, September 8th, 2007

Funeral Home:

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15525 South 73rd Avenue Orland Park, Illinois, UNITED STATES 60462

## Obituary:

Rev. Jonathan Paul Strand, age 27, entered Heaven on September 8, 2007 after a 2 year and 9 month struggle with brain cancer. Death has won no battle here, Jesus has won the Victory! Jon was the pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Countryside, IL and was a 5th generation pastor. Son of Pastor Paul and Connie (nee Dyer) Strand. Brother of Joshua L. Strand. Grandson of Rev. Ahlert and Dorothy Strand, Pat (Stan) Paul and the late Jerry Dyer. Also survived by 3 Uncles, 2 Aunts, 7 Cousins and the extended families of the churches where Jon has served. Jon graduated with honors from Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park in 1998. He graduated from Concordia University Chicago, summa cum laude in 2002. with a degree in Secondary Education, major in English and minor in Spanish. He helped start the Writing Center of the University. He graduated from Concordia Seminary of St. Louis, MO in 2006. He was ordained into the holy ministry on August 27, 2006. His father is the Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, IL. Jon did his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD until he was diagnosed with cancer, then finished his vicarage at Trinity in Tinley Park. Jonathan was an avid Cubs fan, but while attending the seminary in St. Louis, MO he worked at Busch Stadium selling souvenirs, working during both of their recent World Series games. We thank our Lord Jesus for watching over Jon and allowing him to touch so many lives. To God be the Glory for what He has done. Visitation Tuesday 2-9PM at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park. Lying in state Wednesday from 6:00PM until time of Funeral Service 7:30PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6850 W. 159th St. Tinley Park, IL. Interment private. Also, a Memorial Service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church 6455 Joliet Rd. Countryside, IL 60525, on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 2:00PM. Memorials to Hope Lutheran Church or The University of Chicago Brain Tumor Center c/o Jean Aezbaecher room J3341, 5841 S. Maryland m/c 3026, Chicago, IL 60637 preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at www.colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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