



Maybe

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Maybe if you had walked into a room and spotted Jonathan after he had just positioned himself in a corner to watch everyone entering the room with the biggest smile that would cover his whole face.

Maybe if you knew Jonathan had a laughter that would just for a moment; make you forget the troubles of the day.

Maybe if you saw the way Jonathan's eyes lit up every time his little brother Debin looked at him and called him big brother.

Maybe if you knew the happiness Jonathan gave to a lady in his community long after others had forgotten her after the death of husband when he would surprise her by just knocking on the door to make sure she was ok.

Maybe if you saw Jonathan's face overly beaming proclaiming it was a secret how much money him and his grandfather received from recycling cans.

Maybe if you knew Jonathan had told his grandfather the morning he was ordered to court and detained into foster care "DAD-DAD, if they take me away, I will never come back home again."

Maybe if you saw Jonathan curled into a ball while on anti-depression medication that he was given in foster care because he missed his mother.

Maybe if you knew Jonathan cried when he learned his telephone calls had to be monitored with his mother. And maybe it is because you didn't hear the tears in his voice when he asked if he could talk to his mother just for a minute without everyone else listening.

Maybe it's because you never noticed that his mother Debra has to take a deep breath [inside] every time someone asks how many children she has.

Maybe it's because no-one told you that at night as Debra, tires to sleeps she can still sometimes can hear Jonathan's voice crying out for help, and she finds herself running to his room believing she can reach him in time to save his life.

Or maybe it was because you were not there in the early morning hours on Monday, June 9, 1997 at 1:30 a.m. when the telephone rang being the news of Jonathan's death.

Maybe it's because you never experienced how it feels to live in a bad "who done it" mystery movie that has never explained how someone could have overdosed Jonathan.

But maybe if hearing these things has touched your heart then maybe you now understand why Jonathan is missed so much.