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John Park Johnston, known to all as "Jay," passed away suddenly in February at the age of 65.

Born in August of 1952 in Ft. Knox, KY to Richard P. and Jayne A. (Hand) Johnston. Jay graduated from Howe Military School in 1971 and went on to attend Ohio University, Athens.

His young adult life was spent on Sanibel and Captiva Islands in Florida where he began to hone his culinary skills. After moving back to Ohio in 1979 and working for several years in the corporate world, he partnered in his own restaurant in Cincinnati and then in Newark. He was a creative soul; as was evident in his love for food, music, art and most of all, his children.

In addition to his parents, Jay is survived by his children, Amber (Darby) Roberts and Richard "Park" Johnston; two grandchildren, Celia and Leo Roberts; a sister, Leslie (Jim) Reesing; brothers, David (Molly) Johnston and Christopher (Lisa) Johnston; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jay can be made to The Main Place 12 S. Third St., Newark, OH or at www.themainplace.org.

"You belong among the wildflowers. You belong in a boat out at sea. Sail away, kill off the hours. You belong somewhere you feel free"-- Tom Petty "Wildflowers".



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NH

Nicole O'hare posted:

Fond memories of a good friend and a very kind man! RIP, you will be missed!

March 21 at 10:08 AM

TB

Thomas Bream posted:

I knew Jay briefly and enjoyed his presence, "he was one of my people" Jay used to say

March 20 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Boy did we have a time, Jay-Jay. You were the best of friends. Robert Welsh, Seattle

March 20 at 2:18 PM

LM

Luanne Crouch Macgillavry posted:

May your soul run freely in a warm summer field of queen ann's lane like a butterfly.

March 19 at 5:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sincere condolences to the family and friends. I hope that you find comfort in each other and in prayer (Psalm 65;2) during this difficult time.

March 18 at 7:20 AM

RD

Rose Ann Stevenson-Dysart posted:

Amber and Park...I know I am not alone in sending you and your dad's family my sincere sympathy over Jay's passing. He lived a very full life over the years, making more than a few friends and enjoying the good company of many. He was so proud of both of you-always telling me all about your latest accomplishments whenever we exchanged updates. I hope you both will find peace and comfort in this sad time. God Bless you and your families.

March 17 at 6:22 PM



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Mike Welsh posted:

Hey Jay just thinking of you the other day Mike and I just celebrated 18 yrs and we went to the Ilisands time goes by so fast !Mike gonna miss a great bass play and all the good times R.I.P Jay

March 17 at 3:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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