



## Jay Allen Neustel

July 26, 2020

Jay Allen Neustel, age 54, of Woodbridge, VA died on July 26, 2020 at Rivergate Apartments, Woodbridge, Virginia.

Jay was born March 16, 1966 in Bismarck, North Dakota to William Willey Neustel and Karen Ann Kemnitz. He spent much of his childhood there and was proud to call North Dakota home. It was there he learned the values that were the foundation of the man he became. Jay graduated from Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Los Angeles, California. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia. Before separating from the service, Jay earned the rank of Specialist (E-4) and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Army Service Ribbon.

After serving in the military, Jay worked as a U.S. Government contractor in private industry. While assigned in Miami, Florida, he completed his college education, graduating with honors in the top 5% of his class. Jay began his 30 year career with the U.S. Government as a Security Specialist for the Department of State. His current position was Director, Secure Logistics Division, U.S. Department of State. Jay was recently selected for a promotion and was preparing to move to Antwerp, Belgium.

Jay was a Boy Scout Leader; he loved boats, cats, photography, and playing the guitar. He enjoyed traveling, ice cream, and history. He had an ability to

remember obscure facts, which made him great company while watching Jeopardy. Jay had a ready smile and goodhearted nature that endeared him to those who knew him. One of his favorite songs was "Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd because it reminded him of his mother and the important things in life. His kindness, honesty, and humor touched many lives, personally and professionally. He was a good friend who made it a point to say "I love you." He is dearly missed.

Jay is survived by his mother, Karen, and her husband, Larry Lyson; his brother, William Neustel, and his children, Wiley and Rebecca; his sister, Tiffany Norton, her husband, Dennis, and children, Tanner, Trevor, and JaeAnna; his uncles, Michael, David, and William Kemnitz, and Robert Neustel, his aunt, Connie Wolf, and their respective families, in addition to numerous cousins and extended family.

Due to the current pandemic, services will be private.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jay Allen Neustel

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ YOU are missed so much and I am extremely blessed to have had you in my life. Your gentle soul, stole a piece of my heart, however I am ever so thankful these years brought us closer. That's the weird thing about grief. Sharing your time with me was priceless! You made it a point to get to know me, whether at our homes, or vacation, a phone call and even personal and business trips. Jay was authentic, educated, kind, professional and without a doubt, fun to be around. Listening to an array of music, appreciation for great food, a true cat lover and that awesome razor collection made you so unique. I appreciated your awesome ability to engage in conversations and topics that most would steer away from. In the end, we knew & respected each other's boundaries, which strengthened our relationship. Humbled that we chose to be a part of the wonderful times in life and yes, those tough ones. One day you'll make me some of your famous greens 🥒! Jay, I love you!



Jody Donald - August 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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“ I am blessed to have had the opportunity to work directly with Jay for the last two years as his executive assistant. When Jay hired me he told me that somebody years ago took a chance on him and he was going to take that same chance on me. That is just who he was; he was selfless and caring. A man of few words but his words had a lot of meaning behind them. I will forever hold him close to my heart as a mentor, friend and influence. Jay was HILARIOUS. I always tell people, he was one of the funniest people I know. He had a quirky, dry humor and was always up for playful banter among his colleagues. He loved reading his hometown newspaper, he would joke and tell me stories about how his home town was so small that he will always see a relative in the newspaper every week. He was an amazing person through and through. I will miss hearing his stories from his travels, I will forever make a point to stay on the outskirts of town whenever I travel in his memory. He would tease that staying right in the middle of a tourist town is equivalent to being in a fish bowl and to get out there and experience the culture. He spoke highly of his mother and all of his close friends. He was always willing to lend an ear when anyone needed advice and truly looked out for those that were close to him. There are not many people on this earth like him, I am happy for the time I did get to spend with him.



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**Alexis** - August 03, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ Sharing a fond memory and pic of Jay who was sitting in my cubicle one morning. Jay loved his Miami Dolphins although he would always say he could not watch the games because every time he watched, they would lose so he followed the scores on his phone while they played. Jay had that big smile on his face after I started singing him the Miami Dolphins “Fight” song when he came over to my cube that morning wearing that Miami Dolphins tie. One last time for Jay...it went like this:

*Miami has the Dolphins, the greatest football team  
They'll take the ball from goal to goal like no one's ever seen  
They're in the air, they're on the ground, they're always in control  
And when you say Miami, you're talking Super Bowl...  
We are the Miami Dolphins, Miami Dolphins, Miami Dolphins  
Number 1!*

*Coming from a hard core Ravens fan, I only know that song because two of my brothers are also Dolphins fans like Jay and that song is seared in my brain from them singing it. I don't know if Jay smiled that hard over my non-singing abilities or because I was singing about his beloved NFL team! I will miss that smile!*

- "Zee" Z. Ziegler



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**Z. Ziegler** - August 03, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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**Roxana** - August 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM

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“ I'd say "Hi, 'Big Brother" and he would respond "Well, hi there 'Little Sister." It wasn't too often we used our names unless we were talking to someone about the other. Jay would play Barbies with me when I was little so I wouldn't have to play on my own. He would dress them all wrong, just to make me mad. Clothing on backwards and upside down, then he would laugh and say "but it's the new style!"

We were very close while living so far away from each other. If we'd call each other we would have to make sure we had a couple hours to talk, because we would be on the phone for 2 or 3 hrs. I don't have a clue what we could ever talk about so long.

No matter the things we done together or didn't get the chance to do. Even, things we didn't get to say to one another. He knew I loved him and I know he loved me! I will always hold you in my heart Big Brother!

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**Tiffany** - July 31, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ My dear son JAY who I had the privilege and honor of being his mother, ILL HOLD IN MY HEART ALL MY DAYS. We knew the planed a big move but this is ridiculous. And should apologise

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**Mom** - July 31, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Cindy Gilhousen lit a candle in memory of Jay Allen Neustel*



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**Cindy Gilhousen** - July 31, 2020 at 12:11 PM