



John Anthony Horstkamp Jr.

December 22, 2024

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, John Anthony Horstkamp Jr. of Stafford, Virginia, passed away at the age of 66. John had been fighting a cruel disease called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy for the past three years.

John was born to John and Marge Horstkamp in Washington DC and grew up in Landover, Md. John traveled the US in his younger years, living in Denver, CO, Phoenix, AZ, Reston, VA and finally settling in Stafford. John worked as computer hardware/software engineer. He started his career at NASA in Greenbelt, MD and has worked for several companies over his long career. John had a passion for applied physics and mathematics. He nearly completed his degree in electrical engineering at George Mason University, before he decided to retire.

John played guitar all his life. He was a gifted musician. He played in bands locally and enjoyed playing jazz guitar. He was a taekwondo athlete and earned a Brown belt while living in Reston, VA.

John was preceded in death by his mother Marge. He is survived by his father John and his three sisters, Kathy, Cindy, and Valerie, his nephew Robert and nieces Melanie, Lindsay, and Cassidy and grandniece Kinsley and grandnephews Dominic and CJ.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I very much enjoyed knowing and working with John playing music. I was the keyboard player and he was playing guitar. We became friends and was impressed with his learning and knowledge of music. I am sure he will be missed a lot and I will have good memories of him always.

JS Dana - January 05, 2025 at 09:21 PM

ZA

“ I was introduced to John through the missionaries. I enjoyed sitting in on lessons with him and getting to know him and seeing him progress in knowledge of the gospel. When I visited, he would always share a raspberry lemonade, which I loved. One memory I had was when we watched General Conference together. We shared some snacks and enjoyed listening to and discussing the talks. Another time, I had meant to text something loving to my girlfriend at the time and had sent it to John by mistake. He was a good sport about it. My family still jokes about that today. He was a quiet, friendly, thoughtful man and I'm thankful for his friendship. My condolences go to his family.

Zac - January 05, 2025 at 01:45 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert - January 05, 2025 at 12:34 PM

RO

“ John and I met in Phoenix Arizona when we both lived there. We were both in the Summit Lighthouse together and spent hours discussing philosophy, religion and the nature of God. Over the years I lost contact with John and hoped to see him again, but life gets in the way. For years John would send me a daily inspirational quote and we would exchange thoughts and opinions. He shared me thoughts from the Ascended Masters, the Mormons, bible verses wise and practical quotes on quality living. I would share some healing links, a personal relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and some challenges as I was contending with an illness back in 2021. He never told me what his condition was and didn't want to chat on the phone; just text. John was such a tender hearted man; always kind and gentle. The attached photo was take in Phoenix Arizona in 1999, probably on my birthday at my home with my wife at the time Theresa. Thank you for being a light and a friend through the years John. We'll see you again when the rest of us run our race and make our way home.



Robert - January 05, 2025 at 12:28 PM

TH

John was a sensitive intelligent gentle soul. I met him thru Robert I always enjoyed our time together never a quarrelsome word from this soul.
God speed on your journey!

theresa - January 05, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *John Anthony Horstkamp Jr.*



January 05, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *Master Dave Newberry & Mrs. Newberry* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of *John Anthony Horstkamp Jr.*



Master Dave Newberry & Mrs. Newberry - January 05, 2025 at 06:49 AM

DL

“ We met John way back when he came to work at Goddard Space Flight Center many, many years ago. In addition to their involvement in the NASA work, John and Doug shared a love of music. John and his guitar became frequent visitors to our home. We lost touch after John moved to the southwest, but we were delighted when he moved back to this area and gave us a call. We had many more years of friendship and visits filled with music.

We learned that John also liked to cook, and once he asked how to make a dish we would be serving that night. It was great fun explaining how to make the dish while John put it all together. In the end, his dish turned out to be better than mine.

One of our most memorable get-togethers was going to the Birchmere to see the great Tommy Emmanuel. John was unfamiliar with Tommy Emmanuel, and sharing John's enjoyment made our own enjoyment even greater.

We will always remember John and his music and our pleasure in each other's company. We miss him already.

Doug and Carole "Sam" Long - January 04, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Anthony Horstkamp Jr..



January 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Anthony Horstkamp Jr..

January 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Taylor - January 02, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ 1 file added to the album John



Sunil - January 02, 2025 at 01:31 AM



“ Many years ago, John and I had a sit-down, guitar jam session. Just two guys sharing Jazz lick ideas. I wish we had done that more often.

Jay Soto - January 01, 2025 at 04:57 PM

SU

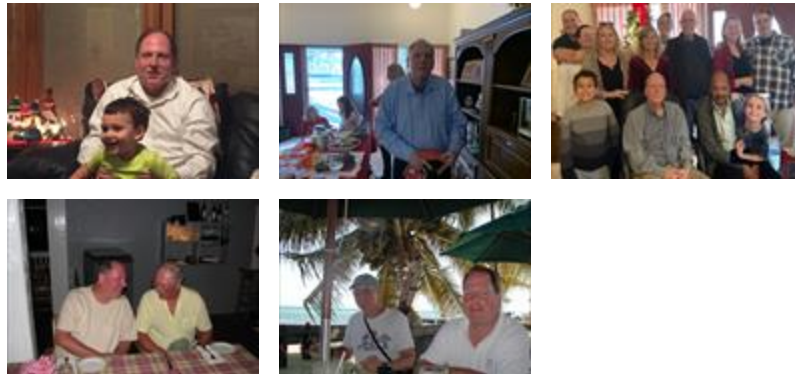
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Sunil - January 01, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album John



Sunil - January 01, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SC

“ Jack taught me how to ski for the first time in the Poconos in 1982. A wonderful memory and will miss him. Thanks Jack - Peace and love. Sanjay Chandra Family.

Sanjay Chandra - December 30, 2024 at 04:48 PM