



Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"




June 23, 1980 - June 2, 2017

Jeffrey "Jay" Nelson Dodds, 36, of Atlanta, GA passed away on June 2, 2017 peacefully in his sleep. Jay suffered from a rare condition called esophageal aphasia. Jay and his fraternal twin brother John David Dodds were born at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta on Monday, June 23, 1980. John arrived at 5:24pm and Jay made his debut at 5:33pm. As we all know brother often times arrived fashionably late. Jay was the General Manager of 5 Team Shaw/Haagen Dazs Ice Cream franchises for 22 years. He won the National General Manager of the year. A quote from his father Michael Shaw, " Jay was a force. He impacted so many lives. He was a mentor and a hero." Jay was awarded many honors most recently including the 2017 National Haagen Dazs Manager of the Year. Jay is survived by Partner of three years Joshua David Hall and Knockers his black pug, his twin John David, Brothers Jimmy Dodds and Aaron Shaw, mothers Estelita Bulacan Abes Vejnar and Theda Shaw. Fathers Jim Dodds (RIP daddy) and Michael Shaw. Sisters Lisa Michelle AKA "sister", "ateng", Lindsay Erica Shaw, and Jaime Lynn Dodds. Nieces Alexis Taylor Dodds and Savannah Lynn Dodds. Nephews Anthony Michael, John David Jr. & Westin John Dodds.

Jay was a devoted athlete, social butterfly and life of the party. He made EVERYONE feel special and would NOT tolerate bullying of any kind.

Sister Jaime says "Jay had a zest for life and was instantly liked & admired by

everyone that met him. He loved spending time with his family and friends NO matter how busy he was he ALWAYS made it a priority. We will forever honor Jay and remember his smile because that's what he would have wanted.

Brother~ I will make you proud.   I love you forever and always. I know you'll be walking by my side.  Sister, Ateng

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 10. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *It will be 8 years without you in June. As I get ready to leave for college I can't help but wish you were here to see this part of my life. Even if it seems others have forgotten, I never will. I promise.* ”

johnny - March 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM



Amanda Bronson

“ *Amanda Bronson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"* ”



Amanda Bronson - May 14, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *I used to work with Jay and his brother at Haagen Dazs...he was my first boss and a great guy. I remember him playing Al Greens greatest hits in the back of the store while we closed to store. RIP man.* ”

Jason Weber - September 01, 2018 at 10:59 PM

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“ *Jay was one of the nicest and most caring of people I have ever met. It's almost been a year since his passing and not a day goes by that I don't think about him. I just wish I could've been there for him more than I was and I could've been the one he talked to about everything and anything he needed to. Love you Jay and may you Rest In Peace* ”

.. - May 18, 2018 at 10:53 PM

JD

“ My Uncle Jay once took the blame for breaking my bed. I didn't realize this until after he passed. I just wish he could be here to see us all grow up and eventually start families of our own. He would be the best great uncle like he was the best uncle to me. I wish he didn't have to go. But life will never be the same without him here. I won't see him on Christmas, he can't visit, etc. I love him. This was typed by his nephew, Johnny Dodds.

Johnny Dodds - February 03, 2018 at 08:09 PM

TM

“ Tamisha M. lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"



Tamisha M. - September 06, 2017 at 05:54 AM

TM

“ I still cannot believe this is true. The first time that I met Jay was at Haagen Dazs in Mall at Millenia. He touched my hand after handing me a napkin with my ice cream and I was for sure that he liked me. I found out that I wasn't his cup of tea later that week though, LOL! I will always think of you Jay and I loved who you were as a person. You were and still are amazing! RIH 🤔👏🎈👉

Tamisha M. - September 06, 2017 at 05:53 AM

MD

“ Michelle Dodds lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"



Michelle Dodds - June 17, 2017 at 12:49 PM

HS

“ I met Jay in middle school, he was so cute and I totally had a crush on him. He truly had a way of making everyone feel special. We were at a middle school party at a mutual friend's house and he asked me to dance!!! He was the first boy to ever ask me to dance, I was on cloud nine! May you rest in peace my friend, you will be missed by so so many.

Heather Sullivan - June 13, 2017 at 05:29 AM

CM

“ Jay,
Yesterday was such a blessing to have been a part of celebrating your life. To have seen and heard how many people you had touched, I learned more than I ever knew. What a wonderful day for such a beautiful person!

Chris Morrison - June 11, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



June 10, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 10, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 09, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *I'm speechless brother. There are no words and I still can't believe any of this. I'm broken but I'm doing my best to be strong for you. I love you.*

*Love,
Sister*



Michelle Dodds - June 09, 2017 at 08:19 PM

NG

“ Nancy Lee & Family, Atlanta, Georgia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



Nancy Lee & Family, Atlanta, Georgia - June 09, 2017 at 05:09 PM

CM

“ Jay,
You are such a wonderful spirit, friend, brother and person, that touched so many of our lives. We thank you for blessing us with your laughter and love. You'll never be replaced in our hearts and know that your spirit will always be with us. Thank you for who you were and lifting those around you. Live your new life in piece and watch over your family as you always have. I'm proud to have known you. I will always remember this day in celebration of Jay Dodds.



Chris Morrison

Chris Morrison - June 09, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



June 09, 2017 at 01:47 PM

LF

“ Lynn, Aunt Lynda, and Richards Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



Lynn, Aunt Lynda, and Richards Family - June 09, 2017 at 07:41 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



June 08, 2017 at 09:55 PM

RK

“ Ryan And Kim Kellams lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"



Ryan and Kim Kellams - June 08, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



June 08, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 08, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 08, 2017 at 08:07 AM

SA

“ Jay, I truly can't believe you're gone. It's been so long since we've seen each other and I'm thankful that I was able to talk to you on the phone a while back. Every where you went you made a friend and could light up a room. I will never forget the New Year's Eve party for the new millennium. We certainly did party like it was 1999. I will miss you, your smile, you're infectious laugh, your kind heart, and so many other things. You were so loved by so many including me. I know this is a difficult time for your family and I pray that God can ease their pain. I know my mom was there to greet you since she loved you as well. I pray that you have found your peace and that your family can as well. Every time I look up at the sky and see the brightest star I will know that is you. You always lit up a room every where you went. Until we meet again know that I will never forget you.



Love Always,
Samantha

Samantha - June 08, 2017 at 12:41 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".



June 07, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 07, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *SISTER lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"*



SISTER - June 07, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Susan Singler lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"*



Susan Singler - June 07, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Kristen Hillman lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"*



Kristen Hillman - June 06, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay".*



June 06, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *My darling Jay...my wonderful friend...you will be forever in my heart. I miss you dearly...xo*



Carolyn - June 05, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Koko lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"*



Koko - June 05, 2017 at 03:56 PM

LK

“ Our hearts are so heavy right now. I will always love and miss you Jay!



Lynn Keller - June 05, 2017 at 01:25 PM

SH

“ J was the single most caring and charismatic person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. That time when I ran into him in Target of Winter Garden Fl, all the way from Atlanta and realizing we were basically next door neighbors....
I thank God for bringing you back into my life, And now you are gone again... I will see you again I imagine... I love you.

sylvia hughes - June 04, 2017 at 07:28 PM

LS

“ My heart goes out to the Dodds family. Jay was such a special guy who made everyone else feel the same. He was so loving and caring.



Lindsey Strickland - June 04, 2017 at 03:49 PM

SH

“ Scott Hora lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Nelson Dodds "Jay"



Scott Hora - June 04, 2017 at 02:56 PM

DS

“ *I am so very very sorry for your loss. My most sincere and heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you Michelle, and your entire family, during this most difficult time.*

Donna Skora



Donna J Skora - June 04, 2017 at 02:16 PM