



Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr.

May 13, 1969 - December 20, 2021

Jerry Polk, affectionately called JJ, was born May 13, 1969 in Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois to parents Jerry Polk, Sr. and Winifred A. Polk. He was the second of three children.

In 1977, the family moved to Rockford, Illinois. While there JJ, started to blossom into the man he was later to become. His growth and maturity became evident when, 2 Years later his baby sister Caala was born. At such a young age JJ proved to be a protective and loving brother.

Since the age of 6 JJ was a natural athlete. He played little league baseball as well as basketball. JJ attended Boylan Central Catholic High School where he excelled in athletics. He was a point guard on the basketball team and played centerfield on the baseball team. Probably the fondest memory JJ always shared about Boylan were the lifelong friends he made there. He went on to attend Manchester College in Anderson Indiana where he was awarded an athletic scholarship. He continued his athletic pursuits while in college playing baseball until he was injured.

While in college JJ began working for TephSeal Auto Appearance as a detailer. JJ spent his entire career working with Tephseal forging lasting friendships there and developed a reciprocal relationship where he considered Tephseal an extension of his family. At the time of his passing, JJ had advanced to the position of Regional Manager.

In the year 2000, his mother, Ms. Polk worked with a young lady who she thought would not only be a good match for JJ but also thought would help

him settle down. As any mother, looking forward to grandchildren would do, she embarked on a journey of matchmaking. Two years later, JJ and Regine Millien were married. For the next 8 years, the young couple travelled and enjoyed their young life together. From that union, came the light of his life their son Raynier Jordan Polk. Together, this young family traveled around the country. JJ shared his love of travel and good food with their son RJ.

He was a devoted sports fan. Although he loved all sports, football was his favorite. He had always been an avid golfer and took his son along often as his caddie. He encouraged RJ's love of sports and in 2017 started coaching RJ's little league basketball team. When he was home, he loved to cook and was an amazing chef in his own right. One dish he was known for is his special recipe for "lasagna" that we all had come to love and appreciate.

JJ is survived by his loving wife Regine and his beloved son Raynier, his 99 year old grandmother Nadine C. Washington, his mother Winifred A. Polk, Auntie Myrl A. Washington, his uncle James, his big brother Ronald James, little sister Caala N. Andre, his niece Jessica Sanders, his nephew Xavier C. Andre, his cousins Andrea Washington, Diedre Campbell, Dana Washington, Dionne Washington, Stevon Washington, DaRon Washington, Kimberlee Samuel, Eddie J. French, and Andre Washington, James Frederick Washington, Jr. and Cheryl Washington and a host of 2nd generation cousins, his in-laws with additional nieces and nephews, friends, and coworkers. He is predeceased by his father, Jerry Polk Sr., his aunts "the Twins", Rhonda Washington and Wanda Samuels.

Regine and RJ would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support. JJ was loved by many and will truly be missed. Special thanks to John Tricoli, the owner of Tephseal Auto Appearance, Neil, Chris, and Joel for their support not just throughout JJ' illness, but throughout his career; Scottie, Mac and the Orlando United Gold Club for their friendship and the repass, and JJ's former High School classmates who have established a 529 fund in honor of JJ for his son Raynier.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 8. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NM

“ I worked with Regine for many years in Orange County Fla. I remember when they first dated, married and they both became parents. My deepest condolences to Regine, their son and the Polk family. He was a Class Act.



Nancy Minier, LCSW, MSW - October 11, 2023 at 10:00 PM

JA

“ I graduated from high school with JJ. All these years later, I can still see his smile light up a room. A very special person!

Jason - January 25, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..



January 12, 2022 at 09:21 PM

SC

“ Serena Carson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr.



Serena Carson - January 08, 2022 at 05:56 PM

SB

“ Sam B lit a candle in memory of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr.



Sam B - January 08, 2022 at 05:54 PM

PB

R.I.P. my nephew.you'll be greatly missed. Auntie Pat.

Patricia Brown - January 09, 2022 at 09:05 PM

DE

“ I met JJ at Manchester College. He was this amazing human being who always brought a smile to your face. I will miss him dearly and his Manchester Family will as well.

Delaine Davis



Delaine - January 08, 2022 at 05:04 PM

MK

“ Met him at Manchester College....had an infectious smile and laugh that lit up a room...he will be deeply missed by his Manchester Family



Matt Kitson - January 08, 2022 at 04:43 PM

AK

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Adrienne, Niya, Jalen & Kennedy - January 08, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 08, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 08, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 07, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 07, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 07, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



January 06, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *From the Orlando United Golf Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry "JJ" Polk Jr..*



From the Orlando United Golf Club - January 05, 2022 at 11:09 AM