



Jay Sherman Griswell

July 23, 1956 - November 28, 2024

Jay Sherman Griswell, after 68 years filled with laughter and adventure and love, passed away Thursday, November 28th, 2024, at his home in Sharpsburg, Georgia. He was born July 23rd, 1956, in Atlanta, Georgia to the late John Barry "JB" Griswell & Mary Ann Stinchcomb. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his big brother, Barry Griswell.

Jay-Bird grew up in Forest Park, eventually moving to Jonesboro then onto McDonough, before finally settling in Sharpsburg. One of his first jobs while he was in high school was unloading fresh produce at the Forest Park Farmer's Market. He recently retired from his self-operated courier business where he delivered essential paper products across the Metro Atlanta area. His true profession though, his innate calling, was pro bono Fun Facilitation - where he effortlessly and enthusiastically shared undeniable amusement with everyone he encountered.

Big Jay was a man of many shades. He adored sports of every variety, flora of every hue, trails and roads most winding, music that struck the deepest of chords, and people from all walks of life, especially those he considered family. Basketball and tennis courts are where he displayed his athletic prowess. He passionately cheered for all Georgia-grown sports teams, with the Braves and the Dawgs being his favorites. His ability to nurture and transform his gardens into verdant havens was unmatched by most. He rarely

met a trail that he could not conquer. He never traversed a road that he could not tame. Music was a source of grandest inspiration, whether he was rocking out with friends or reflecting in solitude. He never met a stranger.

Conversation was his healing medicine, and he never missed a dose. When he connected with his longstanding friends or engaged with his newly discovered acquaintances, he was able to conjure a special brand of magic, uniquely his own.

Being a father was not heavily on his mind until he became a Papa Bear himself in the Summer of 1987, when he would bring his "red-headed clone" into the world with his first wife, Wanda. He soon discovered that his most fulfilling purpose would be to raise and to cherish and to guide his son through this thing called life.

Jay's journey with God was not a simple path, with many trials and tribulations along the way, but in 2017, under a warm Autumn sky, he was born again in Glory in the flowing waters of Line Creek Nature Preserve. His wife Linda was a source of immeasurable inspiration and unwavering love during this rebirth, standing steadfast by his side every step of the way.

His Celebration of Life is Saturday, December 14th, 2024, at 2:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, with John Hobbs officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be held on Saturday, prior to service, between 1:00-2:00PM. All are welcome.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

Jay is survived by wife Linda Griswell; son James (Rachael) Griswell; stepdaughters Leah (Jaziel) Luna & Holly (Hector) Abundez; sister Vicki Stubblefield; brother Rick (Anne) Griswell; many loving nieces and nephews, a gaggle of grandchildren, and more great friends & warm social

acquaintances than any one man deserved. (Except that he truly did)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Jay Sherman Griswell*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 14, 2024 at 09:58 AM

SH

“ *In loving memory of Jay Sherman Griswell, Linda and James, please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Jay was my dear friend in school and years later. I will miss him! Every time we spoke we laughed so much. My heart is broken but my heart rejoices in knowing I will see him again. I love you Jay Sherman!*



Shery (Dixon) Houska - December 16, 2024 at 10:13 PM

LG

Thank you so much Sheryl

Linda Griswell - April 15, 2025 at 08:30 PM

JB

“ *John Byrd purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.*



John Byrd - December 14, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BN

“ Benjamin N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Sherman Griswell.

Benjamin N. - December 14, 2024 at 09:24 AM

LF

“ Love John and Joan Angelini and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.



Love John and Joan Angelini and Family - December 13, 2024 at 04:57 PM

LP

“ Lexis Printing purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.



Lexis Printing - December 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ The Stoller Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.



The Stoller Family - December 09, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Our hearts ache for you and your family during this time of loss. Tamara and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Jay. May the best memories you made together help you through this difficult time. Again we will be praying for you and the extended family. Please reach out to us if there is anything we can do.*

John and Tamara Wilhite

Tamara Lea Wilhite - December 09, 2024 at 08:59 AM

LG

Thank you so much John and Tamara

Linda Griswell - April 15, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TF

“ *So very sorry to hear this, Mr. Griswell was such a Georgia Bulldog fan, he would come to our office and talk about our Dawgs and did not skip a beat about football. Prayers for the ones left behind. God Bless all that's left behind.*



Taylor's Family - December 04, 2024 at 08:36 AM

LG

Thank you so much

Linda Griswell - April 15, 2025 at 08:34 PM

MM

“ Mark Hatten and Vera Myers purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.



Mark Hatten and Vera Myers - December 04, 2024 at 08:12 AM

MM

“ Mark Hatten and Vera Myers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jay Sherman Griswell.

Mark Hatten and Vera Myers - December 04, 2024 at 08:12 AM

JG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James Griswell - December 03, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay Sherman Griswell.

December 03, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.*



December 03, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James Griswell - December 03, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James Griswell - December 03, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay Sherman Griswell.*

December 02, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.*



December 02, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jay Sherman Griswell.

December 02, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jay Sherman Griswell.*



December 02, 2024 at 12:00 PM