



Jay Sheppard Justice

April 18, 1966 - July 23, 2020

Jay Sheppard Justice, 54, of 1206 Woodland Avenue, Altavista died Thursday, July 23, 2020 at his home.

He was born April 18, 1966 in Lynchburg, a son of Brenda Hughes Justice of Altavista and the late Dan Sheppard Justice. Growing up, Jay was a skilled athlete on the swim, soccer, basketball and track teams. Beyond sports, Jay spent his time studying and playing percussion, which led him to meet his wife of 30 years, Andrea Nichols Justice, at a young age at band camp.

Jay attended James Madison University (JMU), where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. At JMU, Jay was a member and treasurer of Kappa Sigma fraternity, honed his cooking skills working at the campus dining hall and had many opportunities to perfect his favorite dance moves.

Following some of his favorite four years as a Duke dog, Jay launched his successful career in sales. Most recently, Jay was a part of the Air Power family, where he traveled regionally and often had the opportunity to bring Andrea and his son, Andrew John Justice, along.

Outside of work, Jay loved boating, gathering with friends on Friday evenings

and teaching Andrew all that he could, from grilling, to using a chainsaw, to upgrading his Jeep Wagoneer.

In addition to his wife, son and mother, Jay is survived by a brother, Leighton Justice; mother-in-law, Connie Nichols; two sisters-in-law, Deborah Tweedy (Dennis) and Kay Smith (Doug); a nephew, Phillip Tweedy; two nieces, Melissa Hudson (Christian) and Peyton Johnson; and a very close friend, Scott Lowman (Susan). He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Moorman Nichols.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Avoca by Rev. Dr. Michael Lee.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Avoca
1514 Main Street
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM

TS

“ *Todd Staton lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Todd Staton - August 18, 2020 at 02:24 PM

PD

“ *Dear Brenda and Family, we want you to know how sorry we are about Jay's death. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all during this difficult time. With hugs and deepest sympathy, Pat and Carolyn deBernard.*

Pat deBernard - August 01, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service Part 2*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 01, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 01, 2020 at 02:58 PM

TB

“ *Terry Brown lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Terry Brown - August 01, 2020 at 02:25 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.*



July 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

CG

“ Charles and Sabrina Dishman & Girls purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



Charles and Sabrina Dishman & Girls - July 30, 2020 at 06:08 AM

AT

“ Animal Ag Alliance Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



Animal Ag Alliance Team - July 29, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 29, 2020 at 11:40 AM

ER

“ I am so sorry for your loss Andrea, I have so many fond memories of Jay. I will keep you and your family lifted up in prayer during your time of bereavement.



Erica - July 28, 2020 at 08:51 PM

TB

“ The Jennings Brothers purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



The Jennings Brothers - July 28, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



July 28, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



July 28, 2020 at 03:38 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Eddie Puckette - July 28, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Sending hugs and prayers!!!!!!*



Brenda Cox - July 28, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JN

“ *We are saddened by the news and send our thoughts and prayers to the Justice family.*

Jay is a great man and one that we all respected as his ethics were unquestionable. The combination of his sharp intellect with a soft but firm (and fun!) demeanor made everyone one of us want to work closely with him.

The world was a better place with Jay Justice in it.

Jeff Northcutt - July 28, 2020 at 12:14 PM

AM

“ Andrea, Words escape me as I've learn of Jay's passing. My heart and prayers go out to you, Andrew and the entire Justice family. I have only the happiest of memories of Jay. He was always so kind, so happy and fun loving. He always made us laugh! You and Jay have the most beautiful love story, most of us can only dream about. I pray that his love for you and Andrew, surround you as a warm embrace, to know that he will always be in your heart and you in his. Sending you lots of hugs and prayers, xoxo Amy



Amy Daigle Miller - July 28, 2020 at 11:21 AM

Jl

“ Jean Reid -Air Power Inc lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Jean Reid -Air Power Inc - July 28, 2020 at 09:20 AM

TF

“ The Florida Pneumatic Mfg. Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



The Florida Pneumatic Mfg. Family - July 28, 2020 at 09:13 AM

PM

“ I remember Jay from second grade. He was such a bright, eager learner who had a happy smile for everyone. It was a pleasure having him as a student.



Pat Myers - July 27, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ Joyce Dalton lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



joyce Dalton - July 27, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 27, 2020 at 03:31 PM

CH

“ My heart goes out to Andrea and Andrew and the entire Justice/Nichols family. To this northerner, Jay was the epitome of a true southern gentleman. He was a warm, kind soul and to us MWC girls, he set the bar high for all others. Sending love and prayers.
Love, Chrissy

chrissy - July 27, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ My heart breaks for Andrea and their family. As Andrea's college roommate, Jay quickly became like a big brother to me, as he introduced me to zillions of JMU people (he was the friendliest guy there ever was), taught me about the awesomeness of Alta Vista (oh, did he love his family and his home town), and adored my best friend to the core (more I have ever seen a man love a woman). The world is a better place because he was here. All my love. Sherry

Sherry Oelkers - July 27, 2020 at 12:15 PM

SO

“ I coached a YMCA basketball team when Jay played and i believe Dan was his coach. He was a very nice kid. It is so sad that he passes at this young age. My sincere condolences to his family.

Shirley Orrell - July 27, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JT

“ My sincerest condolences to Justice Family. It was a pleasure to work with Jay over the last several years; he was true Gentleman and will be truly missed.

Jim Trageser

Jim Trageser - July 27, 2020 at 10:57 AM

TS

“ *What an absolute perfect example of a friend and fellow human! Jay, not only will you be missed dearly, but you will be respected and remembered for years to come. Thank you for the friendship.*



Travis Stirewalt - July 27, 2020 at 10:15 AM

PB

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Justice family.*

I / we had worked with Jay, back many years ago as has some of my team today, when he was with IPS and then later Atlas Copco.

Fast forward to the last few years we learned of Jay being at AIRPOWER, through our partner in the Carolina's and hence our company was introduced to AIRPOWER via IMS and Jay.

RIP Jay, you were taken way to soon from this life.

From the team at SCS Concept Americas.....



Phillip Bua - July 27, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.*



July 27, 2020 at 09:13 AM

MI

“ *Matthew Taylor IV lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Matthew Taylor IV - July 27, 2020 at 09:05 AM

CH

“ *I have such fond memories of Jay from college. He was always there visiting Andrea and he quickly became part of our group. Jay was incredibly nice & kind, and so much fun to be around. He was always smiling and laughing. My deepest condolences to Andrea, Andrew and the entire family. Sending you lots of love. RIP Jay*

Cheryl - July 27, 2020 at 08:57 AM

KJ

“ *Kenda Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Kenda Jacobs - July 27, 2020 at 06:25 AM

TF

“ *The Fenn Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.*



The Fenn Family - July 26, 2020 at 10:02 PM

TR

“ Tom Rader lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Tom Rader - July 26, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



July 26, 2020 at 01:36 PM

TB

“ Rembering Jay as a little boy at the cabin. Surrounded by family and friends as Dan, cooked on the grill and Brenda hosted, Lucille, Big Justice, my parents and whoever else was included. So many laughs and memories. Jay was loved by many. Sending strength and prayers.
Tobie



Tobie Church Bentz - July 26, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



July 26, 2020 at 10:49 AM

KT

“ Prayers for the family! So sorry to hear this sad news... 🙏❤️



K Taylor - July 26, 2020 at 09:51 AM

MF

“ Mike and I went to school with Jay. I don't think I ever saw Jay when he didn't have a smile on his face. Always the nicest guy. I'm not sure I have a high school memory with one that the other wasn't there too. What a gift. Ours prayers are with Andrea and Andrew at this difficult time. Please know you are surrounded by friends who love you all ❤️



Mike and Beth Farmer - July 26, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DI

“ Andrea and family , I am so sorry to hear about Jay's passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Dianne Marshall Irby - July 26, 2020 at 08:49 AM

MM

“ Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Mary Moses-Hicks - July 25, 2020 at 11:50 PM

LH

“ I did not know Jay very well, but some people you don't have to know long to see how exceptional they are. Jay was one of those people. My heartfelt prayers are with Andrea, Andrew & Brenda & the rest of the family. He will be so greatly missed.

leann hendricks - July 25, 2020 at 10:42 PM

TB

“ Terri Bryant lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Terri Bryant - July 25, 2020 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ Jerry Barnard lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Jerry Barnard - July 25, 2020 at 09:15 PM

SM

“ Sterling Monroe lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Sterling Monroe - July 25, 2020 at 08:43 PM

WM

“ Wendy Miles lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Wendy Miles - July 25, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jay Sheppard Justice.



July 25, 2020 at 08:27 PM

CE

“ Candace Ashby East lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Candace Ashby East - July 25, 2020 at 07:14 PM

AK

“ Prayers for family and friends. Alice krantz Keesee



Alice krantz Keesee - July 25, 2020 at 05:54 PM

BW

“ We always enjoyed the visits with Jay and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



Bobby and Judy Walker - July 25, 2020 at 05:27 PM

KW

“ Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Kathy and Ray Walker - July 25, 2020 at 04:08 PM

PW

“ Paula Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Paula Wilson - July 25, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LM

“ Lucinda Mattox lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Lucinda Mattox - July 25, 2020 at 01:51 PM

DL

“ *Doris Lukin lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice*



Doris Lukin - July 25, 2020 at 11:24 AM

IC

“ *I did not know him but did know his family. sending thoughts and prayers for your loss. He must have been a very special person to have such a special mother. love and hugs !*

Ida Compton - July 25, 2020 at 10:19 AM

VC

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Justice family.*

Vicky Creasy - July 25, 2020 at 09:38 AM

RB

“ *RIP Jay!*



Robin Boley - July 25, 2020 at 08:30 AM

EB

“ Jay and I went to school together from elementary to high school . He was the best friend anyone could ask for. Is was a great athlete and always had a smile . We always had fun when Jay was around. My hear goes out to his family members and to the Class of 84. Sincerely, Beth Mattox



Elizabeth (Beth) Mattox Browning - July 25, 2020 at 08:24 AM

GG

“ Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Gwen Goggin - July 25, 2020 at 07:30 AM

AP

“ Anita Phillips lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Anita Phillips - July 25, 2020 at 06:37 AM

JW

“ Andrea, Andrew, and Brenda,
Our deepest condolences to all of you during this difficult time.
May God’s love embrace you and give you comfort in the days to come.
Ken and Joan Woodson

Joan Woodson - July 24, 2020 at 10:12 PM

JH

“ Jay and I were high school friends. I later got the pleasure of teaching his son Andrew in first grade. Andrew is the apple of Jay’s eye. Whenever I saw Jay, the conversation always lead back to his family and especially Andrew. I will certainly miss you. Thoughts and prayers for Andrea, Andrew and family.



Judith Hedgpeth - July 24, 2020 at 09:41 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers



Gwenda Willard - July 24, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Marlo Henderson - July 24, 2020 at 08:32 PM

TD

“ Our heartfelt sympathy is with Andrea, Andrew & Brenda ...as well as those who knew and loved Jay. Always a smile and a kind soul. Much love, Phil & Terri Dews



Terri Dews - July 24, 2020 at 07:16 PM

AM

“ Anne And Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Jay Sheppard Justice



Anne and Jimmy marr - July 24, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear about Jay. Praying for Andrea and Andrew. He will be missed greatly.



Sally Pate - July 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CR

*So sorry to hear of the way too early passing of Jay. It seems like yesterday I was coaching him on the Colonel's basketball team. My thoughts and prayers are with Andrea and the rest of the family. Jay was a pleasure to coach and be around.
Coach Stu Richardson and Sue*

Coach Stu Richardson - July 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM