



Jay Robert Rush

May 7, 1951 - June 2, 2018

Jay R. Rush passed peacefully in his sleep on the evening of June 2, 2018.

Jay was born in Carmel on May 7, 1951. He was raised in Pacific Grove, went through the Pacific Grove School system, and graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1969. Jay started working in the carpentry trade with his father, Bob Rush, after graduating from high school – he completed the Apprenticeship Program and continued to work out of Local 605 for 33 years. He worked on many buildings and structures on the Monterey Peninsula including: Butt's Pontiac Cadillac, Fort Ord Commissary, Naval Postgraduate School Library, many Professional buildings, schools, and custom homes for Clint Eastwood, Doris Day, Paul Anka, and more. He worked on the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Poppy Hills Club House, ground-breaking foreman for Spanish Bay, Multi-Agency Facility in Big Sur, Ventana, Rocky Point, Highlands Inn, Post Ranch, Rancho San Carlos, Quail Lodge, Chamisal, CHOMP, U.C. Santa Cruz, The Lodge at Pebble Beach, the homes of Belamy, O'Such, Keith, Stertz, Rogers, and many, many more. He loved his trade and was taught by old school professionals and prided himself on doing exemplary work.

Jay married his best friend, Michelle, in July of 1976 and together they enjoyed many things. They skied, rode horses, fished, traveled, raised Labrador Retrievers, and owned and operated Rushwood Riding School in Carmel Valley. They were the Home Arts Department Supervisors for several years at the Monterey Fairgrounds. In 2007 they moved to Etna, California in

Siskiyou County. Jay loved to help people, he loved to fish at Lake Siskiyou and McCloud Reservoir where he enjoyed taking his older, retired friends out on his boat. Most people Jay met became a friend. Jay was community minded and supported FFA, Scholarship Programs, Purr Angels, loved auto racing, loved music, loved animals, loved to laugh, hum, and whistle, loved building things with wood, turning wood, teaching his "Dust Bunnies" carpentry, loved leather work and repair, loved to root for the under-dog, and loved his family.

Jay leaves behind his wife of 41 years, Michelle, his dog, "Jake", his sister and her husband, Janell and Jim Roseman of Etna, his sister Marabee Boone of Pacific Grove and Laverne Seeman, a close family friend (aka sister) also of Pacific Grove. He also leaves behind many cousins, nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law, and many, many wonderful friends.

There will be a Celebration of Jay's Life in Monterey at the Monterey Fairgrounds on July 21st, at the Jack Payton Stage, at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a Celebration of Jay's Life at his home in Etna on August 4th, at 1:00. The address is 5620 South Kidder Loop. Please join us in remembering Jay's humor, pastimes, and experiences.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Jay's name to Purr Angels, P. O. Box 672, Yreka, CA 96097, U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Siskiyou Domestic Violence, or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 1:00 PM (PT)

Jack Payton Stage at the Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

Rush Residence
5620 S. Kidder Loop
Etna, CA 96027

Tribute Wall

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Edith Law - July 04, 2018 at 03:23 PM

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“ *JAY and his mule....September 2017.....*

Edith - July 02, 2018 at 04:49 PM

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“ *What a wonderful, kind man he was....we were fortunate to get to know him and his wife. He helped my husband when he as struggling to put up Sheetrock...he hardly knew us at that time but he rolled up his sleeves and finished the job...refused any pay....we became friends,*

We were sorry to see them move from Monterey peninsula...We will miss him and his friendship. What a nice man....we were fortunate to know him and really liked him...So happy we got to visit him and Michelle last September.....

Very, sad news for us...He was a very special, interesting and kind man. I can still hear him humming and whistling while he worked, I loved that....Jay was a truly good man.

Edith Law-Meek and Lyle

Edith - July 02, 2018 at 04:45 PM

RA

“ My condolences to the family for the loss of Jay. Our mothers were friends, and Janell and I spent a lot of time playing together. Jay was always around and had a good sense of humor. There was a good deal of teasing that went on ~ fun times! Though it has been years since we've spent time together, my heart is touched by the loss of this man.



Rosemary Anderson - July 01, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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“ I so enjoyed Jay's sense of humor, and the great conversations we had when he and Michelle would come to Kelly's Color to buy vegetables. I have several pieces of his fine woodworking and think of him every time I scoop ice cream or open a bottle of wine. I will miss you.

Sheryl Towne - June 29, 2018 at 05:25 PM

SK

“ I met Jay at the Siskiyou Motor Speedway in Yreka Ca. I sat to the right of him and the Franklin family of race track drivers .. where over the two seasons I knew him I observed him rooting for his friend Dennis Franklins son and grandson racing .. after being introduced to Jay .. we became mutual circle track friends as I always come out to see our grandson Ethan Killingsworth of 7m racing .. Jay also became a friend and fan of Ethans .. I will never forget the pride I felt when... Jay would jump to his feet when Ethan came into the stands to see his friend and family after his race ... he would jump up and reach out to shake Ethans hand and tell him what a force he is on that track and how well he thought he had done that night .. he sure was devoted to his friend Dennis Franklin and also for that I truly admired him .. one night at the races they were auctioning off a huge poster of our grandsons truck on the track where it was on fire and Jay yelled out to me .."would you like that grandma? as he started the bidding ..it went to \$125.00 .. but some one else won .. I still felt honored that he did that ! As I was walking out of the races two weeks ago I was asked by a friend if I had heard about Jay ... and I said no what about him .. they said hes gone .. my heart stopped for a minute as it was soo broken .. not only for Jay and his wife and family .. but for the Franklins and all of us race fans who had become his friends as well .. I cried all the way back to the pit area and told Ethan and his crew in which they were all so surprised and heart broken as well .. Jay will be so missed and I will never feel the same sitting in the stands with my adopted race family with out him there .. and the fact that he had not been able to see Ethan in his new Modied class and car this season .. he didn't make it to the track the nigh of his debue .. Our lives are truly better because you crossed our paths Jay... and I am forever grateful .. most respectfully: Sarah & Bobby Killingsworth and the 7m racing family..

Sarah Killingsworth - June 29, 2018 at 03:16 PM



Jay was always on the top of the list of "Good guys" my heart is breaking for his family. Patty

Patty white - July 02, 2018 at 01:25 PM