



Jay Robert Gemski

August 18, 1967 - December 12, 2019

Jay Robert Gemski, age 52, of Alexandria, VA passed away suddenly on December 12, 2019. Jay was born on August 18, 1967 in Passaic, NJ. He grew up in Ringoes, NJ and graduated from Princeton Day School in 1985. In 1989 Jay graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Film and Cinema from Ithaca College. He was employed with Cine in Washington, D.C. after graduation and had been employed at George Washington University Hospital for the last 21 years. Jay was very involved with many film organizations. He enjoyed traveling the country making presentations at conferences. He also collected various film and movie memorabilia, as well as old theater equipment. Jay had a talent for being able to take anything mechanical apart and put it back together. Jay was a parishioner of St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA. Jay is predeceased by his father, Robert Gemski. He is survived by his mother, Arlene Gemski (née Brostowski) of Ringoes, NJ, his aunt Barbara Kacsanik (Joseph) of Rutherford, NJ, uncle Allen Brostowski (Nancy) of Mullica Hill, NJ, cousins Chris Kacsanik, Matthew Brostowski, Linda Leach (Brandon), Brian and Megan Kacsanik and dear family members Andrew and Patricia Fostek. Jay is also survived by many dear friends from all over the country.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

120 Saddle River Avenue
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Garfield
207 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church
184 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Tribute Wall



“ Jay Robert Gemski

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ Unfortunately I was unaware of Jay's passing until a week ago. I was looking over my history of text messages and noticed we hadn't talked to each other in over 2 years. Jay has always been an amazing friend, giving me great life and workout advice. We made a promise to go to the gym after I had stopped working for the hospital -- a promise neither of us were able to keep. I will miss Jay and his quirky sense of humor. He really was an amazing person and I feel blessed to be able to call him my friend.

Dennis Chwee - April 05, 2021 at 08:38 AM



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Russell Harnden III - August 18, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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“ Jay was my friend for 12 years while I worked at G.W. Hospital. He was known as the locksmith guy with others but with me he would come by and talk about - art! We both shared a deep appreciation of paintings. Jay worked some weekends at the National Gallery of Art running their movies in the beautiful East Wing auditorium. Just about a month ago my wife and I ran into Jay at the museum. We had a long talk about his role there. He was so proud of his contributions to the gallery. He passed away shortly after I left G.W. Never did get to say goodbye.

So sorry for our loss.

Mark Lerner

Mark Lerner - December 31, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ It is with great shock and sadness that I write this. I will miss Jay tremendously. As I just told him at Thanksgiving - among my blessings - I counted him as being the best next door neighbor a person could ask for. His reply was - you sure you don't mean Matt (my other neighbor). I told him I ABSOLUTELY meant him. I'm very glad I was able to tell him that. I lost my husband 3 years ago and Jay has had my back since he passed. I will miss our long chats and texts. He had such a unique sense of humor. He kept me in stitches with his different account of things. He did break a promise to me - after he got back from Thanksgiving we were talking about the upcoming snows here in VA. I told him I was really worried that I'd get stuck in. He told me not to worry that he had my back. He said I've got (and these were his words - not mine) that half ass snow blower and I'll get you out like I got Mike out that day. We had a very bad snow storm and I needed to get Mike out to go to his doctor. Mike was too weak to shovel and I knew I couldn't, but Jay got out there and snow blowed as much snow as he could to get us out. His snow blower kept cutting out, but he persisted. That's the type of person he was, Jay - you left this world and didn't fulfill that promise. He introduced me to my first taste of fresh figs this year. It's a silly little memory to most, but it will be lasting for me. Every time I eat a fig I will think of him. LOL

To Arlene - you raised a good guy. I am so sad for you. You wanted your boy home, but not this way. If I can help you and your family in any way - that will be my payback to Jay for all the kindness he showed me. I will truly miss him. Rest In Peace Jay. You and Mike keep a watchful eye on me. Lord knows I'll need Patti

Patti Petitt - December 22, 2019 at 08:31 AM

JS

“ *Arlene...I am sorry for your loss. I can't make it up to the funeral home but my prayers are with you and your family. God bless and keep his soul.*

Love. Joan

joan sawicki - December 21, 2019 at 08:30 AM