



Jean André Vallery

January 19, 1953 - October 20, 2024

Jean André Vallery, a true wandering spirit, traveled from this world on Sunday October 20, 2024. Jean was a Native American Elder of the Apalachee Indians, Talimali Band, Louisiana.

His life was like a tapestry of “pearl moments”. He believed that beauty was everywhere and he was forever curious, cherishing each moment.

Jean had a wanderlust that took him from humble beginnings in Jacksonville, Florida to many extraordinary adventures. He was often on the road, exploring and connecting with others. He served in the U.S. Army and later in the Marine Corps. He made friendships and found family all over the country traveling from Alaska, across the pacific north west, through Montana, down the pacific coast, across the south and back to the south east. He spent his last days with family and friends in West Point, Virginia.

Jean’s passions were often centered around creating. He could create anything from woodwork to computer programs. He was an avid bicyclist for many years and used this love to create ways to raise money for fellow Veterans. Later, he became a part of the international bicycle messenger community and developed the Bicycle Messenger Emergency fund.

His purpose was often found in helping others. He was skilled at listening to

the needs of individuals and communities and then using his voice and resources to advocate for them.

Jean André was a fun loving, lively, playful, generous, and caring man, father, and friend.

Those that knew him will carry the gift of his spirited nature with them always.

Tribute Wall

LN

“ We were blessed to share time with Jean when we joined the circle at Mattapony Winery. He walked up with a big smile and warmly greeted us and struck up a conversation. Inclusion was a gift he offered freely.

His sense of humor was endearing and his wit was quick. Watching him frustrate all the competitive Chinese checkers players with his blocking strategy was amusing.

His stories, wisdom and generous personality are treasured and will always bring a smile. Journey with the ancestors dear Jean. Your earthly journey complete and well lived. You are missed and will be remembered as a beautiful and powerful energy in our lives.

Fond memories, Lynn & Donna Nunnally

Lynn & Donna Nunnally - October 26, 2024 at 08:01 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 25, 2024 at 07:33 AM

JN

“ Jean Vallery had a big heart, a big laugh, and big balls. His memory will always bring a smile to my face, I am fortunate to have spent time with him.

Jarvis Nicolas - October 25, 2024 at 12:20 AM

CJ

“ *Connie Jackowski lit a candle in memory of Jean André Vallery*



Connie Jackowski - October 24, 2024 at 06:08 PM

CJ

“ *I remember the day the Creator sent You in to my life's journey. You were courageous and strong. You stood for the good of all People and deep connections to Mother Earth, you spook truth and honesty. There were times you shared Your dreams and Visions for others to gain and learn from. A mighty Protector, You defended Your Country and All of its Peoples. You were a Warrior, You used Your voice to speak up and speak out. You fought Your Battle stead fast and true. You were guided by the Ancestors. Now the Ancestors are waiting for You. Fly high Brother it was my pleasure, my love, my joy and my Honor to have had You in my Journey. It was a time of change and growth. Your Eagle Wings are ready and Your Brothers await.*

Connie Jackowski - October 24, 2024 at 06:07 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Richard Banker - October 24, 2024 at 01:03 PM

GC

“ Upon Jean’s return to VA, he was guided by his intuition to visit the Mattaponi Indian Reservation. It was then that we met ... his arrival into our lives like a strong wind that signaled a time of significant change. In our first conversations we discovered that our families are intertwined going back nearly 200 years. The next revelation was Jean told us he came here to live out his last days, as they were numbered. He became a regular at the winery showing up for coffee at opening and becoming the unofficial greeter as guests joined us. He was a larger-than-life persona and everyone quickly got to know him, as he spoke with everyone. In smaller settings, Jean was quite blunt in speaking on his sickness and his limited time here. Over the months, we heard his story, his great adventures and some of his battles. In a short time, a new circle of friends formed from others who showed up at the winery and Jean most definite had a seat in our circle 🍷🔥. We honor Jean as a great warrior of change and have many memories of our time together. Jean’s place in the circle has expanded as now Danaka and her family are with us. We love and support you now and always in loving memory of Jean.



Ginger Custalow - October 24, 2024 at 11:48 AM