



John "J.P." Paul Dixon

April 4, 1953 - June 27, 2017

John P. "J.P." Dixon Jr., 64, passed Tuesday June 27, 2017 surrounded by his family. J.P. was born on April 4, 1953 in Richmond, VA. and raised in West Point, VA. J.P. moved to El Paso, TX with his family in 1996. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Etta Dixon, "brother"-in-law Tommy Dean and dear friend Frank Fostek.

He is survived by his wife Cathy of 30 years, sons John M. (Betsabe), Brandon, and his precious granddaughter Kaylee, sisters Sherry Fleet (Ken), and Elaine Dean (Bill South), "sister"-in-law Donna Ballard (Celia Shaunessy), "brother"-in-law David Ballard (Diane), and daughter (niece) Bryce. He also leaves behind three special little dogs, Gracie, Toula, and "best bud" Wilson. These treasured little friends were abandoned and found love and security with him. There are also so many friends that will be dearly missed. J.P. was so happy to attend his High School reunion in 2016. He enjoyed being with friends and cherished all of you.

Visitation with the family will be from 1:00 – 2:00 pm followed by a service at 2:00 pm on Saturday July 15th, 2017 at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Va. Reception to follow at St. John's Episcopal Church, 916 Main Street. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *J.P. had the most wonderful, happy smile of all of West Point. I have great memories of J.P. and considered him one of my closet friends in High School. I will never forget his blue VW bug we used to ride around in with Meredith, B.T., Billy Duval and Michael after cheerleading practice and band practice. We had great times in Richmond when he would visit Howard from C'Ville. I love J.P. and I pray for your loving family at this time.*

Becky Fauber

Becky Fauber - July 14, 2017 at 05:28 PM

DB

“ *JP was my brother-in-law but he was so much more. He really was a brother to me and one of the kindest people I know. He was accepting, kind, funny, loving, caring, a special husband to my sister Cathy, a wonderful father to John and Betsy, and Brandon, a fantastic grandfather to Kaylee and was another son to our dear Mother. JP helped Cathy love and take care of Mom and Mom loved him dearly. The family is still in shock and the pain will not be going away any time soon. We miss you JP but we have such wonderful memories of you that will always warm our hearts along with bring a tear to our eyes whenever we think of you. So glad you were in all of our lives, we were so blessed by you being there. Love you always. Donna*



Donna Ballard - July 13, 2017 at 10:01 AM

Jl

“ When I saw JP’s obituary, I had a moment of mixed emotions from sadness to happiness. I was saddened because of the passing of this “gentle giant” of a man and what it would mean to his family and friends and his special little dogs. There was happiness because of the wonderful memories of the time I spent growing up in West Point with him and his sisters, Sherry and Elaine. The Dixon family made those “Happy Days” of our lives with lifelong pleasant memories that I will always cherish. Later in life our paths crossed again when I unexpectedly ran into JP in Charlottesville as I was searching for quality stereo equipment and he became my music expert. He was always sincere, helpful, and friendly to me and those I referred to him. This also reconnected us and reunited our friendship as we would review our memories of yesteryear. His smile would make me smile and his laugh would make me laugh. It was a pleasure to sometimes just stop by to chat and catch up and reminisce and laugh!

May our Lord be with his family and friends and his little buddies to help reduce the sorrow from the enormous loss of this special person.

John Courtney III

John Courtney III - July 12, 2017 at 02:17 PM

HB

“ Dearest Cathy and family: May the mercy of our loving God console you at this time of shock and continue to bestow His many graces on you as you walk forward, holding JP’s memory in your hearts. May the soul of the faithful departed rest in peace.

It has been an honor for me to know so many members of your family and to honor their memories.

With love,

Heather Burns, Charlottesville, VA

HB - July 12, 2017 at 07:57 AM

MS

“ Good by JP.

In 1975 I went to Va. Tech with JP. Frankie Fostick, Steve Richards, and I roomed together in an apartment close to Tech. One night we had a keg party; the next day Frankie Fostick and Richard Sturtz were trying to float the keg so we could return it. The Beta Theta Pi frat house was next door to our apartment, and they were helping to float the keg. JP told me that he was tired of drinking beer and said, “Lets go to Greeks Celler (Greeks II) and pickup some girls”. So we did. There we found two cute girls; one was tall and blond, and the other short and cute with hazel doe eyes. It has been 35 years since I married that cute doe eyed girl. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, JP for being tired of drinking beer. Cheers!!! You and Frankie can toast in Heaven.

Michael and Sue Anne Seckora

Michael Seckora - July 09, 2017 at 08:47 PM

LC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this, but I'm glad I did. (I guess Facebook is good for something, or I never would have known) Just a super nice guy. We only lived about a block apart in WP, and I remember many basketball games behind JP's house! We also played in our first band together, and won a battle of the bands at King & Queen HS!*

May you rest in peace JP, I will always remember you. God Bless.

Larry Camp

larry camp - July 09, 2017 at 11:35 AM

DN

“ J.P. Dixon was in my opinion a class act kind of guy who always carried a free hearted smile upon his face even if things were not going the way as planned. After all the years of not even knowing where this character was living at then at the Class Re-Union a couple years ago his face was one of the first I noticed ... still smiling as always ! Just want his family to know that they all shall remain in my thoughts and prayers as they face not having him around anymore .. let your memories extent into the future of what a wonderful guy each of us had as of knowing J.P. Dixon !!!

Dennis Norman - July 08, 2017 at 07:11 AM

RD

“ I remember J.P. since he was born and brought home from the hospital.

Wonderful watching J. P. grow up because he was so cute!! Sherry was one on my dearest childhood feinds. I also treasure Etta Dixon's Molasses Cookie Recipe. Wonderful memories. My prayers and love goes out to all the family and friends. Rhetta Moore Daniel-Alcaraz

Rhetta Daniel - July 07, 2017 at 03:15 PM

DH

“ My child hood buddy....he was my neighbor and friend. I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing !!!! J.P. Rest in peace my best fiend at the youn age of 4or5 yrs old. This really saddens me 😞

Doreen McGinley Hamilton - July 07, 2017 at 01:12 PM

GM

“ We moved to West Point at the end of my fifth grade year in school. My first memory of J.P. was as the character Happy Hop-a-Long in an operetta in the old high school auditorium. He really WAS happy and friendly to everyone. Whenever I think of him I will always remember that dimpled smile! I was so glad to have a chance to talk to him at the reunion last year. He will always be remembered as a kind, friendly and pleasant person. Thinking of you all.- Gail Raasch Mayo

Gail Raasch Mayo - July 07, 2017 at 01:01 PM

CP

“ I met JP when I was married to Howard. I too remember his smile and kind loving ways. Howard adored him. I hadn't seen him in more than 40 years and still this is how I remember him. He was a sweetheart. My sincere condolences to his family.
Craig

Craig Perry - July 07, 2017 at 11:26 AM

GM

“ My family moved to West Point at the end of my fifth grade school year.my first memory was of J.P. as Happy Hop-a-Long in an operetta presented in the old high school auditorium. He had so much poise and stage presence for such a young student. He WAS always happy, kind and fun to be around. Whenever I hear his name, I see the dimpled smile he always had on his face. I was so pleased to see and talk with him last year. He spoke so lovingly of his family. He will be dearly missed but he will be alive in our memories. Thinking of you all.-Gail Raasch Mayo

Gail Raasch Mayo - July 07, 2017 at 09:31 AM