



Charles "CJ" Johnston Creek

May 8, 1976 - December 23, 2024

Charles "CJ" Johnston Creek, born May 8, 1976 in Kansas City, MO, passed away peacefully at his home in Parkville, MO on December 23, 2024 after a courageous 2-year battle with cancer.

CJ graduated from Park Hill High School and went on to Park College where he pursued a degree in Electronics. Always a Mr. Fix-it, CJ spent much of his youth working side-by-side with his father doing HVAC. He started his career as a building engineer then Team Lead at the Hyatt Crown Center. CJ got to work on commercial HVAC, kitchen equipment around the Hall's complex, and perfected his hospitality persona gaining respect from each department he worked with. Besides humbling the "Gordon Ramsey's" of the kitchens by reminding them they needed him, his most favorite thing about working at the hotel was changing the lights on top of the iconic Skies restaurant – he felt untouchable sitting on top of the city. Later in life CJ chose to leave management and the hospitality environment trading it for a job that wasn't so hard on his body and went to work for Honeywell Olathe. CJ enjoyed the opportunity to put his degree in electronics to use but especially loved the look on people's faces when he told them he worked in Aerospace Engineering.

CJ's work ethic was matched only by his deep devotion to family. CJ loved nothing more than making sure his family understood the importance of being there for one another. He cared deeply for those around him, helping care for

his grandmother and father in their final days and imparting life lessons to his brothers, friends, wife, child, nephews, and nieces. He had a tough exterior but soft way of teaching resiliency and to discover one's own strength from within.

CJ's legacy is one of hard work, unwavering devotion to family, and a quiet determination to uplift others. His memory will live on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched. May his life serve as a reminder of the importance of love and perseverance.

CJ was preceded in death by his grandmother, Pauline, and father, Charles. He is survived by his wife, Kelley; child, Richard; grandchildren, Noa & Archer; mother, Betty; brothers, Jeremiah & Brian; and many more family and friends.

A memorial will be held for family and friends on Saturday, January 11th beginning at 4pm at Northland Shepherd's Center, 5601 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119. A celebration reception will follow at a private residence for those who wish to join.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made via Venmo (@KelleyCreek), PayPal (Kelley Creek), or CashApp (\$kelmoe0377). Donations will be used to help offset the medical cost left behind from CJ's extensive cancer treatments and memorial services.

CJ's love, strength, and dedication will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to all who were fortunate enough to share in his life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "CJ" Johnston Creek.*



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