



Forrest "Jay" Bristow

March 14, 1947 - February 26, 2021

Forrest "Jay" Bristow, 73, passed away February 26, 2021. He was born March 14, 1947 to Margaret and Robert Bristow. Jay graduated from Northeast High School in 1965. He served in the US Navy from 1965-1969 and served on aircraft carrier USS America.

He retired from Teamsters Local 955 and worked as a security guard for the Kansas City Chiefs after retirement. He was a tax preparer and known as "The Tax Man" for 40 years. Jay enjoyed drinking his coffee, reading the newspaper and working the crossword puzzle every day. He loved getting together with family to watch the Chiefs games and celebrate birthdays. His favorite movie was Pulp Fiction and loved listening to Janis Joplin and The Beatles, he loved motorcycles.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, of 52 years, Sue Ann Bristow; daughter Lori Osgood; Todd Osgood (son in law); son, Michael Bristow, Jenny Bristow (daughter in law); grandchildren, Nathan Osgood, Garrett Osgood and Chloe Bristow; great granddaughter Heavenly Osgood.

He was the best husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, uncle and friend. He was loved by all and will be missed every day.

A celebration of life will be held from 2:00-5:00pm April 10, 2021, at the home,
400 N. Home Ave, Independence, MO 64053

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Jay baby Christmas is tomorrow, It will not be the same, the kids are coming over. You were always so loving at this time of year. Love you and miss you more everyday. think your loving wife forever

Sue Ann - December 24, 2021 at 01:07 PM

SB

“ Jay baby the holidays are coming it will be very hard for the kids and I, you always loved eating the good food and visiting. I will miss your smile and hugs and kisses. I think of you every day of my life I cry a lot. You know people say it gets easier, well they are nuts, it does not I think it gets harder, and sadder maybe some year will get easier but never will it be better. love you with all my heart. your wife Sue Bristow

Sue Ann Bristow - November 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM

SB

“ Jay baby it has been 6 months today since I lost you, the sadness and lonely feeling just gets greater and harder to live without you. I miss you and everything about you. You will always be my knight in shining armor till we meet again my love your sunshine. Sue

Sue Ann BRISTOW - August 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM

SA

“ Jay Baby I think everyday about all the good things that we shared through our life together, what a great life we shared. A great and loving man husband and father you always were. I thank you for always being there for everyone. I love you now, then, and forever in my heart. Your wife of one week shy of 53 wonderful years, and friends along time before. Love you always, Your sunshine.

Sue Ann - June 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM

SB

“ Jay baby I miss you so very much, loving you was one of the best things in my life, I will love you always.

Sue Ann BRISTOW - May 09, 2021 at 02:25 PM

LO

“ I miss you EVERY DAY DAD❤️❤️❤️ We are doing our best.

Lori - May 07, 2021 at 10:03 AM

ME

“ Uncle Jay was a good man. He was always very kind to me as I was growing up and was very much a family man. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. I'm sorry I can't be with the rest of the family for his memorial. Love and hugs to Aunt Susie and all his kids and grandkids.

Melanie - April 10, 2021 at 05:50 PM

SC

“ Besides Jay being my Brother-in-law he was also a very good friend! Jay had a big Heart, bigger than him and he was a big man!! He was a very considerate, kind man!! Many times through out the years Jay has been there to help me and my children with even the smallest of something we might need. Jay was such a good and special man always thinking about others. He's left so many wonderful memories. I'll be waiting for the day we can all visit again, Miss you Jay❤️

sylvia carter - April 05, 2021 at 01:36 PM

VB

“ Clay and I met Jay many years ago through Leon. We have been so very grateful to have him in our life. His smile and genuine positive spirit is what I will miss most. He was always very kind to us and our families as they were added to his tax workload. He had many clients, but he actually remembered personal things about our lives. If he ever had questions, he would call me.....I can still remember exactly what he would say and how he said it....."Ginny, this is Jay, the tax man".....but he was so much more than just a tax man. He was a genuinely good man who will be greatly missed! Till we see you again Jay! Much love!

Clay & Virginia (Ginny) Baker

Virginia Baker - April 05, 2021 at 01:22 PM

MO

“ I was so sad to hear of Jay's , passing and for your loss. I met Jay, through my girlfriend Sharon Schrier. I was so happy to have him ask my tax preparer

Mona Osborn - April 05, 2021 at 09:04 AM

BP

“ So sorry to receive this news. I never met Jay in person, but he did my taxes for many years and I truly enjoyed knowing him! Besides being vey helpful with my finances, he took the time to be interested in me and my life, and each year surprised me by remembering details. That is a special quality and I will always be grateful for having known him. Warm wishes of sympathy to all of his family, Bonita Palma

Bonita Palma - April 03, 2021 at 01:17 PM

GE

“ I'll miss my visits with Jay. To him, we weren't just his "clients." We were his friends and Jay was everybody's friend who got to know him. Although someone will eventually do my taxes, no one in my lifetime will EVER replace Jay. As a tax man and a friend. My sincere condolences go out to his loved ones.

Greg & Ticia Echlin

Greg Echlin - April 02, 2021 at 10:21 PM

TH

“ Jay always made me feel good about myself, made me feel like my little associate degree was as important as a doctorate, encouraged me as a single mom! Jay was a sweet, kind and loving man that will be missed!

tammie hicks - March 31, 2021 at 09:54 PM

LO

“ Miss you so so much dad ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Lori - March 26, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ If you look up the word "kind" in the dictionary, there would be a picture of Jay. A fine man, always. My mom was always very fond of Jay. I hope her & dad & Jay are getting caught up. Dad & Jay with a huge cup of coffee. Family gatherings will never be the same. I wish the Chiefs would have done better for you in the Super Bowl, Jay. Love you.

Love, Linda

Linda Hall - March 18, 2021 at 05:06 AM

SA

Linda thank you for the tribute to Jay. He thought the world of your Mom and Dad and you all, He and your Dad would always shake hands and Jay would always talk about how strong Manford was and laugh

Sue Ann - March 19, 2021 at 01:56 PM

CC

My husband Keith and I first met Jay in the early 70's when we were next door neighbors. Best neighbor and friend ever. He was one of my favorite people! We never lost touch throughout all the years. He became our "Taxman" too when we returned to KC in 2002. We loved you and will miss you, Jay.

Carolyn Carey - April 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SF

“*I have so many great memories of Uncle Jay. My favorite has to be that we shared a love of Stephen King books. I would share my books with him and he would share his with me and then we would talk about them when he would give them back or when I would return one. It meant so much to me when I was barely a teen to have someone to talk to about my favorite author and everything I thought was great about the book. We often liked or disliked the same characters or were shocked by the outcome of the story or the death of one of our favorite characters. I hope he knew how much those little conversations meant to me. Another great memory is when he bought my blue Gremlin and then every time I saw Uncle Jay he would tell me how it was doing. It was often funny. Not a great car. Later I would buy a red Buick from him. I think it was a sunfire. He often asked about it just to make sure it was running okay for me. Uncle Jay always made me feel loved and important. He was a great man and the best Uncle. I will always miss him.*”

Shelly Fletcher - March 17, 2021 at 09:07 PM

SA

Thank you Shelly, there were a lot of jokes about the gremlin, for one I would not ride in it, that would make him laugh, cause he loved that car.

Sue Ann - March 18, 2021 at 03:22 PM

DD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of the Bristow family, Jay was a very kind and caring man.*

The DeBord family.

Debbie DeBord - March 17, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SA

“ *Thank You for being the best at everything, I will always love you, Your SUNSHINE!*

Sue Ann - March 16, 2021 at 11:04 AM

SA

Jay you were my world my life as we were one together always, my heart is so lonely. I love you my dear husband always. yours

Sue Ann - March 19, 2021 at 04:35 PM

MM

“ That is the perfect picture of Uncle Jay. A quiet man, he always had a smile for everyone, a quiet smile. I was moved away from our extended family in high school and my sister and I would come to town to visit and "invade" everyone's lives for a short time. I have several memories of hanging out at their house and Uncle Jay would come home after a long day of physical work, I'm sure he was tired and just wanted a hot shower and a cold beer and to relax. He'd walk up those steps and look over and see his living room full of us, and always smiled and greeted us warmly. He was always happy to be home with his kids, and I remember how much he adored his first grandchild baby Nathan. Later in life my visits back home with husband and kids was often scheduled around some big family party Aunt Susie and Uncle Jay were throwing at their new house and there was Uncle Jay, grinning from ear to ear, enjoying all the conversations and the kids. I never got to spend huge amounts of time with Uncle Jay alone, but he is one of those people that had a profound effect on me. I adored his calm happy demeanor, that is NOT my natural state and I would watch him with envy smiling and chatting with everyone in a room full of people with chaos all around him. Every visit I always managed to get a little of his time, talking about life and catching up on details and laughing about politics or football or baseball or kids. He sincerely worried with me about my sister's disappearance, listened to my worries over raising kids and making the right choices, and always made me feel like I was good, I was ok. He loved my husband and loved my kids and made us all feel welcome and at home. That's who he was, a person that made other people feel good about themselves. I will really miss him at future family gatherings. I'm sure he's up in heaven smiling that quiet smile down at us.

Melissa Mutkoski - March 15, 2021 at 09:03 PM

LO

Perfectly said Missy❤️❤️

Lori - March 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM

SA

Missy thank you so much for the wonderful tribute to Jay. You are right on all counts, and yes he loved you all.

Sue Ann - March 19, 2021 at 01:49 PM

LO

“ Happy Birthday today dad❤️❤️ Love you

Lori - March 14, 2021 at 04:48 PM