



Junius "Jay" Royal Judson II

October 7, 1947 - July 25, 2019

Myrtle Beach, SC. Passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Embrace Hospice House of the Grand Strand in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Born Oct. 7, 1947 in Rochester, NY to Thomas F. Judson and Virginia Pike Judson, both deceased, Jay is survived by his brothers, John P. Judson (Charmaine) of River Hills, SC and Thomas F. Judson, Jr. (Elisabeth) of Victor, NY. He is survived by his wife, Lauren, of Murrells Inlet, SC, and his children, Davis of Washington DC and Virginia of Buffalo, NY. Also surviving are his niece, Bess Riveros (Mauricio) of Fairport, NY and nephews John Judson (Elizabeth) of Amsterdam, Holland, Derek Judson of Hilton Head, SC and Rufus Judson (Amy) of Brighton, NY as well as nine great nieces and nephews.

Jay graduated from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA in 1965. He got both his BS '69 and MA '71 in Architecture from Washington University in St Louis, MO. He belonged to Kappa Sigma.

Jay began his architectural career in Charlotte, NC with Wolf Associates and then Odell Associates. Before marrying Lauren in 1982, he moved back to Rochester where he would have 26 wonderful years at SWBR Architects and Engineers where he was a partner. While there, he had the privilege of serving as President and then CFO. He particularly loved doing college work. Jay left his mark on Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester, Monroe Community College, St. John Fisher, Roberts Wesleyan and several SUNY campuses. In 2014, the Builders Exchange gave Jay a lifetime achievement award.

Outside of work, Jay enjoyed community involvement. He served on the boards of Family Service of Rochester, Rochester School for the Deaf (where he was honored for 25 years of faithful service), the Seneca Zoo Society, the Nathaniel Rochester Society of RIT, Rochester General Hospital Foundation, Monroe Community College Foundation, Genesee Country Museum, White Haven Memorial Park and the Brighton Architectural Review Board. In South Carolina Jay volunteered in the Stroke Unit at Waccamaw

Community Hospital and in the Welcome Center at Hobcaw Barony.

Always joking about suffering from leisure time anxiety, Jay split his time golfing at Myers Park Country Club in Charlotte and the Country Club of Rochester, skiing at Hunt Hollow, fly fishing at the Bungalow, fresh-water fishing on Loughborough Lake in Canada, dining at the Genesee Valley Club or just shooting the bull with his fellow Gaggle members.

By far, Jay's greatest pride and joy were his children. Watching them grow to independent, successful adults made his life complete.

His 2014 retirement took Jay and Lauren to Murrells Inlet, SC. Jay jumped into his new life by enrolling at Coastal Carolina University where he took classes in Spanish, Studio Art and Golf. Sadly a 2015 stroke curtailed many of his activities but he always remained a glass half full guy. He never stopped learning or enjoying life.

Thanks go to the staff at Thrive Assisted Living in Murrells Inlet and Embrace Hospice in Myrtle Beach.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 5, 11 AM at Christ Church of Pittsford, 36 South Main Street followed by a reception at the Country Club of Rochester at 12:30 PM. For those who would like to make a donation in Jay's memory, please send it to The Belle Baruch Foundation at Hobcaw Barony, 22 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown, SC 29440. <http://hobcawbarony.org/>

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Christ Church of Pittsford

36. S. Main St., Pittsford, NY, US

Comments



“ To all Jay's family: The Judson boys became a welcome addition to the neighborhood where they moved after the fire in their Highland Avenue home. I think that is how I got to know Jay and his brothers because I grew up as a next door neighbor on Grosvenor Road to their grandfather: John D. Pike. Over the years our paths have crossed in a variety of ways. Jay and I worked together on a board - perhaps the Episcopal Church Home. All memories are very positive and his presence among us will certainly be a loss to the Rochester community. He leaves a legacy of creativity and service for us to preserve. Phil Yawman - Fairport, NY

Philip Yawman - October 03 at 10:27 PM



“ To Lauren and the Judson family;
I am so sorry to read of Jay's passing. I worked with Jay at SWBR for 15 years. Our first projects together were at Saint John Fisher College. It is a wonderful synchronicity that my son, who I brought into the office in a baby car seat is now going to school in some of Jay's buildings, as he was always so wonderful and welcoming to my boys when they came into the office. I was working with Jay on projects when Rohit Agrawal joined SWBR; and it was wonderful to see their friendship blossom.

I never quite knew what to expect from your husband / dad; whether it was a quote from Shakespeare, a fish story (which, of course, was likely exaggerated), a book recommendation, or design advice. His brain never quite worked linear, which is a compliment; he was always a source of creativity or humor for me. He preferred to draw on napkins or trace, and was a whiz at doing floor plans on an Excel spreadsheet. His sketches had a wonderful quality.

I'll end with a quick Jay story that always makes me smile. Any time we would travel to a close project, he would volunteer to drive, and sneak out early for a couple of puffs on his cigars. He had one that was too good to put out once, so he clipped it under the windshield wiper outside for the short drive. Well, it was still lit. Every time we drove faster, it would burn down quicker and quicker. We spent the 15 minute ride pondering the combustion rate of Cubano cigars, the optimum car speed versus cigar expenditure, and what would happen if it rained (gasp!). Do we dare turn on the wipers?

Perhaps the world is a little dimmer without Jay here now. I would humbly beg to differ. He sparked the imagination in so many people, myself included. I like to think it's brighter. He paid it forward, we just can't quantify it yet, and who needs to measure it anyways.

Thanks for reading this; I hope it helps - Mark Lyons

Mark Lyons - August 09 at 06:37 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I remember him as a proud and loving Dad to Virginia in her time as a member of Brownie Troop 10 in Brighton, N.Y. The girls were earning a "Careers Badge" and Jay organized a field trip to his office for them. They were wide eyed as we walked around the office and observed folks hard at work with models and drawings. As I recall there were some young women associates who shared some experiences with the girls. It was probably one of our best field trips and I know Beth still remembers it fondly. What a wonderful Dad!

Mary Ann Hyland

Mary Ann Hyland - August 08 at 03:54 PM



“ I enjoyed many years with Jay on the Rochester School for the Deaf Board. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Lowell Patric

Lowell Patric - August 05 at 04:25 PM



“ Lynne and I extend our sincerest condolences to Lauren & the Judson family... we will miss Jay, a sentiment I know must be shared by all who knew him.

Stan Merrell - August 02 at 11:30 AM



“ Thinking about you, and your family, Lauren, during this very sad time
Sincerely, pat deweese

pat deweese - August 01 at 01:06 PM



“ Our sincere condolences go out to Lauren and the kids. We have fond memories of playing couples bridge with Jay many years ago. -Michele and Bryant Griffin-

Michele Griffin - August 01 at 08:11 AM



“ My sympathy and prayers go out to the Judson family. I had the opportunity to work closely with Jay when he moved back to Rochester from North Carolina. He was a good man who always brought joy and energy to his work. May the memories of Jay and his passion for architecture help to balance the heartbreak we all feel today.

With Deepest Respect:
- Robert A. Healy, AIA

Robert A. Healy, AIA - July 31 at 12:17 PM



“ In teaching we learned of the student personality called the "star." That was a student who had a personality that attracted people and whom everyone in the class felt was a friend. That student usually had an infectious personality, but who also was aware of others and who listened asked questions of those around him or her. Jay was such a star. You always knew he was in the room and always felt, "There's my friend, Jay." Lauren, thank you for sharing your Jay with the rest of us, his many friends.

Sharon D Buzard - September 03 at 08:17 AM