



John "Jake" Joseph Powell

October 14, 1956 - September 22, 2017

It is with profound sadness that the family of John Joseph "Jake" Powell of Gladwyne, PA announces his passing on Friday, September 22, 2017, at the age of 60. John died suddenly and unexpectedly from complications related to treatment for a longstanding illness that he had kept at bay for over a decade. Many who knew him and enjoyed his intelligence, contemporary insight, wit, metaphysical musings and musical savvy were unaware of the severity of his illness. His inner strength and profound faith allowed him to carry on and remain a devoted husband, dedicated father, engaged community member and loyal friend. In his journey back to his Lord, John leaves behind his wife of almost 30 years, Donna, and his children Joe (27), Colin (25), Luke (18) and Cara Rose (16). John is also survived by his mother, Rosemary Powell, Stroudsburg, PA; his brother Craig Powell, Asheville, NC; and his sisters, Kimberly (Mike) Riley, Stroudsburg and Garyl (Jeff) Strunk, Marshalls Creek, PA and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins that he dearly loved.

A viewing will be held Thursday evening, September 28th from 6 to 9PM at Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA. There will be a second viewing Friday morning September 29th at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 31 Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA from 9 AM to 10:30 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11AM.

Stories of Jake and his life and philosophies will be shared by his family and his vast circle of friends, colleagues, fraternity brothers, Boy Scouting brethren and everyone else who had the privilege to know him following the Mass at a reception which will be held at the Gladwyne VFW, 320 River Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

Donations may be made in his name to the Penn Treaty Museum, 324 Richman St., Philadelphia, PA 19125. John gave his time to helping restore the museum building and in his own words: "That the Penn Treaty Museum and the Penn Treaty Park exist and bear witness to the treaty is testimony to the civic responsibility exhibited by generations of Philadelphians, mostly from Fishtown, and is reflective of the moral and individual responsibility embodied in both the peace treaty and the pope's letter on care for our common home."

No noise Know peace

Breathe in
Breathe out.

No noise
Know peace.

Breathe in
Breathe out.

Know silence
No grief.

Breathe in
Breathe out.

No doubt
Know joy.

- John Powell

Cemetery Details

Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Good Counsel
31 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
(510) 525-0147

Funeral Mass

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Feeling incredibly blessed to have had Jake
In our lives.*

Paula & Dick Belch - September 28, 2017 at 09:12 PM

BW

“ *John always maintained a "gentle giant" persona. The Boy Scouts that John mentored knew that he was a tolerant, good natured fellow up to a point but would not hesitate to interrupt on going activities if he could guide them down a better path.*

My son, Rob, (as I am sure that most of the other boys that knew "Mr Powell" were also) was very emotional when he heard of John's passing.

I have many fond memories of deep conversations with John over Scout camp fires, on Scout canoe trips and over coffee after Sunday morning tennis matches.

I am sure that John will be doing his loving best from his new elevated position to continue to oversee his family that he is always very proud of!

We will all forever miss you John!

Your friend, Bob Wagner

Bob Wagner - September 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



September 27, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



September 27, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



September 27, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



September 27, 2017 at 11:46 AM

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“ Jake was my roommate at phi sig when he first came to PSU. We played a dirty truck on him one night and he came out ready to fight . He quickly went from angry to seeing the humor in the practical joke and we had a good laugh.

There were many times being roomies we would aggravate each other but he never stayed mad and you couldn't stay mad at him for long. He had a great sense of humor and a positive outlook on things. He was a great listener and would hear my problems and give me encouragement. We had many philosophical discussions and plenty of good laughs together and good times going to the beach and skiing after college. He was one of my all time best friends.

Stephen Chilcote - September 27, 2017 at 10:08 AM

YG

“ your siblings, Kim, Craig and Garyl purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.



your siblings, Kim, Craig and Garyl - September 26, 2017 at 09:55 PM

TS

“ The Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.



The Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State - September 26, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



September 26, 2017 at 07:47 AM



“ *The Falcone's (Karen, Ernie, Chris, Katie, and Jeff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Jake" Joseph Powell.*



The Falcone's (Karen, Ernie, Chris, Katie, and Jeff -
September 26, 2017 at 05:31 AM