



## Joseph P. "Jay" Harrison

January 31, 1948 - August 31, 2010

Joseph P. (Jay) Harrison, 62, passed away August 31, 2010 at his home in Gladwyne, PA surrounded by his family. Jay was born in Bryn Mawr PA, the eldest son of Dr Joseph and Nancy Harrison. He grew up in the area, living in both Rosemont and Villanova. He graduated from Harriton High School, Widener College (BS), and The University of Pennsylvania (Architecture). His education was interrupted by his service in the Navy from 1969 to 1971 and completed upon his discharge.

After a brief stint working for an architectural firm he went into business for himself as a builder/contractor. Jay Harrison Inc. developed residential properties in Philadelphia and Chester County, as well as commercial work at local universities.

Jay was an avid athlete and had played doubles squash at The Cynwyd Club for the last 30+ years, serving as the squash chair on the Board of Directors for several years. Earlier in his life he had spent many years working with hot air balloons as part of the crew.

Jay's greatest love was his children and he was a devoted father. He was always present at their sporting events or activities. He was a Boy Scout leader and volunteer until becoming ill.

Jay is survived by his wife Karen Melikian Harrison, his son Hunter, and his daughter Caroline (Casey). He is also survived by his father Dr Joseph Harrison Jr. his sister Barbara Heaton (David), brother David, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his Memorial Service on Saturday September 11, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. in St Christopher's Church, 226 Righter's Mill Rd. Gladwyne, PA, where the family will receive guests after 10:00. Int. private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to The Merion Square Scout House, PO Box 503, Gladwyne, PA 19035.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
226 Righters Mill Road  
Gladwyne, PA 19035

# Tribute Wall



“ Jay - taken from us way too soon. You are missed.##imported-begin##Stephen C. Bickell and Lynn Hoover##imported-end##

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