



## Jay R Day

December 12, 2014

Jay R. Day, 60 years old, of New Castle passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, December 12, 2014. Jay is survived by his wife of 29 years, Patricia Ann Day and their children Stephanie Noel, Nathan Jay Randolph, Courtney Elizabeth, Patricia Caitlyn, and Shannon Leigh; his "adopted" children Meghan Mangels and Dakota Disher, as well as many others. Jay had many nieces and nephews that he cherished, especially his little cowgirls Breanna and Baileigh.

Jay had been going through extremely tough times and his almost daily visits with Jayden Rae Martin helped keep his spirits up. Jay's parents Nathan Jay Randolph Day and Nancy W. Day (deceased) did an amazing job raising him. He has a sister, Nancy Diane Carver and three "adopted" brothers, Cedric Zopp, Robin Zopp, and Tony Zopp. He also had numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jay grew up visiting his grandmother Hazel who lived and farmed in West Virginia. He had a deep passion for farming and when the opportunity presented itself for him to farm, he jumped at it. Prior to his life as a farmer Jay taught Computer Operations and Programming at Computer Learning Center, which is where he met his wife. Most would say that Jay had an intimidating presence, but children loved him and saw him for the big teddy bear he really was.

Jay sat on many Boards and was proud of the accomplishments that were made while he was part of them. Mountain Castle Soil & Water and the Farm Bureau boards were two he was especially proud to have served on. Jay was instrumental in the creation of the New Castle Christian Preschool, the Craig County Public Library and the New Castle Medical Center. He had won several awards while farming, which he was especially proud.

A Memorial Service will be held 5:00 PM Thursday, December 18, 2014 at Grace Baptist Church, New Castle with Raymond Christian officiating. The family will receive friends from 4-7 PM on the same night. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *In memory of my cousin JR. prayers for all.*

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**Marilyn Bennett** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Dear Patty and your family:  
Leslie and I were so shocked to hear of Jay's passing. Our hearts have been in prayer for all of you every day, hoping that the strength of many will help you to get through this difficult time. Jay was a good man, a family man. He had a beautiful smile, that could make any smile. When he believed in something, he gave it his all. He respected each person for their own beliefs, and asked that others respect him for his. He was such an asset to many in Craig County, but especially to his family. You and your family will remain in our prayers. Heaven has opened its arms for one of its most beloved new angels. Love and prayers, Leslie and Lanelle Fisher.*

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**Leslie** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We're thinking of you all and praying for God's strength to get you through this very difficult time in your lives.*

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**Tim** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Jay was a great man, and amazing friend. He had a heart of gold and was filled with compassion, honor and integrity. The world has lost a 'Knight in Shining Armor". My love and prayers go to Pat and their 5 lovely children of whom he was so proud. Heaven has gained a powerful angel that will watch over us.*

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**Sherry** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ My friend, the Bear, the Rock, a man to respect and honor. I'll always remember "hey! wake up! I'm starting to see UFO's!"....

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**Victoria Schwartz** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy with your loss. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Dad also sends his sympathies. Even though we can't be there with you in this trying time, you will remain in our thoughts. Please pass along our sympathies to Jay.

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**Jack and Mary Lawson and Family** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I have many fond memories of Jay, far too many to list here. He was my friend, my confidant, partner in crime. We could aggravate the heck out of each other but we loved each other past it. I will miss him. To the family, my love for him has always extended to each of you and will continue for as long as I live.

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**Claudia Martin** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ He lived beside us when we were children. This is heart breaking. My cousin. Condolences to his family. Hugs.

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**Marilyn Lewis Bennett** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Once when we were visiting Grandma Wright's we cousins were playing hide and seek all over the big white house. We were elementary grade ages. Anyway, Grandma didn't have doors on her closets or rooms, just curtains. As I was passing a closet, looking for the others, J.R. reached out and grabbed me and pulled me into a closet and kissed me on the cheek. Then he said, "Now we're kissing cousins", then pushed me back out into the hall.

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**Suzan Wright Patterson** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ J. R. was always a special friend to me.He always had that huge smile and greeted me with "Hello Slim" I will always carry many fond memories of him. Including a trip Jeannie and I made with him to his grandmother's house in West Virginia, hunting trips and him filling in for one of Santa's helpers with my children one Christmas. Another Christmas Jay and I went to every perfume counter, at every mall around the beltway hunting for what I thought was "Touch Me". He and I found out later the scent was "Touch`e", but we had a great time looking for it.

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**Dave Chesley Dec** - December 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To a child of God, Rest in His eternal love and peace.  
*Leigh Haddad*

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**Leigh Haddad** - December 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To Patty Stephanie and family, asking for God's miraculous peace and protection through the coming days and months, His love will carry you as we keep you in prayer. With Love,  
*Leigh Haddad*

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**Leigh Haddad** - December 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ We, the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Paitzel Funeral Home Dec** - December 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM