



Dr. Jay Fleishman

July 19, 2022

Dr. Jay S. Fleishman, 69, of Cottonwood, retired pathologist, committed to education, student and teacher of the sciences, dedicated community volunteer and respecter of nature, died July 19 after a short battle with cancer. Jay was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Akron, Ohio. His interest in pathology was sparked by his work in a hospital clinical lab in high school. Dr. Fleishman went on to earn two degrees from the University of Akron, a bachelor in science and masters in human genetics. He received his medical degree at Indiana University Medical School. Jay served his country during the Vietnam War in the Air Force obtaining the rank of Major. He moved to Tucson in 1976 where he was a hospital staff member and went on to serve as president of the hospital's medical staff. Jay served on the board of the American Red Cross while in Tucson. After serving in Phoenix and Prescott, Jay settled in the Verde Valley and joined the staff of the Verde Valley Medical Center as pathologist until his retirement several years ago. While at Verde Valley Medical Center he helped Dr. Mikles, Karen Fanning and others establish an award winning medical library at the hospital. He served as parliamentarian for the Arizona Medical Association and as president of the Bradshaw Mountain Parliamentarian Club. He taught chemistry courses at Yavapai College. Jay's devotion to volunteerism was inspired by his parents. The Maurice and Blanche Fleishman Foundation was created to help students earn their degrees. Scholarships are presented every year. His devotion to his community through volunteering included the Clarkdale-Verde

Kiwanis Club, the Astronomy Club, the Yavapai College Foundation, Friends of Cottonwood, the Cottonwood Community Gardens (he was a Master Gardener) and serving on the Cottonwood Library Board for many years among others. His curiosity about science, nature and psychology continued until his passing. He leaves an aunt, Roz Colander, three cousins, devoted friend Bobbi Jo Gooslin and three cats, Monty, Juliet and Romeo. A memorial service to honor his life will be held Wednesday July 28 in the Westcott Funeral Home at 3 PM. A cookie and punch reception will follow in the funeral home reception area. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Maurice and Blanche Fleishman Foundation c/o Diane Prescott, 551 So. Main St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326 An online guestbook is available at www.westcottfuneralhome.com

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Dr. Jay Fleishman, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I remember him to be a very pleasant, humorous, and intelligent man. He was quite a gardener and I enjoyed talking with him about his gardens and what he was growing. I am glad I had the opportunity to meet him. My condolences to Dr. Fleishman's family.

Jessica Scott - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

RM

“ Jay and I were colleagues in medicine and pathology. May he rest in peace and may God be with his family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Ron Harvey, MD - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

RK

“ My goodness, how this news saddens me. Dr. Fleishman was not only a mentor and teacher, he was also one of the most kind and generous people I have ever had the honor of knowing. I worked with him at the hospital and for him for a good many of his years in the Verde Valley. His warm smile and charm will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Kester - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

SD

“ I want to thank you Dr. Fleishman for helping me with school. I dont feel like I can tell you enough. You have made it possible for me to get through quickly. Your brilliance forced me to push myself for better. You never failed to teach me something new whenever I saw you. I loved every opportunity I was given to listen to your wisdom. I also want to thank you for challenging me to keep up with current events. This world was a better place with you in it. I will miss you. Rest in peace Jay.

Savanna Davis - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

JB

“ My heart is heavy. We not only lost a great doctor, but a great human being. I would like to see him reconized also for the gift he gave to this community that caused him his life. He was the only original doctor from the hospital that brought \"Relay for Life\" to Verde Valley in 1995. He served with my late husband and myself in this cause for cancer. I can still see him walking the track late at night at Mingus High, reading a book. He not only taught, he lived what he taught. We will miss you. Rest in Peace Dr. Jay.

Joan Boyd - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

KD

“ I was honored to work for you and learn from you. Rest in Peace...you will be missed!

Kami Dowling - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

KP

“ I cannot tell you how much I will miss Jay's wry sense of humor, wit, and presence in my classes this fall. Jay was always learning and researching, whether great cities of the world or psychology articles he thought I would enjoy. A life-long learner, Jay enrolled in my inaugural Path of Yoga class & continued to study psychology with me at Yavapai College. I was so looking forward to seeing him again in another class this fall. My deepest condolences to Bobbie and his family. He was much loved and will be sorely missed.

Karly Way, Ph.D. - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

GB

“ Jay was a kind and compassionate man. I am glad to have known him. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

Gail Bell - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

LB

“ Dr. Jay Fleishman was a powerful, positive servant-leader to the Yavapai College Foundation - Greater Verde Valley Chapter. The generosity of his spirit, and the depth of his character, led him to devote personal wealth to ensure the less fortunate have access to higher education. Through his gifts of scholarship, the Fleishman Legacy lives on. Thank you Dr. Jay, for the memories, and the leadership by example. We are all saddened by his passing.

Linda Buchanan - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

DM

“ My interactions with Dr. Fleishman were short and sporadic, however, each time he impressed me with his commitment, caring and insight. He will be missed.

Deb McCasland - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

KF

“ I cannot put into words how much I missed you at the VVMC Continuing Medical Education/Medical Library Committee meeting this morning. You have missed so few meetings in the past 15 years that it just seemed natural for you to be there. I especially appreciated your knowledge of the rules and regulations that dictated the physician education. Thank you for all of your help and wisdom, both with the Committee and personally. I will miss your not-always-so-funny jokes and laugh. You were a man among men. Our community will be missing a vital driving force in whatever ventures you may have wanted to undertake. God speed, my friend.

Karen Fanning - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BR

“ *When one gets involved in projects that benefit this community, inevitably you end up on a committee or two with Dr. Jay Fleishman. Jay your contributions to this community will endure as the legacy you built continues. Thank you.*

Bill Regner - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BG

“ *Jay, You where my everything and I pray that I somehow made your final days here on earth just a little better. Love ya! Love Bobbie*

Bobbie Jo Gooslin - June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM