



Joseph "Jay" Donald Ahearn II

April 23, 1971 - September 7, 2018

"Jay" Joseph Donald Ahearn II, 47, passed away on Sept 7, 2018 in Mt. Pleasant, SC after a courageous and brave battle with cancer. He was born April 23, 1971 in Binghamton, NY. He was predeceased by his grandparents J. Donald and Irma M. Ahearn and Dr. Paul F. and Mildred L. Reich, as well as an uncle, Joseph L. Reich and cousins Kristofer Reich and Robert Reich. He is survived by his loving parents, Donald and Marilyn Reich Ahearn of Vestal, NY and Kiawah Island, SC as well as his sister Anne Ahearn Bozych (Scott) of Canyon Lake, TX. He is also survived by his loving aunts and uncles as well as many cousins.

Jay was a 1990 graduate of Seton Catholic Central High School, Binghamton NY. While there, he played football on the undefeated varsity team of 1988. He then attended Niagara University before receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from College of Charleston in 1996.

Upon his graduation, Jay stayed in Charleston and became a Master Sea Captain. His grandfather and namesake, J Donald Ahearn, introduced Jay to boating as a young child while in Alexandria Bay, NY and the 1000 Islands. That introduction led to a lifetime love affair with the sea. Whether at the helm of his beloved Ahearn III, or guiding a private yacht down the intercoastal, Jay's first and true love was the water. Jay adored his adopted hometown of Charleston SC, and had many frequent haunts, a particular favorite being The Cabana Bar at Water's Edge on Shem Creek.

On any given weekend, you could find him cruising Charleston Harbor or taking the Ahearn III through the locks to Lake Moultrie. He also loved the Abaco, Bahamas and had a reserved seat at Nippers. Growing up as a child, he loved exploring The Forest Prime Evil at Tripp Lake, PA with his grandfather Reich.

Jay was a force of nature. He was the kindest, gentlest, funniest, most caring person you could meet. He was also sarcastic, irreverent, loyal to a fault, fierce and the bravest man in the world. Jay never met anyone who wasn't a friend. He had an infectious laugh and

was always quick to lend a hand.

Most of all, Jay cherished his family. He spent Father's Day each year on the waters around Charleston with his Dad, was very protective of his mother, and was his sister's man of honor at her wedding.

If you could sum Jay up in one phrase, "I do what I want, when I want" would immediately come to mind.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Binghamton, NY on September 22, 2018 at 10am with burial immediately after in the Ahearn Family plot at Calvary Cemetery, Johnson City NY. At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made in Jay's memory to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Foundation, or Seton Catholic Central High School both in Binghamton, NY.

Arrangements by Thomas Shea, Binghamton NY and Charleston Cremation Center, Charleston SC.

Events

SEP Visitation 10:00AM

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St Patrick's Church Binghamton

9 Leroy St, Binghamton, NY, US, 13905-4697

Comments



“ Jay was a dear friend to me to over 20 years. He was everything his obituary states, and more. "I do what I want!" was definitely his motto and he was adamant, viligent, and hilarious in his pursuit of doing so. I will miss his infectious laugh, his gorgeous smile, and his beautiful, giving soul. Peace be with you, Jay, and also with your beloved family.

Holly Sellers - September 17, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all of your good memories be greater than your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)

chris c - September 12, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ Sherrie Carter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Jay" Donald Ahearn II.



Sherrie Carter - September 11, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ Many fond memories of downtown Charleston, laughs at the Irish Bar and lunches at California Dreaming.

Bob Ahearn - September 11, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ You are loved by so many and will be missed dearly! I will forever cherish all the memories and great times. Fly high my friend...Nancy Perfect

nancy perfect - September 11, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ I always enjoyed the fact that you loved your parents so much and included them all the time.

Ken Scherer - September 11, 2018 at 03:48 PM