



James Todd Chapman

April 28, 1948 - October 27, 2019

James Todd Chapman, "Todd", 71, of Homestead, PA passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2019 due to complications of vascular disease and mental illness. He was born on April 26, 1948 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Jessie Weems Chapman and James Albert Chapman, long-time Homestead residents. He graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operational Research, and worked in the pharmaceutical industry and as a college professor before pursuing his entrepreneurial dreams while caring for his young children in New Jersey, and then returning to Homestead.

He loved science and lifelong learning, cooking, and gardening, and had a deep passion for jazz music, as evidenced by his proficiency at piano and multiple brass and woodwind instruments. He took his children to "Jazz for Juniors" events (in addition to Sandcastle & Kennywood Park) when they visited Pittsburgh and regularly shared tunes of his favorite Jazz artists with them. He loved all of Pittsburgh's athletic teams, and also had great pride in sharing the history of the Homestead Grays, of which his grandfather was a member.

He is survived by his three children, Todd Hunter Chapman, Christina (Derrick Dennis) Hunter Chapman, and Kathryn Collins Chapman, many cousins and other relatives in the Homestead and greater Pittsburgh area. He is predeceased by his sister, Cathy Christina Chapman and his first daughter, Candace Christine Chapman. Family and friends can call at the Tunie Funeral

Home, Inc. 218 East 11th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 at 1PM on Saturday, November 2nd, with a brief funeral service to follow at 3PM. The repast will be held in Homestead and further information will be provided at the funeral home. Given his passion for advancing civil rights, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I only just found out that Todd had passed away when I went this past week-end to Cornell for our 55th Reunion. I knew him well back then. He was a conservative guy at a time when being conservative was not appreciated by Tom Jones and his Black Panther cohorts who took over the student union with guns in 1969. Todd and another conservative Black guy in the hotel school told me that their lives were made hell by their decisions to avoid joining up with the revolutionaries. Tremendous pressure was put on them. He was fun and he played a beautiful piano. He will remain in happy memory.

Ellen Eichleay



Ellen Eichleay - June 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ James Todd Chapman

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ James Todd Chapman

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

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“ May you be wrapped in the Lord's love and your soul at peace.

Karen Shephard - October 30, 2019 at 09:22 AM

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“ *We will miss him at the law library!*

Barco Law Library - October 29, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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I wish to acknowledge the Chapman during the loss of Todd's homegoing. May God wrap his arms around you and never let you go. Peace 🙏💕

Maureen Waller - December 12, 2019 at 02:19 PM