



Van Pressley Jr

May 22, 1944 - November 21, 2016

Van Pressley Jr. affectionately called "Junjer" was born May 22, 1944 to Van C and Lula Mae Pressley. Junjer was the oldest son and took his role very seriously! From the time he was able he worked hard helping to support our growing family. He worked at such landmarks as: Gunthers Bakery, The High Hat, Foodland and Big Boys always, ALWAYS contributing to the family. Van's talents as a singer was known throughout Pittsburgh and with the nurturing of his high school coral director, Thomas Caruso, he received the Carnegie Award and attended Carnegie Mellon for music. Uncle Sam however, had other plans and Junjer entered The United States Air Force. While in the air force Junjer played trumpet with the renowned Air Force Band, thus began his thirst for international travel. After leaving the air force Junjer married Sylvia Shelton and attempted to live a normal settled life. That was NOT in his genes and soon he was on the road traveling with the Platters and singing internationally. Along came love and in May of 1980 he married Donna J. Chudoba. The couple settled in Miramar, Florida where Junjer resided until his death Monday, November 21, 2016. He leaves to mourn him: a son, Brian Keith Sturdavent, Jannie J. Pressley, Nellie Eaves, Rachel Anderson (Joseph), Byrd Pressley (Pattie), Donna L. Pressley, Madelyn P. Pressley, a God child DemetriA White, a host of nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Park Place A.M.E. Church
215 East 10th Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120

Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Homestead Cemetery
Homestead, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Van Pressley Jr*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Van Pressley Jr*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *We met on board of Costa cruise lines and he has been one of the most amazing and talented person I've worked with... I will always remember his smile and all the fun we had together!*

*My most heartfelt condolences to the family.
Eleonora*



ELEONORA - April 23, 2020 at 03:30 PM

LI

“ Van, I have tried for years to locate you. I am sitting here in disbelief that you are now Home with our Father. My deepest condolences to your family.

We first met in 1970 in Toronto, Ontario, at the Friar's Club. I recall seeing you sitting on some boxes between sets. I went up to you and asked if you were okay. You were looking so down. From that moment, we became instant friends.

I remember going Christmas Shopping with you and talking to your Mum on the telephone.

The following year, you sent me a beautiful Christmas Card with poems by Helen Steiner Rice. I still have that Christmas Card, all these years later. I have always looked at it as one of my most cherished gifts. Every year at Christmas, I bring it out. Funny how a couple of years ago, I made the decision to keep the card out in my library all year round.

Life and years came between us and we lost contact with one another; but, I have never forgotten you and have always viewed as my dear friend and brother.

A few years back, I ran into Norris. I asked him to sing "I Love You a Thousand Times" and he said that he couldn't sing it because that song belonged to you and I. I still play it and smile and remember the mischief that we caused with that song. We were friends, nothing more, nothing less. We figured let them all think what they want. You had such a sense of humour.

God gained a beautiful soul the day that you went Home to Him. I pray that all of the beautiful memories that you gave and shared with all of us will be sufficient until the day that we meet again.

Lynne Irwin - January 23, 2019 at 05:36 PM

JE

I miss you, my brother 🙌💙

J.D. Earley (Bass & Trumpet etc...) - September 25, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LI

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Lynne Irwin - January 23, 2019 at 04:57 PM

SU

I'm in shock and heartbroken over the loss of Van. I did not realize it had been that long since I had talked to him. Have many great memories of him in Key West and in Miami Beach at the Fontainebleau, and in Hollywood at Hemingway's. You will live in my heart forever, locked away with those wonderful memories. May light Perpetual shine upon him. Sue

Sue Ulloa - June 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM

CH

“ *I had the greatest pleasure to play percussion with Van from 1773 with the platters and then One step away to 1978. As the song one voice, his was original . My prayer , Smoke gets in your eyes: my best wishes to Donna & Byrd Chesson 9786 @ Gmail.com. Always Clark*

Clatk Hesson - December 15, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *Van I just realized you're not anymore with us. We've work together many times since we met on board of the costa Riviera on 2000....I'll always keep on my heart our beautiful and unique memories.*



Sincerely

Your favourite sound technician from Italy Guido

PS: pizza will be always better in italy despite what you used to said!!!

Guido Vegnaduzzo - May 23, 2018 at 07:48 AM

JA

“ *Joseph J. Anderson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Van Pressley Jr.*



Joseph J. Anderson - December 03, 2016 at 11:45 AM

JA

“ *My condolences and sympathy to the Pressley household on the loss of your dear brother Van. I first met Van at the airport upon my first visit to Pittsburgh with my soon to become wife Rachel. He took one look at me and said "That's a big dude". I knew right away that I had met someone who spoke the truth boldly, and was not afraid to call things as they were. His willingness to laugh and his easy smile are things I will always cherish and remember.*

Joseph J. Anderson

Joseph J. Anderson - December 03, 2016 at 10:38 AM

WF

“ *We love each and everyone of you. Your SC Family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Van Pressley Jr.*



We love each and everyone of you. Your SC Family. -
December 01, 2016 at 09:40 AM