



## F. Judson Pitman

April 20, 1952 - March 18, 2022

Portsmouth - Frederick Judson Pitman, son of Janet (Sanderson) and Frederick Pitman, died on March 18, 2022.

Jud leaves his new wife Charlotte Carley, brothers; Steve Pitman and his wife Katherine, Richard Pitman and his wife Patricia, sisters; Susan Pitman-Simpson, Mary Pitman-Johnson as well as several nieces and nephews.

Jud grew up in Hollis, New Hampshire. At six years of age he knew he was to build a car. What followed was an apprenticeship and an initiation into the craft-guild of car builders.

Jud completed a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, a masters degree in materials science and he earned many patent awards. If you've shaved, gone running, driven at night or had blood drawn it's likely you have unknowingly benefitted from the results of Jud's patented design work.

I think his proudest build was a 1932 Roadster which he built from the ground up starting with a Corvette chassis adding a computer operated Ford 4 cylinder engine for fuel efficiency. He displayed his car in many shows exchanging knowledge, challenges and the joys of creating with his fellow builders.

Years of study revealed to Jud the complex nature of Design. What drives the design, how does one hone their judgement to move from design to concept to build to completion? Jud wrote Tales in Design published in 2014 in an amazing and eloquent attempt to answer this question.

Jud also loved sailing and developed this craft on Lake Winnepesaukee. In the fall of 1981 his well-honed skills put him on the tall ship The Pride Of Baltimore as the ship's chief engineer. Another adventure for this diverse and delightful man.

Jud was a gentle and kind soul who studied Persian poets, his favorites being Rumi and Hafez. He understood their works and was particular about which translation he felt was the most accurate and eloquent. Often he would gift to friends copies of books he thought they would enjoy.

Jud will be so missed by his family and friends and community. He contributed his smiling eyes, his philosophy, his kindness, his quirkiness and his love to so many.

Please join us on April 10, 2022 at 1:00pm to celebrate our dearest Jud.

411 Middle St

Portsmouth, NH

Located next door to the Portsmouth Women's Club. Street parking or use the Masonic public parking lot at the corner of Middle St and Miller Ave.

Please bring a light refreshment to share. Finger food or sweets

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association (<https://www.diabetes.org/>)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

411 Middle Street

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Portsmouth, NH 03801

# Tribute Wall



“ *F. Judson Pitman*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *So Sorry to just hear of Judds passing. Judd built one of his early hot rods in my shop back in the 70s. No project was to hard for him.*

**Al Johnson** - September 12, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Jud. My thoughts go out to his family and the many friends he had. I played in a marching band with Jud. He always had a positive spirit and was a kind friend to so many.*

**Carrie** - April 12, 2022 at 07:15 AM



“ *We will always remember Jud and Charlotte on the porch swing on summer afternoons. Their smiles and laughter lit up the porch and our afternoons. Jud was a sweet and generous soul who always had a kind word and a cheerful greeting. We are thankful to have known him. He shared his love of poetry and his skill in crafts with us. He made the complicated propeller bench a fun escapade. We both choose to remember his happy days with Charlotte and his cheerful spirit whenever we think of him. Truly he will Rest In Peace.*

**Kit & Trisha Clews** - April 10, 2022 at 12:21 AM

KC

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**Kit and Trisha Clews** - April 09, 2022 at 09:08 PM

KC

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**Kit and Trisha Clews** - April 09, 2022 at 09:13 PM

ED

“ *We met Jud four years ago when we moved into our apartment in Portsmouth. He was "the guy on the first floor." We quickly became friends. Over the last few years, as we visited our "get-away place," we became friends with Jud. He became our local historian and guide. So many walks and dinners allowed us to know this wonderful, unique soul. Jud had the mind of an engineer and the heart of an artist. We marveled at his use of the English language and coined it "Jud Speak." So we were thrilled when this confirmed bachelor introduced us to Charlotte. Many more walks and double-date dinners as we watched their love blossom. We will miss you, dear friend, and will continue our dinners and walks with your dear Charlotte. Peace to you, beautiful soul.*

*Ed and Eileen Doherty*

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**Ed and Eileen Doherty** - April 09, 2022 at 10:16 AM

RB

“ *Jud will be greatly missed. We have fond memories of great times with him.*

*His ROOOS Brothers and Sisters*

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**ROOOS Brothers** - April 08, 2022 at 02:52 PM

LE

*Dick, I am so sorry to read about the loss of your brother. Thinking of you. Linda Emerson*

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**Linda Emerson** - May 01, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JD

“ *We send our condolences to family remembering him helping a Russian gal from Portsmouth to get to concord and meeting her at his Mom's house and making good friends with her. His kindness was appreciated. Blessings and Peace. Joyce Demirjian and Lois Theuner 06 April 2022*

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**Joyce Demirjian** - April 06, 2022 at 10:57 AM

SM

“ *I enjoyed getting to know Jud when he sang tenor with the Seacoast Community Chorus. He was a kind and gentle man who was a welcome addition to our group.*

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**Steve Munton** - March 27, 2022 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ *I've only heard loving and wonderful stories of Jud in my time here at the community home where he served as handyman. His presence is felt in the home via the lovely stories my neighbors and friends have to tell about him. My most sincere wishes of peace and love to him and his family.*

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**James Gilbert** - March 25, 2022 at 12:41 PM

BO

“ I was saddened to learn of Jud's passing. He was a friend of my late brother Jack O'Brien who had a sailboat moored near Jud's sailboat on Rye Harbor. Jud often visited us at our family summer home on the harbor. He had a great personality, quick wit, and a depth of knowledge on so many subjects. My deepest sympathy to his siblings and friends. He was a great guy!

*Bob O'Brien  
North Andover, Massachusetts*

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**Bob O'Brien** - March 25, 2022 at 10:42 AM

LO

“ Jud had a marvelous mind filled with wise ideas and witty solutions. I will forever miss our scientific deliberations and your gentle soul. I love you, Jud



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**Lori** - March 24, 2022 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ Jud was a friend of mine for over 50 years. We had many adventures together. I will miss his laugh and intelligent charm. A very bright light has been extinguished. I love you Jud.

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**Jeff Howe** - March 24, 2022 at 11:27 AM