



John D. Forsberg, Jr.

April 3, 1949 - September 8, 2015

Rye – John D. Forsberg, Jr., of Rye, “but truly a Hampton Beach legend” died after a lengthy illness on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. An avid fisherman and beachgoer, J.D. frequented Florida as well as the New Hampshire seacoast.

He was born in Worcester, Mass. on April 3, 1949 a son of Marianne (Farrell) Forsberg of Rye and the late Jack D. Forsberg. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael Forsberg in 1993.

In addition to his mother Marianne, family members include his son Corey Fuller MacDonald and granddaughters, Avery and Kayden of Portsmouth, his step daughters, Jamie Kapral and Nicole Kapral Burmeister, his sisters, Linda Forsberg-Bean and Susie Forsberg-Anderson. His nephews are Casey Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Alex Bean, Dylan Forsberg and Brandon Forsberg, and his nieces are Samantha Bean, Shana Forsberg and Tasha Forsberg.

J.D. graduated from Winnacunnet High School in 1968 and attended Keene State College, Vesper George School of Art and Ringling School of Art. He was self-employed as a demolition expert and served on various projects throughout the United States and the Middle East. He often remarked that he blew up more things than he could remember, which may be why after an “active” early adult life, J.D. finally embraced sobriety.

Best known for his willingness to help people, J.D. was proud of his last 23 years of sobriety. He served as a sponsor to many throughout the New England Seacoast who struggled with addiction. A bit of a local legend, many knew him as the gentle giant who would not hesitate to stand up for what he believed in, and occasionally challenge the rules and regulations along the way. His larger than life personality will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was very grateful for the care he received at Clipper Harbor of Portsmouth during his last few years and for hospice care his last few days.

Visiting hours will be from 5-8 P.M. Friday, September 11, 2015 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be at 11 A.M. Saturday September 12, 2015 in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. As all who knew J.D. will understand, casual attire for the services is perfectly acceptable. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Center for Wildlife, P.O. Box 620, Cape Neddick, ME 03902, www.yorkcenterforwildlife.org/donate.htm.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Forsberg, Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I knew JD when he was a Life Guard at Rye Beach. He was my hero sticking up for me with a junky. RIP JD you were a good man. Keith Noyes*

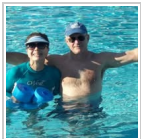
Keith Noyes - September 01, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Forsberg family! I'm sorry I could not make the services, but I wanted to let all of you know that I always thought the world of JD. He was a true character of the Seacoast and he had a heart of gold. He will be missed by all who knew him.*



Peter T. Sheehan - October 24, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of JD's passing. I agree that he was a local legend. His passing is a reminder that we are all getting older + the life we knew growing up is beginning to fade away. Very sobering! Rest in peace JD. Never forget Baileys + the great times.*

Peter Viano

Peter Viano - September 15, 2015 at 08:00 PM

BA

“ Bill Alan lit a candle in memory of John D. Forsberg, Jr.



Bill Alan - September 15, 2015 at 02:44 PM

BA

“ I just heard of j d 's passing at wound care today. Crying as I type this. Just spoke with him 2 weeks ago like always in the waiting room. God bless his soul and his family. I'm glad he's at peace now.

Bill Alan - September 15, 2015 at 01:44 PM

BN

“ I am sorry To hear about J.D. I was JD's roommate while we both attended Vesper George School of Art. As you might imagine there was never a dull moment with JD around. My best wishes to his family. Peace my friend.
Nick

Bill Nickerson - September 13, 2015 at 05:56 AM

NP

“ Well my best memory of JD is our mutual love of art. He always encouraged me in HS about my work and he thought I had talent. We shared a few art classes together and I only remember my talks with JD about our projects and art in general. He was a talented man and I am so sorry to the family for your huge loss..

Nadine Perry - September 12, 2015 at 06:46 AM

JK

“ Aw J.D. I am very happy that you are home into your safe harbor with your family. I am sorry I hadn't stopped by to see you of late. I'll miss you until we meet again. May God be with your mother and sisters and all your family.

Jane Fisher Kirk and family

Jane Kirk - September 12, 2015 at 06:28 AM

JK

You always felt like a brother to me by the way. OXOXOXOX

Jane Kirk - September 12, 2015 at 06:31 AM

EW

“ I never knew JD that well when at Winnacunnet: he was always larger than life, as you all know. But during one of our high school reunions, onboard one of the Gauron boats, he was incredibly kind to me when someone spoke harshly of my long dead mother (she died of alcoholism in '68.). He stood up for me & we talked about recovery & laughed. He knew someone who got a DUI while driving a lawnmower. Recovery is possible, folks. So sorry that he was sick so long. Surely he is NOT resting in peace, but shaking things up.

Enid Watson - September 12, 2015 at 06:20 AM

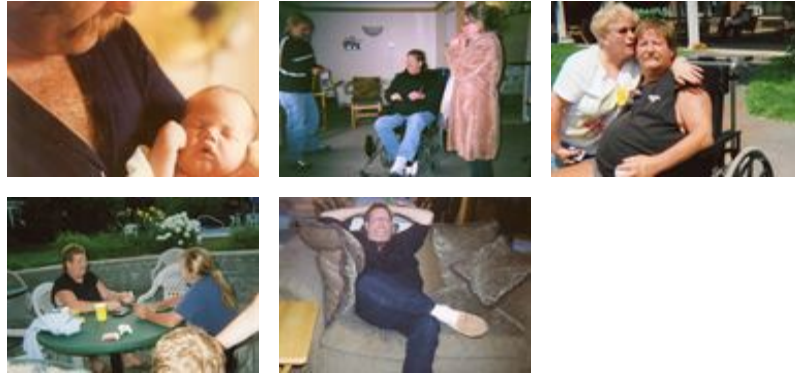
GR

“ A Hampton Beach Legend to say the least. To know JD was an experience. Growing up in Hampton without JD would have been really, really boring. Never a dull moment. Oh the stories and adventures. Even now, when I think of him I shake my head and smile. He was and is an integral part of my time in Hampton knowing him. You will be missed my friend. Patti and I send our prayers and condolences to his family. God Bless.

Glenn and Patti Robbins - September 11, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 11, 2015 at 01:34 PM

FH

“ *Rest in Peace.....
Friend of Bill's*

Faley Harris - September 11, 2015 at 11:51 AM

DB

“ *Linda & family,*

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of JD. He was always fun to be around. I'm so glad he found himself and had a lot of happy years after he "sowed his wild oats" . I remember when we would go to the games to watch him play football. I remember having parties in the cellar at your house and your parents would send him down to disrupt things when it got too "quiet". He will be so missed.

Debbie Meyer Blake

Debbie Meyer Blake - September 11, 2015 at 10:58 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. You were larger than life and NEVER A DULL MOMENT. I have a lot of crazy memories and they all make me smile, but I'll never forget being blown away when Linda showed me some of your art. You had something really special.

David Duquenne - September 11, 2015 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ With deep sympathy, fond memories and love to your family. Rest in peace my friend. Mary Ann Ross



Mary Ann Ross - September 11, 2015 at 08:09 AM

SB

“ Sandy Bocko lit a candle in memory of John D. Forsberg, Jr.



Sandy Bocko - September 11, 2015 at 06:43 AM

SB

What a Wonderful gift you had in your Caring and Loving Family... Today , especially, thinking of one of ,the most precious bonds I've seen .. between a Mother and Son ... Blessings, Marianne... Much Love ~*~, ... may the Family feel the Peace, Love & Grace ... of JD's new Beginnings

Sandy Bocko - September 11, 2015 at 07:06 AM

JL

“ JD, I know a lot of people could/would say this, but I have to as well....we had such a good time, always trying to mask our pain....and ending up having a better time than anyone else around. So glad we reconnected last year, and I could bring you coffee.....truly a loss. My love to your family.....Jenny Lerner

jennifer Lerner - September 10, 2015 at 10:39 PM

LL

“ J.D. You will always be a shining memory to me of brightness, character, and rank of your own beautiful class & ways. Only but smiling memories of you for me. I hope you are resting in eternal peace.

Liza A Levin - September 10, 2015 at 06:16 PM

LH

“ JD took me to see the Band CHICAGO at Hampton Beach Casino and we had front row seats. During a song the Drummer stood and tossed his drumsticks to me. J.D. said the reason I got them was because I was with him, lol..He had a great sense of humor..And, when he was a Lifeguard in Rye he saved someone from drowning and made the news. Mostly he loved his Family and animals.

Lois Hussey - September 10, 2015 at 05:31 PM

LH

My condolences to Marianne, Linda, Susie and the rest of the Family. God bless him..

Lois Hussey - September 12, 2015 at 08:06 AM

LF

“ I will miss my crazy ,witty brother in law yendpusly even though he could be a royal you know what! He was a good uncle to my daughter she all alwYs remember when he wore her pink tutu on his head and paraded down hptom beach wearing cowboy boots and shorts only he could pull that off rip jd kiss michael and jack for melons Lisa chandler forsberg

lisa forsberg - September 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

CM

“ JD-I will miss days sitting in the sun, watching the birds and squirrels and laughing at your quick wit and optimistic sense of humor. Rest easy my friend.

Christina Meyer - September 10, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Sorry to hear about JD's passing. Always fond memories of meeting up with him. First met him when he played football for WHS. Always a kind soul. RIP.
Debbie Manix Nelson

Debbie Manix Nelson - September 10, 2015 at 12:32 PM

JC

“ Marianne, Susie, Linda and family,
Sending you heartfelt sympathy. May fond memories of J.D. be a comfort to you all.
Peter and Judy Curtis

Judy Curtis - September 10, 2015 at 11:34 AM

TA

“ *Susie and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of JD. I can remember meeting him 20+ ago at the Hang Five where I was sitting and listening to him sharing stories and thinking wow this guy is interesting and so funny. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. I am so sorry for your loss.
XOXO
Tasha*

Tasha - September 10, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *He was a great guy. Terrific sense of humor. Rest in peace.*

Bob Kelley - September 10, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John D. Forsberg, Jr..*



September 10, 2015 at 10:28 AM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Carolyn Hurley - September 10, 2015 at 08:14 AM

LI

There he is in his prime! Handsome dude indeed. Thank you Carolyn. I love this photo. ox Linda

Linda - September 10, 2015 at 09:18 AM

TS

“ *God bless JD. It was truly an honor to know him. My condolences to the family. Thomas M. Sheridan*

Thomas M. Sheridan - September 10, 2015 at 06:03 AM

DK

“ *J D use to play cards at my house on Sat when I was growing up. He always made me laugh. He joins lots of friends from his class. I'm sure Heaven is rocking tonight.*

R I P Big Guy

Debbie Gratta Kiernan

Debbie Kiernan - September 09, 2015 at 09:55 PM

JD

“ I met JD in 1979 when I moved back here from New York. JD was a big guy that was full of life and was always driving a lot of people nuts with his antics. He was good hearted and a pile of fun. I think mostly everyone liked JD and then there were some that didn't? I always liked him, and his brother Michael, both great guys.

The whole Forsberg family were great people and all loved him! I just learned of JD,s passing about 20 minutes ago, my brother Buck told me and then I got an email from my sister Diane telling me. It wasn't something I ever thought would happen in my life anyway. JD was a bit of a legend, he of course calmed down in recent years in fact I hadn't seen him in quite a while.

I want to express my condolences to Mrs. Forsberg and the rest of his family. Well he can now hang out with Jack and Michael and my father Jack will probably be trying to herd them somewhere up there! JD RIP my friend, you'll be missed!

Keeping it simple!
Jack D

Jack Doheny - September 09, 2015 at 08:17 PM

PH

RIP JD We sure had alot of wild times you name it we did it Ill see you on the other side You will be missed Pat Hogan

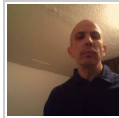
PaT hOGAN - September 11, 2015 at 06:20 PM

BB

JD - I knew you for almost 50 years and I've got to admit that at times it was hard keeping up with you but it was sure fun trying. Thanks for being a great friend and for showing me what a true "free spirit" really is - you were a treasure to those that knew you - I hope that you have found the peace that so often seemed to elude you in this world. I took great pleasure in seeing those pictures of you and your son and grand kids - you were a blessed man.

Marianne, Linda, Suzie and Cory and the rest of the extended family - my very deepest condolences on the passing of JD - he was indeed a legend to all that knew him and he will be sadly missed. Thank you for posting all of those pictures, they were a wonderful trip down a long, long memory lane.

Bob Bergquist - September 12, 2015 at 02:19 AM



JD was a nice man who cared for the "children" of Hampton, there has to be a place in heaven for the man. Good-bye JD, I mean to promptly apologize.

Thomas Muniz - September 12, 2015 at 08:10 AM

LS

JD you had a smile to rival my brother's Ted Horne. You can see him now. I found you endearing and am sorry I did not say goodbye. No news of you in Illinois. Just that you were ill from a friend. God give you safe passage.

*Fondly
Lucia*

Lucia H. Stumreiter - September 14, 2015 at 10:20 PM

BP

He will be greatly missed. The pictures bring back memories of days long passed.

Bill Poulin - September 16, 2015 at 05:50 PM

MM

Sorry to hear of JD's passing, we were suppose to join the Marine Corps together back in 69 it just didn't work out. See you on the other side brother. Gy/Sgt Michael MacDonald Ret

Michael MacDonald - September 18, 2015 at 11:03 AM

TP

Rest Easy JD...sum great memories pard...

terry purington - September 20, 2015 at 08:07 AM

RT

"What a long strange road its' been" Oh the memories, one could write volumes. Wish I seen you when I visited the coast a couple years. Last I remember spending any time with you was in California, after I came home from a concert, there you were in all your glory. I'll see you again my friend, sometime down that long and winding road. Peace out.....Rick Tilton

Rick Tilton - February 08, 2016 at 07:36 AM

RO

Rory O'Connor. Jd...you were quite an amazing character. Everyone knew you from Seabrook to Rye. There were lots of good stories. I remember having drinks with you and Joey Taraz at Pier 2...fair winds and following seas my friend.

Rory O'Connor - February 22, 2020 at 05:14 PM