



Johnny Ray Potts Jr

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Johnny Ray "Jay" Potts Jr. of Longview, TX, was born on July 20, 1984, in Monroe, Louisiana, and passed away on January 17, 2025, at the age of 40 in Tyler, TX. Jay grew up in Hallsville, TX, where he graduated in 2003. He truly embodied the belief that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and his generosity knew no bounds. Not only was he generous in life, but he also chose to be an organ donor, ensuring that his kindness would continue even in death.

As a devoted father, Jay cherished his two beautiful children, Kason and Rylee Potts who were the center of his world and his proudest accomplishments. He worked tirelessly to provide for them, ensuring they had the life they deserved. His vibrant personality and caring nature brought joy to every gathering, and he always prioritized the well-being of those he loved.

Jay had a smile that could light up any room, a great sense of humor, and a love for spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed playing pool, working on cars and fishing – hobbies he often shared with those closest to him. His enduring spirit was also reflected in his affection for his beloved dogs, Asta and Happy Tail.

Jay is survived by his children, Kason and Rylee Potts; his parents, Johnny and Dodie Potts, and Joe and Annette Hunt; his grandmother, Martha McPherson, and his five sisters: Shannon (Chad) Lee, Tabitha Sappington, Jennifer Brown, Lakrisha Steward, and Kelly (Erick) Yarbrough. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews: Justin Lee, Kevin Ward, Kameron Sappington, Nick Brown, Jordan Steward, Declan Yarbrough, Krista Metts (Jonathan), Brooke Garcia (Luis), Kelsi Daniel (Fisher), Kayla Lee, Angel Ward, Kyra Steward, Piper Brewer, as well as a great-niece, River Daniel. In addition to his immediate family, Jay is remembered fondly by his aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Jay's warm spirit and unwavering support touched countless lives. His legacy of love and kindness will live through his children and the memories shared by all who



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knew him. May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing and inspire us to carry forward his values of generosity and love.

A funeral service for Jay will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.



Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 23 at 5:48 AM



Maria Oneil lit a candle in honor of Johnny.



January 27 at 1:20 PM

MO Maria Oneil January 27 at 1:22 PM
Dear Kelly and Family, I am sorry to hear of your loss, Connor and I will be praying for you.



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Potts family.



January 23 at 7:29 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Johnny.



January 23 at 7:29 AM



Dodge sent an Arrive in Style to the Potts family.



January 22 at 2:15 PM



Yarbrough sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Potts family.



January 22 at 6:32 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Potts family.

January 22 at 3:28 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Johnny.

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Caron Searcy posted:

R I P Jay, you will never be forgotten

January 21 at 5:27 PM



With Love, Ellie & Raymond Murray sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Potts family.

January 21 at 4:08 PM



Debbie & Johnny Peck sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Potts family.

January 21 at 2:44 PM



The Edwards Family lit a candle in honor of Johnny.

Love and prayers for all who knew Jay. He was a friend to my family for 18 years. U will be missed sir. Always in our hearts bud. Love u my friend. REST EASY Jay

January 21 at 12:40 PM





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Love Daniels Family sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Potts family.



January 21 at 11:58 AM



Tammy Irvin posted:

I had the honor of meeting Jay thru his sister Lakrishia the mother of my grandchildren Kyra&Jordan Steward. Jay was the kindest person you could ever meet.and his smile will melt your heart you couldn't help but love this youngman. It was a time in my life that I didn't think I could survive! This youngman helped me when I was in need. His whole family is very generous and Jay is just like his dad Johnny sr. Always offering a helping hand please keep his family in prayer. Love you Jay like my own son Rest in Heaven ♥

January 21 at 8:49 AM

TS **Tabathia Sappington** January 21 at 2:48 PM

My brother will always be cherished a wonderful man he absolutely was and there's some mistakes in this obituary he's nieces Angel Ward, and Kameron Sappington as well and a great uncle of my First Grandbaby Zayden Ward. Bubba I'll love you forever and our legacy shall live on. I love you Tammy Irvin. My brother would want all us to be happy that he is in a wonderful place with God and dancing smiling down on all of us and a great guardian angel he will be. Rest in love and in heaven, and peace.*!!❤️😭



Jessica Aikins posted:

Jay was cut from a different cloth. Fire and ice. Blunt, but kind. Wild and free. Rest easy my brother.

January 21 at 8:34 AM



From Starbrite Family sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Potts family.



January 21 at 8:13 AM



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FF

From Starbrite Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Johnny.



January 21 at 8:13 AM

HA

Harleyschluter posted:

Me and Johnny were classmates and he was a good friend

January 21 at 7:26 AM

LE

Laura Lee Rich Insurance & Sherry Evans sent a Fall Fantasia to the Potts family.



January 21 at 7:26 AM

TD

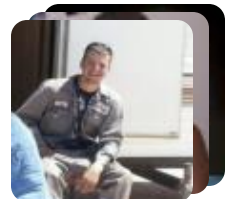
Terry D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Johnny.



January 21 at 7:25 AM

LS

Lakrishia Steward shared 3 photos to the **Jay** album.



January 20 at 4:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Potts family.



January 20 at 2:51 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Johnny by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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