



Jay Leeson, V

March 5, 1979 - September 28, 2023

John Thomas "Jay" Leeson, V, 44, of Lubbock, Texas passed away September 28, 2023.

Jay was born March 5, 1979 in Plainview, TX to John Leeson, IV and Barbara Leeson. He grew up in Abernathy, TX, then studied journalism at Texas Tech University and theology at Asbury Theological Seminary. He merged these two passions in his journalistic endeavors in writing, radio and cartooning.

Jay had a caring heart and loved West Texas. He was passionate about speaking up for the marginalized and used his theological background to be a prophetic voice in the public sphere. In recent years this took the form of advocating for rural populations of Texas. He often signed off communications with the phrase "Hale County Forever." Jay was an award-winning cartoonist and journalist whose work appeared in numerous publications locally, throughout the state and nationwide. He was also named a Colonel by the state of Kentucky for his work supporting locally-owned businesses. We will all miss his creativity, intellect and political courage.

Jay was a devoted father who adored his children, and a beloved son and brother. He was a friend to many people from all walks of life.

Jay's loved ones include his daughter Grace; sons Jack, Sam and Charlie; beloved mother Barbara Leeson of Lubbock; father and step-mother John and Leslie Leeson of Wagoner, OK; brother Michael (Emma) Leeson of Madison, WI; sister Whitney (Jevon) Cheney of Ohio; brother Tucker Leeson of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews; Charity Leeson of Lubbock; and the Nick White family of Abilene.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to a ministry Jay loved, Lubbock Young Life at <https://tx34.younglife.events/lbkylleeson>.

Please honor Jay's memory by attending a celebration of his life held at Sanders Funeral Home Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 4:00pm. Attendees will be invited to visit and share

stories and memories of Jay.

See more info at www.sandersfuneralhome.com. A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jay Leeson, V



Sanders Funeral Home - October 22, 2023 at 01:33 PM

JD

“ Maybe shoulda minded your own bidness.



john t dunbar - October 03, 2024 at 10:46 PM

CB

“ My dear friend of over thirty years. We were very close knit in Abernathy, especially during our Senior year on the bball team. Jay was always vibrant and passionate . I will miss him dearly

Craig Blakes - October 29, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MR

“ If this world had 2 more Jay Leeson's I would feel confident that the world we leave for our children will be a much better world. He was like not many others. Goodbye, friend.

Mark Reichel - October 22, 2023 at 10:56 AM

TP

“ Although we did not know Jay we had been praying him hoping for a miracle. But he is with his Heavenly Father now so our condolences and prayers are with all the family members.

Pastors Terry and Kelly Presley

Wagoner OK

Terry & Kelly Presley - October 21, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jay Leeson, V.*



October 20, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jay Leeson, V.*



October 18, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ *Jay visiting me at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Jay was a great, great guy.*



Jack Bush - October 16, 2023 at 09:56 AM