



## Lester "Jay" Rohrer

March 23, 1953 - September 27, 2011

Lester "Jay" Rohrer, son of the late Raymond and Mary Catherine (Mumaw) Rohrer, was born March 23, 1953 in Wooster, Ohio. He passed away at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2011 surrounded by family and friends at his home in Waynesville, Missouri.

As a young boy, Jay and his family were members of the Wooster Mennonite community. He grew up in Smithville, Ohio (Wayne County) and graduated from Smithville High School before later attending Columbia College and Jacksonville State University.

On May 4, 1972, Jay was united in marriage with the love of his life, Blanche Young in Wooster, Ohio. They shared over 39 years of marriage together and were blessed with three sons: Brian, Brent and Brad.

In 1975, Jay entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge in 1986. Jay and his family were stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, Nuremburg, Germany, Ft. Sheridan, IL and Ft. McClellan, AL. Jay also did an unaccompanied tour of duty at Johnston Island. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

After leaving the military, Jay began working with the Department of Defense and did so at Ft. McClellan, AL and Ft. Leonard Wood, MO where he was

currently employed before becoming ill.

In his spare time, Jay loved being outdoors; whether it was fishing, camping or playing a round of golf. He also liked to travel and see new places. Most importantly, he treasured the times spent with his family and friends. He was very proud of being the best man at all three of his sons' weddings. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Jay leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Blanche Rohrer of the home; three children: Brian K. Rohrer (Wendi) of Cedartown, GA; Brent A. Rohrer (Amy) of Lynn Haven, FL and Brad A. Rohrer (Sarah) of Tallahassee, FL; four siblings: David "Lee" Rohrer (Leslie) of Fox Lake, IL, Rayene Schrock of Wooster OH; Lonnie "Guy" Rohrer of Wooster, OH and Robert "Jon" Rohrer of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; one granddaughter: Jordan Grace Rohrer; 14 nieces and nephews; 15 great nieces and nephews; mother-in-law: Marian Young; brother and sister-in-law: Herb and Carol Young; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Lil and Ron Duncan and Barb and Eric VanPelt; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jay was preceded in death by his father-in-law: George Young and one brother-in-law: Phil Schrock.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jay Rohrer to the American Cancer Society or the Lupus Foundation.

A memorial service was held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville, Missouri with Andy Mostajo officiating. The songs "Wind Beneath My Wings", "Danny Boy", "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Fire and Rain".

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jay Rohrer to the

American Cancer Society of the National Lupus Foundation and may be left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester "Jay" Rohrer*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lester "Jay" Rohrer*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Jay was a good man. I always respected the kind of husband and father he was for his family. I know that he will be missed.##imported-begin##Michelle Clark##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2011 at 09:47 AM



“ *Blanche, I just read about Jay's passing and I wanted to express my heart-felt sympathies. If there is anything that you need, please let me know. I often think of you and the good times we had at the health club. I would like to hear from you so we can re-establish our friendship.##imported-begin##Tom Buzan##imported-end##*

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October 11, 2011 at 09:05 PM



“ *Blanche and family, so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. May these days, weeks and months ahead be ones of fond memories and times of laughter with the tears. I lost my husband 9 years ago at age 55, to a sudden heart attach..so I do know a bit about what you are going and will go through..but then each of us are different and have different life situations~ May God be with you all and blessings to you as you navigate this curve in the road.##imported-begin##Kay (Mumaw) Schlabach Sarasota ,Florida##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2011 at 03:47 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I knew him when he was growing up in Smithville. I have a lot of good memories. God bless the family, and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ethel (Burkholder) Hoffman##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2011 at 08:16 AM



“ *Deb & I were so sorry to hear about Jay's passing. I remember Jay growing up in Smithville & going to school together until we finally graduated together in 1971. Memories are fond even though we haven't seen one another for some time. I know all of our classmates will miss him. Coincidentally, we just had our 40th class reunion two weeks ago. Jay's death has now made me realize how precious & fleeting those memories & fun times can be. We are so very sorry & will pray for Jay's wife & family.*

*Our condolences,  
Tuffy & Deb*

*Tuffy & Deb##imported-begin##Duane "Tuffy" & Deb  
Kurtz##imported-end##*

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October 05, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ *Jay and I had an adventurous and fun childhood together in our neighborhood in Smithville. He was family. I am full of so many great memories of him. I hope you all remember him as he was...so very full of life. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as you go through this hard time. Let his memory make you smile.*

*Mike "Huffy" Hoffman ( and Kate too)##imported-begin##MICHAEL  
AND KATE HOFFMAN##imported-end##*

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October 04, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Working with Jay was an honor.##imported-begin##Carolyn Murray##imported-end##*

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October 03, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ To the Rohr Family,  
I knew Jay from our work on the Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty. Jay was always a bright spot in our Treaty meetings/conferences and training exercises. He was positive, energetic, bright and a wonderful example of working together as a team to get the job done. I pray that you and your family will find comfort in the many wonderful memories you had while Jay was here. I feel confident in saying that he will always be remembered by our work team as part of our "work family" and we are all the better for having had the priveledge to know and work with Jay.  
God Bless,  
Carmen Kifer###imported-begin##Carmen Kifer###imported-end##

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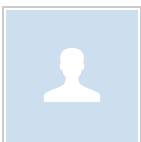
October 03, 2011 at 07:01 AM



“ Jay, you are missed.  
You left a great and lasting impression on alot of people.  
I was glad to have known you and you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Michael Dewitt###imported-end##

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October 01, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ Brian,  
I am sorry to learn of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
  
I only hope you find solace in knowing that your father is in a better place now.  
  
Sincerely,  
J.R.###imported-begin##J.R. Stricker###imported-end##

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October 01, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ Our hearts will always be filled with memories of laughter and love and knowing that Jay will always be with us.##imported-begin##Eric and Barbara VanPelt##imported-end##

October 01, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences. May God hold Jay and you, his loved ones, in the palm of his hand. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##J. Brian Morrisey##imported-end##

October 01, 2011 at 09:51 AM



“ We love you with all of our hearts and wish we could be there with you Blanche, Brad, Brian, and Brent. Jay has always been a dear Uncle to me and we have always had a closeness that we miss and treasure. Our love and prayers are with you for now and for always!! Aunt Blanche, I love you, Michelle. Boys, I pray for you every minute of every day. May the Lord give you strength.##imported-begin##Michelle and Jeremy ( Hayden and Heidi)##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Roger and Karen Ball##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ Ive had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jay for over ten years. He will be tremendously missed. Please accept my deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Ted Wingo##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 05:19 PM



“ So sad to hear about Jay. Our prayers are with the family and all who were close to him. Let us look to God and each other for comfort in this time of grief. Time will heal our hearts and fond memories will be ours to enjoy.##imported-begin##John Moore##imported-end##

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September 30, 2011 at 11:56 AM



“ I have worked with Jay since the mid 90's and am his counterpart in Arkansas. He was a dear friend to me and will truly be missed. Condolences to Blanche, his sons and all his family. He was loved by all! We all considered him a brother of ours. Mike Carpenter##imported-begin##Mike Carpenter##imported-end##

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September 30, 2011 at 09:41 AM



“ May God be with your family and watch over them during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Gary R. Chick##imported-end##

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September 30, 2011 at 09:36 AM



“ We believe that when we lose someone close to us they still live through us and give us strength. The time we have spent with those we've lost makes them part of us."  
"You are in our thoughts and prayers."

*Bob & Lidia Baker##imported-begin##Bob & Lidia Baker##imported-end##*

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September 30, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ *Blanche and family,  
We wish we could be there in person to wrap our arms around you and share our sympathy. Jay was such a joy to be around, and he will be missed so greatly. We love you and will continue to be praying for you!##imported-begin##Chad & Elizabeth Young##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2011 at 10:14 PM



“ *Blanche, I was so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I know your family will wrap their arms around you and give you the strength you need. I hope soon you will be able to smile when think of him.  
Judy##imported-begin##Judy Johnston##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2011 at 06:28 PM



“ *I too always enjoyed every opportunity I had to work with Jay. He was such a wonderful person, personally and professionally. I will miss his laugh and his whole hearted smile. He will be missed by many, I was blessed to have known him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cathy##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2011 at 04:18 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Jay's family, we will miss him at FLW. He was a true professional and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Dave Robinson##imported-end##*

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September 29, 2011 at 03:32 PM



“ We had a Treaty Coordinator's meeting this last week and really missed Jay. We will be praying for the family to have strength to carry you through these hard times and strength to do what needs to be done for the future. Please let us know if we can be of any help. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Pat Steranka Treaty Officer at Pueblo Chemical Depot##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 02:07 PM



“ I have only known Jay for a couple of years now from working with Treaty, but it has been a pleasure working with him. I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. My deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Anne Marie Rhodes##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 01:21 PM



“ Our group worked with Jay for many years. He could always be counted on and would assist others as he truly understood his work. He was a great man and the treaty community will miss him dearly. It was a pleasure to have had the chance to work with him and know him. I will keep his family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Crystal Legaluppi##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ We will still cry.  
We will always cry.  
But with loving reflection  
more than hopeless longing.

And that is how we survive.  
That is how the story should end.  
That is how they would want it to be##imported-  
begin##carmen##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ God gave us friends to enjoy the life we have here on earth. We will miss our friend, Jay, every day. Jay was a positive energy for all of us. His smile lit the room, never complaining, this would be his wish for Blanche, his boys and his friends.

"If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow."

We love you, Jay.##imported-begin##Luge and Paul  
Hardman##imported-end##

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September 29, 2011 at 09:52 AM



“ *Blanche, we are so sorry for the loss of Jay. Had no idea that he was ill. If you need anything or if we can do anything just let us know. All our thoughts and prayers are with you. All our Love Ray & Sue##imported-begin##Ray Keeney & Sue Hayes##imported-end##*

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September 28, 2011 at 11:59 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Jay, you all are in our thoughts and may the future get easier for you all.##imported-begin##The Tavis Family ( Gary, Kelly, Noah & Peighton )##imported-end##*

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September 28, 2011 at 09:37 PM