



John Michael Karayannis

July 22, 1995 - February 14, 2019

John Michael Karayannis, 23, of Fort Collins, Colorado, the sweetest boy who ever lived, slipped away on February 14, 2019. He is the beloved son of Annie Harrison and George Karayannis, devoted brother of Kate, cherished soulmate of Janie Schwartz, and special friend to their kitty, Milo. He is also survived by his dearest aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many friends who became family.

John was a member of the Class of 2019 at Colorado State University, Warner College of Natural Resources, majoring in Environmental Science and Sustainability. His month at CSU Mountain Campus in Pingree Park was one of the high points in his life. He graduated with honors from Discovery Canyon High School in Colorado Springs in 2013, where he served as a student body leader and a Peer Partner to special needs students, competed at state in cross country and pole vaulting, and was treasured by his teachers and classmates.

John was an avid hiker and spent many glorious days on the trail marveling at the beauty and grace of Colorado. He loved music, dancing, and going to concerts, especially at Red Rocks with Janie. He made delicious exotic sandwiches and spread much joy from behind the counter at Mad Greens and Cheba Hut, where his deluxe custom tip jar shines on.

Most of all, John shared love with everyone. He didn't care how they looked or how much money they did or didn't have. He always had time to listen to a stranger's life story. He left thoughtful funny notes for Janie and his family and gave the kind of hug that you could still feel after he let go. The world has lost a kind, gentle, and caring soul who loved and felt deeply.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 2:00 pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO. A Celebration of Life will follow from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at Block One, 428 Linden Street, Fort Collins. In honor of John's vividly colorful life, we invite mourners to wear a tie-dyed garment.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fort Collins Rescue Mission, www.fortcollinsrescuemission.org, or the charitable organization of your choice.

Comments



“ So very sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in our prayers.

Mike and Belinda Yingst

Michael Yingst - February 22 at 05:12 PM



“ DCC's pole vault family, John's senior year.



Destiny Rummel - February 21 at 11:06 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and pray that the Lord Jesus be near you. Lifting your family in prayer... Nick and Kelli Bitner, Covington Ohio.

Kelli Bitner - February 21 at 09:29 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting John during my time at CSU and in Theta Chi. He radiated love and kindness for everyone around him. His passion was infectious and made you want to do better. John was always willing to lend a helping hand and never backed away from a challenge. He will be forever missed. Love you brother.



Brandon - February 21 at 08:54 AM



“ I had the pleasure of getting to know John at the CSU Mountain Campus. Music is super important to me, as it was John, and this was something that we bonded over in addition to the learning, exploring, and adventuring we did over the month at mountain campus. He was an amazing example to everyone around him for demonstrating love, caring for one another, and seeing the good in life. He will be

dearly, dearly missed in the Warner College community.

Wesley Hartman - February 20 at 02:47 PM



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Fort Collins Rescue Mission
316 Jefferson St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Chris Karayannis - February 20 at 02:34 PM



“ 131 files added to the album In Loving Memory of John Michael Karayannis



George Karayannis - February 20 at 01:20 PM



“ So many beautiful memories, George... We are so very sorry and send you all loving and healing thoughts, prayers and energy. We are here if there is anything we may do. Valarie Murray

Valarie Murray - February 20 at 07:45 PM



“ George, Dawn Annie, and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.

Greg & Stacie Carder

Greg Carder - February 22 at 10:37 AM



“ George and Annie, as you know by now my flight was cancelled as I sat on the runway here in Phoenix Friday night due to weather in Denver.

Brad said the gathering in Ft. Collins was wonderful and I wish I could have been there to celebrate John's life. I even had a couple tie-dye shirts for Brad and me to wear. :-)

It is obvious how many lives your son touched and Brad always valued his friendship.

Best Regards, Greg

Greg - February 25 at 04:48 PM



“ John & Jack- John was a huge supporter of inclusion for students with special needs



MsKatie Trujillo - February 20 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Michael Karayannis.



February 20 at 11:18 AM