



## Mr. John Thomas Panasuk

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John Thomas Panasuk passed away Sept. 18, 2015 in his home in Winnetka, CA .

Known by all his friends as "JT", Jay by family, and John by record was only 47 years old.

He was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Mission Hills, CA on February 4, 1968. The son of Mildred and John Panasuk, brother of Tina, Donna, Liz and Kate was the youngest child in the family. We remember Dad being so happy that he finally got his boy.

John attended Limerick Elementary School, Lawrence Junior High and Chatsworth High School. John was a baseball enthusiast, playing and umpiring games on the park leagues. He was an avid baseball card collector and a fan of the New York Yankees. Some say he was a world class baseball trivia expert extraordinaire.

John's passion was guns, ammo and shooting. He loved to shoot, indoor - outdoor ranges, it did not matter.

Often making a day of it by taking family and friends with their families.

John worked in the student housing department at Cal State University Northridge (CSUN) for over 18 years.

During his employment as a maintenance mechanic he established long and lasting friendship. Friends, co-workers and those fortunate enough to have known him and were touched by the gentle giant will cherish the memories of his time with us.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Holschlag Panasuk and father, John Joseph Panasuk of Winnetka, CA.

John is survived by his girlfriend, Marlyn Smith of Winnetka, CA, his sisters, Tina Hutchinson-Emerick and husband Don, of Atascadero, CA, sister Ladonna Panasuk-Rodriguez and husband Jaime of North Hollywood, CA, sister Liz Cooper of Valencia CA, and sister Kate Ross and her husband, Tom of La Quinta, CA.

Nieces and nephews: Annie and Derek Gainer and their children Aubry and Shea, James Hutchinson of Tucson, AZ and his son Brody, Jenny and Mike Babbidge of Valencia, CA and their children Ryder and Grady, Monica and Jeff Storch of New York, NY and their children Sadie and Ben, Danielle and Matt Bellanger of Pasadena, CA, Chris and Dawn Cooper of Valencia, CA and their children Kylie and Kiera, Jeremy and Lindsey Cooper of Arroyo Grande, CA and their children Gwen and Brie, Kyle and Hanan Olson of Long Beach, CA and Kerry Olson of Torrance CA.

John, Jay, "JT" was a great brother, partner, cousin, and friend. He was our protector. Strong in times of need, steadfast and understanding.

Just his presence was reassuring. He was intelligent, always surprising one with his vast knowledge of multiple subjects. A man of strong convictions, of what's right and wrong, loyal and loving to family and friends.

Jay the tuff guy with a heart of gold.

He was one of a kind and will be profoundly missed but will live on in our hearts and memories forever.

Online guest book is available at [www.uttermckinley.com](http://www.uttermckinley.com)

Any questions please contact: [kate@odcdesert.com](mailto:kate@odcdesert.com)

In lieu of flowers and gifts donations can be made to:

The American Heart Association

<http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp> and

Little League Baseball at [littleleague.org](http://littleleague.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Thomas Panasuk*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mr. John Thomas Panasuk*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Tomorrow marks three years and yet the it feels like yesterday when we lost you. Miss you so very much. Forever you will be in my heart. Love your sis, T*



**Tina Emerick** - September 17, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Uncle Jay I will miss you very much. For ever you will stay in my heart. I love you. Jennifer, Mike, Ryder, Grady*

**Jennifer Babbidge - Valencia, CA - niece** - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Jay. Brody and I will miss you very much. Thank you for all the good times you and I had together playing baseball, going shooting, and just tossing the ball back and fourth. Thank you for putting up with a new borne in your house. I'm glad you got to see Brodys first year's. You will be misssd more than word's can say. Love you. May you rest in peace.*

**James Hutchinson - tucson, AZ - nephew** - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the family of J/T, Our prayers are with you and yours. May the Lord have mercy on your broken hearts, and may he give you all the comforts as only a father can.

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**Dan. - Rancho San Pedro, CA - Union Brother** - October 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ JT was like a brother to me. We knew each other for well over 20 years and he was a genuine friend. His sense of humor was second to none and always was willing to give a helping hand. We shared the same office and often had meaningful and private conversations about a number of things. Every day I have a clear reminder of him as I face his desk across mine. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace my dear friend JT.

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**Jose Garcia - Winnetka, CA - Friend, Co-worker** - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of JT. He was a gentle giant and a hard working and an honest man.

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**John Pedretti - Porter Ranch, CA - Hired JT in Housing, Director** - September 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My heart is beyond sad.

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**Liz Cooper - Valencia, CA - Sister** - September 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I offer sincere condolences to friends and family during this difficult time. May you rely on God as he provides comfort for those who are bereaved (Psalm 147:3)

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**- NC** - September 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Jay will miss you very much. Sorry our relationship went downhill in the last few years but loved you just the same. I will always remember playing army men in the dirt going into the chicken coop when we were told not to. Thanks to you I know how to throw and catch baseball really well. Loved going shooting and listening to all your music when visiting on holidays.

*Will miss you so very much.*

*Thank you for being Uncle Jay*

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**Annie Gainer - Canyon Country, CA - niece** - September 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I'M GOING TO MISS YOU I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL THE FUN WE HAD AT WORK YOU WERE THE BEST ANYTIME WE NEEDED ANYTHING YOU WERE THERE. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN RIP LOVE YOU MUCH.

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**cora balthrop - augusta, GA - friend** - September 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our dear and beautiful friend and coworker JT we will miss you forever and love you always by remembering our most treasured blessed memories we were graced with in your presence. Your person touched our hearts and souls deeply always feeling amazed at what a great guy you will always be to us. Our hearts are broken being here without you and can't understand why you were taken so soon. We look to the Lord for understanding and comfort for everyone who had the pleasure of knowing and meeting JT. We all need the Lord to fill up this big void in the world that JT left. We stand in prayer with this great need. Until we see you again JT... We love you man.

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**Colleen Garcia - Winnetka, CA - Friend and husband's coworker** - September 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM