



## Eric Howard Jans

September 3, 2017

Eric Howard Jans, 58, of Easton, MD, died peacefully on September 3, 2017 at the Anne Arundel Medical Center, with his wife and loved ones by his side. Born in Landstuhl, Germany, in 1959, Eric was the son of a career Air Force officer.

Eric's family moved often until finally relocating to Fairfax, VA, where he spent his teenage years. As an adult, he moved to the Eastern Shore where he developed his skills as an artist. His medium was wood, and his canvas was the yachts he worked on. He was exceptionally passionate about his work, loved the challenge of creating, and enjoyed talking shop and sharing trade secrets with anyone.

Eric was a spiritual, philosophical, and deep thinker with a wacky, engaging sense of humor. He pondered the big questions in life and believed our thoughts produce the outcome and provide the context which shape all of our life experiences. A tall, thin man with a voice as deep and smooth as the Black Russians, he enjoyed drinking, Eric was a loving, gentle giant who was able to provide tough love to inspire and encourage. He loved waterfalls and motorcycling the Dragon's Tail and local putts with friends and family. He strove for positivity and meditated daily on encouraging, uplifting messages. He did not dwell on negativity and actively asked those around him to do the same. Eric lived true to what he believed: it is up to each one of us to live on

our own terms, and he died doing just that: his death means renewed hope for others through Maryland's Living Legacy Donor Program.

Eric was a dedicated husband and friend and is survived by wife, Sheleen Schiera, and the animals he loved, Willie and Maddie, both Corgis, and Jack the Cat; his father Ken Jans, his brother and sister-in-law Brian and Brenda Jans; two sisters, Susan and Betsi Jans; and his lifelong friend, Joe Bailey and his wife Gretchen; nieces, Elizabeth Jans, Alyssa Chaffin, Virginia Link, Alice Miller, Olivia Schiera, Tian Schiera, and Tehva Schiera; nephews, Kevin Jans, Nick Jans, John Chaffin, Paul Einsig, and Silas Schiera; and many others forged through friendship and love of family. Eric was predeceased by his mother, Dee Jans.

He would be most honored if those he leaves practice active gratitude, acknowledging the many blessings we have in life.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Heart Association at <https://donatenow.heart.org/>.

A Memorial Service will be held on September 30, 2017, at 2pm, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam, at 408 South Liberty Street, in Centreville, MD.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Howard Jans*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 27, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Eric Howard Jans*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Eric Howard Jans*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Eric Howard Jans*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Tehva sent a virtual gift in memory of Eric Howard Jans*



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**Tehva** - December 05, 2018 at 12:46 PM

TE

“ Tehva lit a candle in memory of Eric Howard Jans



Tehva - December 05, 2018 at 12:45 PM

TS

“ He would always tease me and call me Sally.

Tehva Schiera - November 06, 2017 at 09:43 AM

TS

“ One evening he was bored and he built a little roof over the door to his workshop.

Tehva Schiera - November 06, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Eric Howard Jans.



September 29, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DL

“ Derick Lynch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eric Howard Jans.



Derick Lynch - September 27, 2017 at 08:02 AM

DP

“ Daniel Pletzer lit a candle in memory of Eric Howard Jans



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**Daniel Pletzer** - September 09, 2017 at 07:33 AM

DP

*I never met Mr Jans but just by reading his obituary and being a patient at AAMC at times sounds like I missed a very good fellow so cherish the many memories and my best to the family!*

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**Daniel Pletzer** - September 09, 2017 at 07:42 AM

LB

*We are sorry to hear of Eric's passing. I have worked with him through Solidtops. He will be missed and I pray for comfort for his family.*

*Linda Booze*

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**Linda Booze** - September 13, 2017 at 02:31 PM

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*He was the coolest Uncle on my dads side of the family.*

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**Tehva Schiera** - January 04, 2018 at 12:09 PM