



David Griggs-Janower

September 27, 1952 - August 25, 2013

Schenectady-David Griggs-Janower died Sunday, August 25, 2013 surrounded by his family. Son of the late Benjamin and Claire Janower, David was born and raised on Long Island, NY. He has been a resident of the Capital District since 1981.

David is survived by his wife Paige and their children, Kathryn and Michael and his extended family.

The family will greet friends and loved ones at the First Reformed Church, 8 North Church Street, Schenectady, NY on Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

A Memorial celebration will follow at 11:00 am on Friday, August 30th, 2013 at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd Street, Troy, NY.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Albany Pro Musica.

To leave the family a special message, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
30 2nd Street
Troy, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *David Griggs-Janower*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Paige, Just found out yesterday about David and was, still am, completely shocked. I remember when you first met David, and I can't believe he is gone. This must have been such a painful period of your life and I am sorry I didn't find out sooner to extend what small comfort I could. My best to you, your kids, your parents and your brother. You and I shared several years of great moments and memories which I think of very fondly. You were one of what is a small number of my very best friends. My thoughts are with you.*

Kendall

Kendall Klett - February 04, 2014 at 08:13 AM



“ *Shelley and I are stunned to hear of David's death, which I discovered on the internet by chance today, September 20. We knew and loved David while we were together at the Aspen Music Festival in the 80's and then enjoyed meeting Paige and keeping track of each other's family through holiday greetings over the years. Our hearts go out to Paige and to all of the family. - Don Andrews, former administrator of the Aspen Choral Institute and currently Fine Arts Chair at Center for Creative Arts in Chattanooga, TN*

Don Andrews - September 20, 2013 at 01:18 PM

RE

“ As Katy's kindergarten teacher, I got to know David, Paige and Mikey (who was really little at the time). David and Paige were so supportive and kind. I am deeply saddened by his loss and I hope that his memories will carry you through the difficult times.
With deepest sympathy,
Rebecca Zionts

Rebecca - September 02, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CF

“ As neighbors to Joyce and Jerry Griggs we often heard stories of the great trips taken with David and Paige and the children to faraway places. We hope these and other wonderful memories will be a comfort to this close family through the difficult times. With deepest sympathy,
Roger and Carol Farrell

Carol Farrell - September 01, 2013 at 10:03 AM

DM

“ I was fortunate to be in Albany Pro Music from 1987-1990 before moving out of state, and I served as president of the group in 1989. David was an inspiration to all singers, and always told us to live in the moment, and to enjoy the music. Some of my greatest thrills as a singer were with David and APM. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to Paige, Michael, and Katy.

Dwight Montjar, Goodyear, Arizona

Dwight Montjar - August 31, 2013 at 04:56 PM

KC

“ David showed us all that we can be loving, sincere and authentic and still be successful in the music business. My hope is that everyone who was touched by him will remember that, and strive to be as authentic as possible - we will all be happier, and we will all bring humanity to a more peaceful place.

Kara Cornell - August 31, 2013 at 08:23 AM

LE

“ Life is better because you lived here among us. We'll miss you for a long time to come. With love to those you've left here to keep on living~Tim

Leitungtim@gmail.com - August 29, 2013 at 08:38 PM

 Enaw Elonge

“ I was one of the many lives that Dr. Janower touched both musically and personally. He was a great mentor and inspiration and I miss him dearly. Thank you for helping me reach new height and achieve greater goals. My thoughts go out. to Mikey, Katy, and Mrs. Griggs-Janower.

*"Music in the soul can be heard by the universe." -Lao Tzu
and David Griggs-Janower shall forever be heard.*

*Sincerely,
Enaw Elonge*

Enaw Elonge - August 29, 2013 at 03:37 PM

NB

“ I met David through the high school music parents group (GMPFA). My daughter, Jessie, had been friends with Katy, and my son (Greg) had been friends with Mikey for a long time already. I joined the group to help out if I could. In that group was David. So accomplished in music, but yet so humble and so zealous about helping the kids appreciate music at an early age. He was that parent that went out of his way - finding donations for raffles, attending meetings to come up with new ideas, volunteering to work at events, and even selling raffle tickets during intermission. I wish I had his energy and enthusiasm, but that was all important to him, and you could tell by the energy he put into it - always with a twinkle in his eye or a witty comment or laugh. People like David made my kids who they are. They love music. All kinds. And they learned from David and a few teachers that also worked with David, about the importance of encouragement and giving back. What a wonderful man. We are such better people to have known him for what was too short a time. Katy and Michael and Paige, you are in our hearts and prayers. Whatever you need, please call and we will be there. We are so sorry for your loss.

Nancy Baker, Jessie and Greg Adams

Nancy Baker - August 29, 2013 at 03:11 PM

RR

“ Barbara and I have been praying for David ever since we heard of his difficulties. How does one say goodbye to a friend who shared such wonderful musical times? We wish Paige and family comfort in the knowledge that David is no longer suffering. Know that many many people were touched by his professionalism, humor, love and humanity over the years. God bless.

Rand and Barb Reeves

Robert Reeves - August 29, 2013 at 02:24 PM

RU

“ I had the pleasure of singing in the University Chorale for 4 years and work directly for DJ for 3 years as Choral Assistant. He was an amazing teacher, friend and family man. I looked forward to going to class and work (for a college student, that says a lot!) because it was so much fun to be around DJ; he was talented, inspirational, and always made me laugh. He actually gave me my nickname ("Red") that stuck with many of my friends in college and still today. When I found out his surgery hadn't gone well, I was able to pass along a message to him because my sister is a nurse at the hospital he was at. My sister told him "Red" says she's thinking and praying for him and to be strong...something funny about Guinness and St Pauli girl (the beer he used to leave for me in the fridge in his office) - my sister told me he smiled and acknowledged that he heard her. Even though I wasn't able to physically go visit him, i'm just so happy I was able to have one last time to make him smile and have him know how much I cared. I will truly miss him and will never forget the impact he had on my life.

My deepest condolences to Paige, Katie and Mikey and all other family members/friends. I pray for comfort and strength during this time.

*Sincerely,
Red (Rebecca Ullman)*

Rebecca Ullman - August 29, 2013 at 12:58 PM

VL

“ We have been blessed to have been able to enjoy the work of this amazing teacher. He showed us such beauty and shared his knowledge of the many forms of music.

The legacy he left has enriched us all. To his family, my deep sympathy, and my gratitude for sharing him with us.

Vicky Lobo

Vicky Lobo - August 29, 2013 at 09:34 AM

ES

“ *condolences from Ethan and Collin Skelly and family*

Ethan Skelly - August 29, 2013 at 08:44 AM

WI

“ *I met David through my work with high school choirs. Dr. Robert Young and the APM, with David, came to my high school (in the middle of practically nowhere) and gave us a gift of deeper understanding of music through a workshop. Dr. Young then wrote a piece for my choir, "Strawberry Stone"; we sang it for one APM high school invitational. David wrote me an email the next day - one I'll never forget - complimenting our delivery of Dr. Young's genius. It was over a decade ago.*

I joined APM to work with David, and have so much to be thankful for knowing him. It's a shame that I haven't been able to sing under his direction for the past 7 years, but I remember him telling me that I was always welcome to come back "once things settled down". Well, they haven't settled down, but I carry David in my heart, and thank God for His gift of knowing him.


Bill Crankshaw

William - August 29, 2013 at 05:59 AM

 Hunter
Harville-
Moxley

“ I will never forget the times i got to speak with this man or sit in his office at UAlbany. Having him conduct CDYC and Pro Musica for our combined concerts was just phenomenal. I wish I had the chance to speak with him more during these last few times I saw him at concerts. It's hard to believe that such a wonderful person is no longer with us. I will never forget his smile as he joked during our Carmina Burana concert about how the first note wasnt accented enough. He always knew how to get his point across and make us laugh at the same time. I will also never forget the kindness and compassion i saw in his eyes. Even though we have only met and spoken a handful amount of times, I will never forget this man for helping by being a example of the type of instructor, musician, person that I want to be. Thank you Doctor David Janower.

Hunter Harville-Moxley - August 29, 2013 at 05:28 AM

 Rebecca
Doughty

“ I had the extreme privilege of working with David back in the early 1990's at First Presbyterian Church. I am truly saddened by the news of his passing and my thoughts and prayers go out to Paige and his children along with loved ones and friends...he touched many, not only through music, but through the light of his spirit. May he rest in peace. -- Rebecca Doughty

Rebecca Doughty - August 28, 2013 at 09:31 AM

AA

“ David was a cherished colleague. I rarely saw him in recent years, but when I did, he was always as gracious and as scintillating as I remembered. We played Scrabble online every day these last few years, even several times a day. He was a fierce competitor and playing against him raised my own skill level considerably. David is missed so much by so many people, but his great spirit and will lives on in all whose lives he touched and that is a very great number, indeed. My sincerest sympathies to you Paige, Katie and Mikey, and to David's extended family of thousands. Keeping you all in thought and in prayer. -- Agnes Armstrong

Agnes Armstrong - August 27, 2013 at 10:35 PM

BE

We knew David at Cornell back in the late 1970s and had the pleasure of traveling with him and Paige to China in the 1980s, but did not see him very often after that. Still, he was a lively presence on FaceBook and a cherished friend. We are so sorry for your loss, Paige and Katy and Mikey. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. -- Betsy and Kenyon Erickson

Betsy Erickson - August 30, 2013 at 10:17 AM