



John Anthony Chardavoyne

July 2, 1948 - November 7, 2020

On Saturday, November 7, 2020, the Chardavoyne family lost their “Indiana Jones.” John Anthony Chardavoyne caught the traveling bug in the 1970s and made sure to pass it to his family before his final flight to heaven. He loved traveling to new countries, learning local cultures, and, most importantly, eating local cuisine. His first adventure was to India, where he was a Peace Corps volunteer in the 1970s.

After living in India for several years, he put down his fedora hat, returned to the United States to continue his education and raise a family. Over his life, he would periodically return to India as the country became a second home. In his retirement, he would return to India to volunteer as a primary school teacher in Jaipur, India. In his lifetime, he climbed the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, camped on Prince William Sound in Alaska, and enjoyed cycling trips that showed him the beauty of Italy.

At the young age of 72, John managed to make it to all but one of the seven continents. His final adventure was earlier this year to Australia and New Zealand. True to his Indiana Jones' spirit, he was able to roll back into the country before all international flights were canceled.

Truth be told, he was not up for seeing Antarctica as he did not enjoy cold weather; instead, he loved the Amazon Rainforest's warm dampness and

observed the beautiful monkeys and birds within their natural habitat. John's most memorable trip was taken last year when he walked with the gorillas in Uganda.

A scholar at heart, one of John's greatest accomplishments was the book he published last year. The Adventures of Shetan and Ram is a short story collection about two brothers from Northwest Rajasthan village, India. The book intends to provide both entertainment and an educational experience for young readers. His family will miss receiving emails with the latest short story.

John lived a full and happy life. Anyone who met him fell in love with his massive personality (especially the ladies). He leaves behind many loved ones, including his wife Esther, his four children, seven grandchildren (and one fur-grandchild), his siblings: Eileen, his twin brother Charles, Noreen, William, and Gary, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the Chardavoyne family has established the John Anthony Chardavoyne Scholarship Endowment at:

John Anthony Chardavoyne Scholarship Endowment
Hostos Community College
500 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York 10451
Attn: Business Office

Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Thursday, November 12, 2020 from 2-5 pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT.

A webcast of the services will be live streamed, for family, relatives and friends to be able to take part in his services. To attend, please select "webcast video" on John's obituary at www.bosakfuneralhome.com. The funeral and burial

services will be private.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending the services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing, while attending all funeral services.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook to share memories with his family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

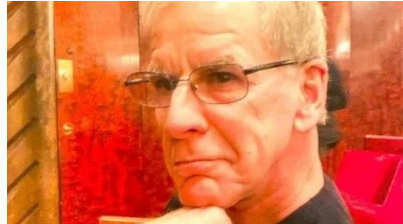
NOV 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne*



Bosak Funeral Home - November 10, 2020 at 05:16 PM

EC

You will always be my light and the air I breathe. I know that your spirit will be with me forever. I love now and always. Your wife

Esther Chardavoyne - November 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TC

I first came to know John when he was an India-107 Peace Corps Volunteer in Chomu in Rajasthan. John - known to both volunteers and officials as "Sir John" was someone who attracted the friendship and respect of all who knew him. He and I enjoyed an exchange of letters throughout his tour as a Volunteer, letters that always brightened my day with their wonderful humor.

When Ramola and I returned to the United States in 1974 we reconnected with John and visited with and were visited by him. We were able to share a visit to a water park with John, Johnny and Sharmila.

We kept in touch with John when we returned to India in 1982 and he was good enough to tape and send me the Mets World Series win -- all the games -- in 1986. He also participated in an evaluation of the project that I was working with and offered some excellent and critical observations that helped us to improve the program.

Over the last several years, John has been good enough to share the drafts of his Shetan and Ram episodes. Each one was a joy to read. Sadly, Sunday, the day we learned of his passing, I was wearing the Adventures of Shetan and Ram t-shirt. I will now treasure it.

John was the rare person who combined intelligence, wisdom, talent, humor (wonderful humor) and instinctive kindness. His passing is a terrible loss to his family. I know that I and his many many friends will miss him, that there are so many things that remind us of him.

I wish Esther, Johnny and Sharmila the courage to face their loss and offer the hope that as time passes they will find joy in their memories of John.

*Missing him,
Tom Carter*

Tom Carter - November 11, 2020 at 02:02 PM

LM

My deepest condolences go out from my family to yours. I am thinking of all of you in this difficult time. ---Latechia Mitchell and Family

Latechia G Mitchell - November 12, 2020 at 02:05 PM

BC

You always made me laugh and I'm thrilled that we created a lot of memories together with you. I will miss you very much. Love Barbara (your favorite sister in law - even though you never really said that to me :).

Barbara Chardavoyne - November 12, 2020 at 02:14 PM

WC

John, I will miss you. As brothers we shared many interests such as the love of Italian food and gelato. You preferred quantity and I preferred quality. You exercised 5 hours a day, I preferred one hour. You were a closet Republican while I opened about my political choices. I know you loved Trump. You love to travel and walk through European countryside's while I enjoyed walking the golf course. I will treasure the memories we have created

william chardavoyne - November 12, 2020 at 02:42 PM

HM

I was very luck to have met John and worked with him at Stamford Public Schools. I will always remember how funny he was and frequently had us laughing with his great godfather and pink panther imitations! My sincere condolences to Esther and his family on his passing.

Hugh Murphy - November 13, 2020 at 04:59 PM

ML

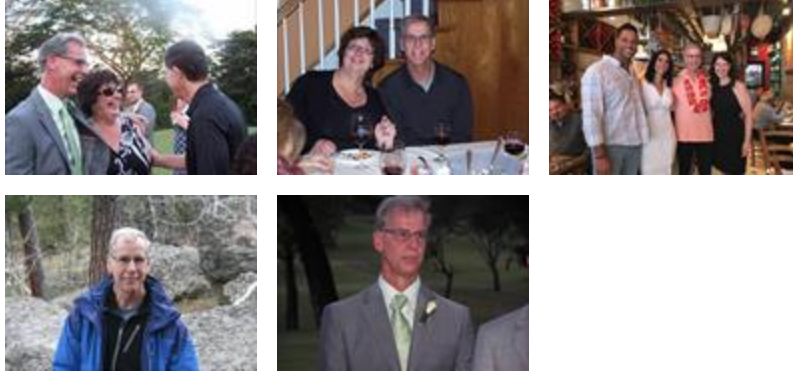
“ *Mary L.Slade lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne*



Mary L.Slade - January 21, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DL

“ *Still in shock. Went to mass this morning and lit a candle for Uncle Johnny. He was Gabriel’s godfather and an important influence in my life. Loved him dearly and will miss him beyond what words can express. Xoxoxoxox Donna*



Donna Lorenson - November 15, 2020 at 08:00 PM

SK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Samantha Kozuch - November 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM

DP

“ *! was in the Peace Corps with John (or Sir john of Chomu as he was known then). Even then John was a larger than life character. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing and want to offer my condolences to his family.*

*Dennis Paradis
(The Cavalier of Alwar).*

Dennis Paradis - November 11, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SA

“ John, I'm so shocked and saddened that you're gone. Gone too soon. You were definitely one of a kind. I was so looking forward to you coming down to Florida again. We had even planned our next jelly donut run! You were the only grandfather that my children had. Di and the kids love you so much. I thank you for being there for all of us. I'm really going to miss your wonderful sense of humor. You were a kind and caring man. Wherever you are going next, I wish you a wonderful journey and blessings. I truly hope we can meet again. 🙏❤️



Sanjay - November 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM

BM

Hi Esther, my condolences to you and the rest of John Chardavoyne family. I always look up to him as a brother while he was CUNY controller. I heard the bad news late. I am finding difficult to believe.

Bibi Meliani - March 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM

AL

“ In memory of John aka Scout. You will truly be missed. His light will shine eternally in all of you. His personality lit a room and his stories always gave us a good laugh. Thinking of all of you during this time. With love always, Jeff, Alicia, Domenick and Daniel



Alicia - November 11, 2020 at 05:21 PM

AK

“ I met John on the hiking trip to Patagonia almost 10 years ago and we instantly became friends and pen pals (although he could have been my father). We kept in touch over the years and exchanged jokes and news. He had a curious mind and was interested in what's going on in Russia. I very much wanted to welcome him and Esther in Russia and we even discussed a potential trip to St. Petersburg last summer. Unfortunately, this trip did not happen.

John had the quirkiest sense of humor that I will always remember. And of course, his stories about the Indian boys will always stay with us. My wife and I wearing the Shetan and Ram t-shirts went on a photo shooting tour around Moscow to make sure John has the right photos to show to his school children in India. The Cathedral of the Holy Mother of Kazan at the Red Square which was part of one of John's stories will now always remind me of him. I will keep those photos in his memory.

Our sincere condolences to Esther and the whole family.

From Russia with love,

Alexia and Alexey

Alexey Kiyashko - November 11, 2020 at 02:30 PM

NO

“Gone too soon, John. I can't believe it. I'll always cherish our friendship and the wonderful memories. Your sense of humor and laugh are unforgettable. I'm lucky to have known you! My condolences to the family. Esther, please reach out anytime.



RIP
Love,
Noemi

Noemi - November 11, 2020 at 09:16 AM

KG

“Kim Gerbert lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne



Kim Gerbert - November 11, 2020 at 09:07 AM

KG

John you will be truly missed by all that knew you. Your humor & stories will always be remembered. Thank you for loving & mentoring Bobby, for being a father to him. For that I will be forever grateful. Know that your legacy will live on, especially in the 2 special boys that called you Scout. Your spirit will live on forever in their souls. Rest easy my friend.

Kim Gerbert - November 11, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RE

We are shocked and saddened by the news of John's death. We have vivid memories of our hiking trip in Tuscany with John, Michelle and Shamila. We truly enjoyed John's humor and unique way of expressing himself. Jim especially has fond memories of working with John in NY and Stamford over the years.

We offer our deepest condolences to the family for this sudden and great loss. Judy Edelstein & Jim Meier

Rabbi Judith B Edelstein - November 11, 2020 at 11:24 PM

SK

“ *Uncle John, I am in shock and heartbroken that you are gone. I will miss your stories, jokes and all of the laughter. I am so grateful that you were able to make it to my wedding, it meant so much to share that special day with you. I will miss all of our holiday visits and hearing your laugh. I will forever cherish our memories together. I love you always.*

-Samantha

Samantha Kozuch - November 10, 2020 at 11:02 PM



Samantha
Kozuch

“ *Samantha Kozuch lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne*



Samantha Kozuch - November 10, 2020 at 10:38 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Molina-Nicholas lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne



Elizabeth Molina-Nicholas - November 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM

TB

“ Toni Bissessar lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne



Toni Bissessar - November 10, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TB

*Dear John
My heart is broken and I'm in absolute shock that you are gone. I pray and hope that you are in the presence of God, that you are sharing your great smile with all you meet in heaven. Thank you for loving my sister, thank you for all the love that you gave us. I will miss you greatly.*

Toni Bissessar - November 10, 2020 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ Sincere condolences to your family



Marlene Springer - November 10, 2020 at 04:24 PM

KH

“ I hope wherever you are that you get to enjoy your daily morning walks. I will miss all your stories and jokes that you would share with us. I'm really happy we got to spend some time with you not so long ago. I will miss you always joking on me for ordering Fettucine Alfredo as the most basic Italian dish. Always making fun of the ladies just to make us laugh. Mostly, I will miss your million dollar smile. I cherish our memories. - Love, Khalin

Khalin - November 10, 2020 at 03:38 PM

AB

“ Scout, I'm in absolute shock. I'm so grateful I was able to spend that summer together and and create a bond that kept us always in contact. I will miss your stories and getting the sneak peek into them. I will miss cracking jokes with you and the pile of Starbucks napkins you always kept handy. But most of all, I'll miss the grandfather role you played in my life. I hope you are enjoying plenty of Oreo challenges, swimming laps endlessly, and cycling on your bike like it's nothing. ❤️

P.S. I'm still chugging those green sludges.

*Love always,
Anjali*



Anjali Bhole - November 10, 2020 at 03:34 PM

AR

“ Scout - I am going to miss you and getting your texts about your books. I will miss you harassing me about Big Barcelona Pizza, your satire and humor. Most of all I will miss your overall presence of making everyone in a room laugh and smile. Someday I'd like to be as great as a man as you. - Love, Ardan

Ardan - November 10, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DH

“ Diane Harrypersaud lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne



Diane Harrypersaud - November 10, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DH

“ My heart is broken that you are gone. You will always be remembered for your laughs, our bickering conversations, and story telling. I'm sure you will get to enjoy a lot of Bollywood movies and Chicken Curry where you are!!! Don't forget the Jelly Donuts!!! Seriously, thank you for gracing me with your friendship and love. You will be missed!

Diane Harrypersaud - November 10, 2020 at 03:17 PM

MW

“ Matthew Winterroth lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Chardavoyne



Matthew Winterroth - November 10, 2020 at 03:02 PM