



## Bostelman Fred Jay

June 27, 2012

Fred Jay Bostelman, 57, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away following a short respiratory illness peacefully early afternoon Wednesday, June 27 while at home with his loving family by his side. Jay was born January 21, 1955 in Napoleon, OH. His parents Fred and Eileen (Bickford) Bostelman were proud and loving parents. On April 29, 1990, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, Jay and Darlene Tussing were married. Jay's sons, Jason (Sandy) of Napoleon and Seth (Amber Klippel) of Marietta, GA were his inspiration for living. He loved being a grandfather to Alan. Jay developed a work hard/play hard ethic at a young age. Jay earned his Eagle Scout distinction with the Gold, Silver and Bronze quills. He was awarded his Eagle Scout badge by Neil Armstrong. He attended the World Jamboree in Japan where he climbed Mt. Fuji and took refuge from a raging typhoon. Jay became a police officer for the City of Napoleon. In 1978, Jay became an employee of Toledo Edison. He loved his job as a lineman and his coworkers especially bonded with Terry Rettig and Larry Casteel. On January 7, 1981, Jay was involved in a train/truck accident just outside Holgate, OH and his injuries resulted in quadriplegia. After many months of hospitalization and rehabilitation, Jay returned home with one goal: to live every day to the fullest. And that he did. Jay loved to travel to Las Vegas and to the best beach resort in Florida as well as many other destinations. Jay had a unique way of connecting with people and made many dear friends at these destinations not to mention the number of family and friends that traveled along knowing a good time will be had by all! Jay was a

member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH where he was a VBS teacher and truly loved listening to the sounds of the men's bell choir. He was so strong in faith and treasured every day which began with scripture and inspirational readings. Jay was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 300 and the Henry County Sportsman Club. He loved to watch movies, The Ohio State University football season (Go Bucks!) and share some good times and good stories with anyone and everyone. Jay is survived by his wife Darlene, mother, Eileen, sons Jason and Seth, grandson Alan and God son, Trenton Tussing. He is also survived by his in-laws, John (Alice) Tussing, Kim Eaton, Janine Moelter, and Brian (Bille Jo) Tussing. Nephews and nieces: Justin, Tyler, Autum, Austin, Trenton and Addison. Jay's best friend since grade school and longtime aide, Joe Celani, was a faithful provider who was instrumental in providing exceptional care for Jay. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 30 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon with Pastor James Castello officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and on Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Emanuel Lutheran Elevator Fund or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com) "I have the greatest life." words Jay lived by and stated often. Jay touched so many and so many touched Jay. Jay would tell us all "Go have the greatest life."

# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathy. I will miss receiving his calls during Benefits Open Enrollment! Such a kind and patient man. My prayers for you and your family.##imported-begin##Sue Spiess##imported-end##*

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July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and I were so saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. You two obviously had a very special relationship and you will always have those memories. We grieve with you in your loss. Sincerely, Jim & Judy##imported-begin##Judy Sahw##imported-end##*

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July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jay, I am proud to have known you. No matter how many years passed, whenever you saw me, whether a NHS football game or just out, you made a point of speaking with me and finding positive things to tell me. We go back to elementary school where our sons were classmates and friends. You have always remembered me and I will forever remember you. I am better to have known you. God's speed and rest in peace.##imported-begin##Marylou Vanausdale##imported-end##*

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ This is Lisa from the lutheran home and I worked with Eileen and would like to send my condolences to eileen and the whole family, my heart goes out to you in this time of grief. Also, my mom Karen would like to send her condolences to the whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lisa Brown And Karen Sonnenberg##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Darlene and Seth, My sincere sympathy. Jay was blessed to have you in his life...and vice versa. Karen Rohrs. (Matt's mom)##imported-begin##Karen Rohrs##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Darlene, I'm so sorry for your loss. Unfortunately I will not be able to come to the funeral home because we're leaving for vacation tomorrow. Vicki##imported-begin##Vicki Wentzel##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Darlene and Family, I just received a note about Jay's passing. We wanted to express our sincere condolences to you and your family! I knew Jay all my life. Through all the good and difficult times Jay was always Jay! As life took me far away from Napoleon I always remember the times when I did return and had the opportunity to talk to Jay. He honestly never changed! He will be missed! Respectfully, Jim and Sonja Tonjes##imported-begin##Jim And Sonja Tonjes##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss you Jay. When Norm was sick you were my best hope - to give him hope -to go on with the terminal cancer raging inside of him. We will meet again and all be together in Heaven someday. Darlene, I will call you when I return from Portland. I love you both.##imported-begin##Sirley Niese##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply sorry and at a loss for words. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have met you both. He was a big inspiration to me and my life and a lot of other people. I will surely miss him and remember the better times. Thinking of you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Mike Shumaker##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Seth and Jason, I am so sorry for the loss of you Dad. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you both Sue##imported-begin##Susan (fenstermaker) Bowman##imported-end##

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July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Darlene. Our sincere sympathies to you.##imported-begin##Gary And Lila Wernecke##imported-end##

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June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to express our sincere condolences for your loss of Jay. I first met Jay in 1984 as a new employee at Toledo Edison in Defiance. We shared many laughs and times. He was such a great example for his boys. Our hearts go out to everyone at this time. Jill and Joel Bokerman###imported-begin##Joel And Jill Bokerman###imported-end##

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June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jason, Seth and Darlene, We are sorry to hear of your loss. We have fond memories of Jay, and we know he will be missed. May your comfort be that Jay is now with Jesus. Gary and Char Spencer###imported-begin##Gary Spencer###imported-end##

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June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Love you Dar! So sorry for you and your family. You have my sympathy and prayers.###imported-begin##Danita Holmes###imported-end##

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June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jay was an amazing man who overcame every obstacle in his life. We are so very blessed to have known him. Sincerely, Joan and Lonnie###imported-begin##Joan Weatherford###imported-end##

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June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to the family. We had a great time as kids. Another of the good guys gone. Grace and Stu Budgell Toronto. ##imported-begin##Stu Budgell##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Darlene, So sorry to hear about Jay. I know all too well how difficult this time can become. Not only now but in the weeks and months to come. Lean on your family and friends and most of all Gopd. They will cdtainly see you through this difficult time. My sympathies, Diane ##imported-begin##Diane (panning) Hastedt ##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rich and I would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to Jay's family. I grew up with Jay and he was a sweet guy who became such an inspiration after his accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.... ##imported-begin##Bev Elling ##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of this. He was a really inspiring, sweet and funny man. I wish you all much peace, love and comfort. ##imported-begin##Cortney (dudgeon) ##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family. ##imported-begin##Sara Schiffer ##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jay was an inspiration to all of us who had the good fortune to know him along the way. His ever present smile and uplifting spirit despite his tragic accident were certainly God given gifts. We stayed in touch over the years and I always enjoyed sharing memories of our days in Defiance together. We sure lost a good one when God called Jay home. My very deepest sympathies to Darlene, the boys and Eileen. Tom Qunn##imported-begin##Tom Quinn##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathies for your loss. Jay was a kind man; I have great memories of him. You are in my thoughts. Sincerely, Mat Bisher##imported-begin##Mat Bisher##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jason- I am So sorry to hear the passing of Your Dad. My prayers and thoughts are with You. A##imported-begin##Aaron Leitner##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Darlene, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Jayne Kneip (Kevin's Mom)##imported-begin##Jayne Kneip##imported-end##

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June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You have our deepest sympathy. We think of Jay every day as she uses the electric chair that Jay donated to her. May the words of Jesus comfort you. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me though he died yet shall he live and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.##imported-begin##Pastor And Pat Kramer##imported-end##

June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I saw your nice picture on F.B. Since we aren't connected I couldn't leave a message for you. I am truly sorry for your loss. Jay was our neighbor on Kenilworth years ago. What a great guy. May God's Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Norm And Barb Grooms##imported-end##

June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You have my deepest sympathies! God be with you Darlene and with all the rest of the fam##imported-begin##Bonnie Palamara##imported-end##

June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Met, Jay and Darlene on their trips to the Don Cesar in St. Pete Beach, I work Security there Retired NYPD ,always looked forward to their visits ,Had laughs, Coors Lights, I will remember Jay hanging on the deck by the Gulf Of Mexico, The Don knows of Jay's passing and we will miss him,, John B##imported-begin##John M Beggins##imported-end##

June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Bostelman family. I love you all dearly. Jay was just a really, really cool guy. I have such fond memories of him and will miss him. God bless you all.  
Mark##imported-begin##Mark Spencer##imported-end##

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June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Darlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Living so far away, I never got to meet Jay. God be with you and Jay's families during this time.##imported-begin##Lou Ann##imported-end##

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June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Jay. He lived a good life and will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Alison Rausch-rogers##imported-end##

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June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM