

A Celebration of Life for
Jay Thirunarayanapuram

Silver Spring United Methodist Church • July 8, 2023 • 11:30AM



Program



Gathering Music

Classical pieces played on the piano by Julie Lees.

Entrance of the Family

Welcome

Rev. Daniel Cho

Invitations to Participation

Rev. Rachel Cornwell

Musical Reflection

“Can’t Take My Eyes Off You” by Bob Crewe and Bob Gaudi.

Played on the piano by Julie Lees. Jay loved Frankie Valli’s version. Please join us in singing it together.

You’re just too good to be true
Can’t take my eyes off of you
You’d be like Heaven to touch
I wanna hold you so much
At long last, love has arrived
And I thank God I’m alive
You’re just too good to be true
Can’t take my eyes off of you
Pardon the way that I stare
There’s nothin’ else to compare
The sight of you leaves me weak
There are no words left to speak
But if you feel like I feel
Please let me know that it’s real
You’re just too good to be true
Can’t take my eyes off of you
I love you, baby
And if it’s quite alright
I need you, baby
To warm the lonely night
I love you, baby
Trust in me when I say
Oh, pretty baby
Don’t bring me down, I pray

Oh, pretty baby
Now that I’ve found you, stay
And let me love you, baby
Let me love you
You’re just too good to be true
Can’t take my eyes off of you
You’d be like Heaven to touch
I wanna hold you so much
At long last, love has arrived
And I thank God I’m alive
You’re just too good to be true
Can’t take my eyes off of you
I love you, baby
And if it’s quite alright
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Celebrations of Life from Jay's Caregivers

Justin A. Krop, Assistant Principal at Albert Einstein High School

Reading of memories from Louise Fleischman, Jay's former therapist

Musical Reflection

"Dragon Soul" by Takayoshi Tanimoto

Reading of Jay's Poem

"My soul is..." written by Jay in elementary school

My soul is... fun it's as funny as a coo coo bird saying "coo coo, I'm dumb"

My soul is... blue, I think wide but when I'm in the pool and I go hum bum

My soul is...kind of kooky and think dumb and I think of Chucky doll climbing up the stairs to get my neck and the only word I know right now is help!

My soul is...always hungry and when I don't get chips and soon I think about eating kelp!

My soul is...crazy. I don't know why but when I go to the barber hate getting my hair cut off!

My soul is...strong. I am brave I see a moving bush, why because it's a bear!

My soul is...a very cool hero comic!

My soul heart is as big as a river maybe the potomac!

My soul is ... very speedy I may be fast but not as fast as Usain Bolt!

MY SOUL IS JAY!

Celebrations of Life from Jay's Teachers

Inge Chichester, Jay's middle school teacher at Sligo Middle School

Reading of memories from Jeremy Tomasulo, Jay's teacher at Woodlin Elementary School

Musical Reflection

"Earth Song" by Michael Jackson

Mygenet Harris, Jay's teacher from the Visual Arts Center, Albert Einstein High School

Celebrations of Life from Jay's Friends

Lydia Lair Brandt, next-door neighbor

Margo Abadjian, close family friend

Musical Reflection

"Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X

A Shared Thanksgiving for the Life of Jay Thirunarayanapuram

Bold text indicates portions of the service you are invited to read aloud together.

As we say our farewells to Jay, we say thank you for all that you gave to us in life.

The warmth of your love; your humor and friendship; your help, creativity, compassion, and wisdom; and the joy that you brought wherever you went.

We will miss you terribly.

We are thankful that you now have the peace you deserve.

Jay, we send all our love to surround you now. As we think of our continuing journey in this life, we promise never to forget you.

We will honor your memory by living our lives as you would want us to, and we will take the joy and pleasure you had in life and share it freely with others.

May it be so,

Now and forever.

Musical Reflection

“Spring from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons”

Played on the piano by Julie Lees

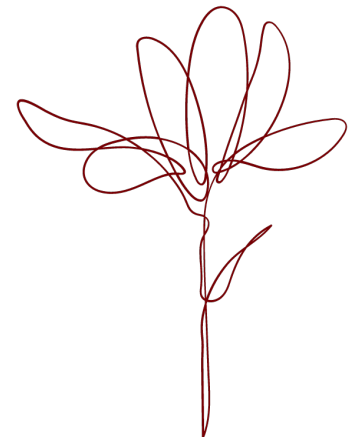


After the family has exited, you’re invited to join them for a time of continued celebration in the Parlor located at the back of the sanctuary. Refreshments will be provided.

You’re encouraged to join them, to take the time to view and appreciate Jay’s many artistic gifts, and to view the slideshow celebrating Jay’s life in the Narthex.

Direct donations
in Jay’s honor may be made to
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We are deeply grateful to the Silver Spring United Methodist Church, particularly Pastor Green, Pastor Cho and Pastor Cornwell, and to the community, for opening up their hearts and doors to us for this celebration of our beloved son Jay's life.