

Floyd Jeter

1934 - 2017



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September 9, 1934 - July 28, 2017 Floyd Jeter, Jr. passed away with his family at his bedside in San Luis Obispo, CA, where he had lived since 1982. Born in Shreveport, LA, his family migrated to East Los Angeles at the beginning of WWII. Growing up in Boyle Heights, he attended Hollenbeck Jr. High and Roosevelt High School, class of 1952. He was a natural athlete who excelled in track and field events and became a highly rated high jumper. He attended ELACC where he became an All-American athlete. He represented the USA on a Goodwill Tour that included stops in England, Germany, Ireland and Scotland. Jeter was the first African-American to be given a sports scholarship to USC. Jeter worked for LAC Probation. He and his 1st wife, Virginia had a family of 6 children. In 1982 after an early retirement from Probation, Jeter and his 2nd wife, Debby, moved to SLO, where he started Jeter's Messenger Service and they raised his youngest son. Jeter very much became a part of the SLO community. Throughout his life, Jeter formed and maintained friendships, some from childhood to adulthood. In 2002, he reconnected with RHS alumni for a 50-year reunion, which continues as an annual event. He started a hugely popular newsletter for his RHS alumni. Family being of huge importance in his life, Jeter made sure to maintain relationships with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attending numerous family functions, especially the annual Jeter Family Reunion, 27 years running. Jeter was one of the most unique, talented and charismatic individuals you could ever know. He leaves an amazing legacy of family, extended family and friends. He will be greatly missed! Services will be held at Queen of Heaven Mortuary, Rowland Heights, CA: August 10, viewing from 4:00-8:00 pm and funeral service, August 11, at 10:00 am.

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July 26, 2019

Dear Cousin,
Still missing you and the times we spent together.

Joyce Warren

Family

August 20, 2017

Jeter and Debbie were our next door neighbors on the lake in SLO. My husband Gary and I were impressed with Jeter's bench pressing abilities in his garage. We joked that if Jeter could be a fit Dad to Jason in his 60s, surely Gary could be a Dad again at 45. Thus, our daughter was born. Jeter used to laugh and say our Sarah, now 20, was born do to him!! I still have her beloved baby blanket that was a gift from the Jeters. We were also amazed and thrilled to run into them at an Easter Egg Hunt in Pine Mountain one year. Jeter was always one to greet me with a hug and chat when I would see him around town. I had no idea of his athletic achievements, but he was a champion among us all. Rest in Peace, Jeter. Love, Jane, Gary, and Sarah Nichols

Jane Nichols

August 18, 2017

Jason and family...what a terrible loss. We have such great memories of Jeter. Hugs to you all. The Ferris Family

Sharliss Ferris

August 14, 2017

Floyd was a member of the 1955 National Champion Track team competing in the high jump (6' 7) and 120HH (14.7). His jump was ranked the 3rd all-time best USC high jump at the time. Floyd came to USC via Roosevelt HS and East LA College. Floyd set the National JC record for the high jump (6' 8) at the 1954 National AAU meet.

Trojan Force

August 11, 2017

I will NEVER forget you my sweet cousin. We shared great moments and big laughs. Love you FOREVER!

Joyce Warren

August 11, 2017

Jeter, having met you at the Hamlet, just north of Cambria with Norm and Maggie, having later played golf with you and Jack Darmody, then having you become my "Go To" guy when serving legal papers, then getting to know you and Debbie because of professional relationships, you gave me inspiration over the years. This world could use more reasonable people like you. OK, so later in life we may have not contacted each other as often as the early years but your easy manner and approach to life was absorbed in how I approached clients and life in general. You will be missed. But do me this last favor, when you see me coming to the pearly gates, say a word in my favor cuz all lawyers may need a little boost to get over the gates. John Sachs

August 11, 2017

In memory of Floyd Jeter Jr's illuminating life on earth! You were an angel sent by G-d to brighten the lives of those you touched!

Phyllis Irvine

August 11, 2017

I met my first husband at a party at Floyd and Virgie's house in 1968. Wow, did they like to party! LOL! After our marriage, we moved to an apartment across the street from them on Lemoyne in L. A. and got to know the family very well! Floyd always had encouraging words for me! I hadn't seen him, Virgie, or the kids for many years but, when we met up on a recent trip to CA, it was as if no time had passed! Floyd hugged and kissed me as if we had only seen him yesterday. He told me that my current husband, Mike, and I had done a wonderful job raising our children! I was so proud! What impressed me the most was that he was all dressed up and ready to take Virgie (who had severe vascular dementia) out on a date to a dance club! That was the unselfish type of man he was: always thinking of others and wanting to help them! Floyd, the world is better because you were here. And, what else can we hope to do with our lives than to make it a better place? That's what we Jewish people believe: we're here for t'shuvah (to repair the world). That you did! You will live on in your family and your good deeds! I'm very happy that I was part of your family and life! Love ♥, Phyllis (Jeter) Irvine

Phyllis Irvine

August 10, 2017

My memory bank is full of more than a decade of life moments spent with a dear friend.. Jeter. From golf to sports to solving problems (or creating them) over a refreshment I loved our time spent together. Best to the family and Peace be with you my friend.

Jon Stepanek

August 10, 2017

Floyd Jeter

Trojan Force

August 10, 2017

So sorry for the loss of this special man! Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers!

Karen Coffey

August 10, 2017

So sorry for your loss may god bless the family

Della Tovar

August 9, 2017

Bunny Jeter

August 9, 2017

He Loved Him Some Dodgers!

Bunny Jeter

August 8, 2017

Dear Jeter Family,

My sincerest condolences to you all. Jeter (as he had me call him) was an amazing man who inspired and motivated others to do their best. He, like Virgie, was very kind to me back in the day and I will always cherish their caring spirits.

Tina Gonzales (Riley)

August 8, 2017

To the Jeter family and friends of Mr. Jeter, sending my condolences for your loss. He was a very special man and I wish you comfort and blessings at this sad time. and prayers to you, Sue, and your family.

Maryanne Mortenson

August 8, 2017

Sending deepest condolences to the family... a very deep loss for such a special man.

Patty Gray

August 8, 2017

Rest in Peace Jeter, you loved and are loved by many...what a fabulous life you had...

Ruth Janes-Allen

August 8, 2017

Dearest Uncle Floyd,
You are now a Beautiful Star in the sky with my Aunt Virgie. As a child you and my aunt Always came by to visit me and as I became an adult those were wonderful memories that I Cherish.
"Love,Peace&Chicken
Grease " Until We Meet Again

Gina Barella-Zuniga

August 8, 2017

I was a 10th grader at Roosevelt High, when I first saw and met Floyd Jeter doing his thing on the track team. I became an instant track fan that year of 1952, what with likes of Novikoff,Watson,Lightsy,Garay,Barrow,Green, Volen, etc. and Coach Clentzos. But Floyd Jeter stole the show, I think. Later in life, I especially enjoyed his company during our rag-tag golf outings. Great memories. Greater individual. Rest in Peace.

August 7, 2017

RIP Jeter... thanks for all of your help many years ago. I feel blessed to have known you. You were a good man.

Jimmy Gonzales

August 7, 2017

May you be blessed on your new journey.

Wynde Brown

August 7, 2017

Farewell Jeter. I'll always remember the Eastlake Juvy and ELA Probation Dept. days. Those were good times for so many of us, and we helped a lot of kids. Safe travels my friend!

Linda Walker

August 7, 2017

To the Jeter family,

So sorry to hear about Jeter passing. He was a true original! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lori Hunstad

August 6, 2017

I have known Jeter (and nothing else) for at least 25 years. He always had stories to tell. I learned all about his family, things he was doing and what was going on. Jeter was one of the most remarkable people I have ever known. It has been one of my greatest pleasures to have known him. Love Ya Jeter.

Janis Stricklin

August 6, 2017

Wonderful,real, man. Floyd (I could never bring myself to call him "Jeter") introduced my son to so much of "Real World 101" when he worked as a process server that I could never have done. Godspeed, dear friend.

Richard Fanning

August 6, 2017

Never forgot a name. Always took time to say hello. He will be missed. Condolences to his family.

B Cutter

August 6, 2017

Thanks for all the great memories roomie! God bless your beautiful loved ones. I am glad to have had our lives cross paths. It should also be known that he was an excellent karaoke singer too.

Vivian Boaz

August 6, 2017

Good guys are hard to find, Vaya con dios mi hermano.

August 6, 2017

Our beloved dad, grandpa/poppa, uncle and friend!

Floyd Jeter, Jr.

August 6, 2017

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Francesca Cook

August 6, 2017

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

August 1, 2017

Jeter has Joined the Rough Riders in The Sky. My Condolences .

Priscilla Magdelino

July 31, 2017

Always dapper, always a gentleman. A good friend.

Irma

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