



Jayna Morgan

September 15, 1963 - April 4, 2021

Jayna K Morgan, 57, of Round Rock, Texas passed away Sunday April 4th, 2021. Jayna started her life in Sanford, Florida born to Jane and Paul Morgan on September 15, 1963. The Morgan family moved to Hayesville, Kansas, where Jayna and her brother Mike grew up in the country. This is where Jayna's love of animals and plants started. Throughout her life, Jayna enjoyed all kinds of plants and even worked in an animal shelter for a few years and volunteer at a Zoo one year. Jayna was taught how to stand riding on a draft horse by Mr Tarzan. During her childhood, she was raised around the following animals: horses, donkey, geese, ducks, chickens, cats, and a bunch of dogs. No matter what the animal they had a special place in Jayna's heart.

After Jayna graduated from Circle High School in Towanda, Kansas, she attended a 2 year vocational school for computers. Really motivated, Jayna doubled on her classes and graduated in 1 year. After completing her computer training, Jayna traveled throughout the United States installing MLS Systems. She lived in several states including Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina before moving to Austin, Texas in October of 1991.

Jayna was well-versed in computer architecture and network system administration and worked in this capacity through 2011. Over the next few years, Jayna became interested in online training and investments. In 2020 she jumped into being an online investment/trading.

In 1992, a mutual friend introduced Jayna to Dee and the rest as they say is history. Dee knew when she met Jayna that Jayna would always be in her life in some way. The friendship that started in 1992, blossomed into a permanent relationship in 2006. Vows

and rings were exchanged and their commitment to one another was witnessed by all. November 20, 2015, was a joyous day when Jayna and Dee were able to be legally married.

Jayna was preceded in death by her father Paul Morgan. She is survived by her life partner Dee Dryden, mother Jane Morgan, brothers Mike Morgan and David Yeargin, mother-in-law, Bernice Dryden, and sisters-in-law, Connie Jenschke, Linda Laumann, and Donna Terry, Jan Delaney, and cousin, nieces and nephews.

To share in the celebration of Jayna's life, please go to the Tribute Wall with memories, funny stories, thoughts and pictures.

Comments



“ Dear Jane, Mike and family, I was saddened to hear about Jayna, I know your hearts are broken. I have happy memories of times spent with all of you at the farm in Kansas, Love you, Anne Johnson

Anne K Johnson - June 11 at 03:54 PM



“ Jayna, her brother Mike, and I (cousin Kevin) were part of the group of cousins and siblings that met every year in Florida for a beach vacation. She was a few years older and I looked up to her (and secretly crushed on her) because she was funny, outgoing, and awesome.

Number one silly memory was setting up a boombox in the window of the beachfront condo and blasting tunes from the Muppet Movie for all the residents and vacationers to hear and be annoyed by.

"Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection. The lovers, the dreamers and me."

Kevin Smith - April 14 at 07:14 PM



“ I met Jayna 6 weeks after my first daughter was born. We were both employed at a software company in Overland Park KS. We became instant friends, and traveled together for work often. Before we moved to another state, Jayna and I adopted one another as sisters of the heart. That was over 36 years ago.

I was overjoyed when she and Dee found one another, and ecstatic when they were finally able to wed. Dee brought joy and happiness to Jayna, who so freely brought happiness to us all.

I know Jayna is looking down on us, and saying: I'm sending you a hug right now. Can you feel it?

To Jayna's wife, family and friends, my sincerest condolences to you all. Prayers for peace and happy memories.

Jonne Warner - April 12 at 06:44 PM



“ Jonne Warner lit a candle in memory of Jayna Morgan



Jonne Warner - April 12 at 06:38 PM



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Dee - April 12 at 01:44 PM



“ Mike and Jayna in 2017 her in Austin.

Dee - April 14 at 05:30 PM



“ I started to write something in my last post, to provide a little bit of levity, but then I decided to go a different way: "My parents raised me as a very sheltered person." Somehow that sentence wasn't removed as I intended. I will take it as Jayna steering the conversation, so here's the story:

I remember how she laughed and laughed when I told her I didn't realize she was gay; I didn't think about things like that. I mean, people are people, not labels. And I have really pretty non-existent gaydar, which still makes people in my life laugh. Jayna had an 8x10 glossy framed picture on her desk where we worked, and when I said I didn't realize she was gay, she asked who I thought was in the picture. "Um, your sister?" Yep, she laughed and laughed!

Jayna tried so many times to scandalize me with stories about her shenanigans, her "alternate" lifestyle! I was never shocked, never judgmental, just pretty naive. I think I was a great source of entertainment for her! Her continued efforts were certainly entertaining to me!

Red Skelton said, "No matter what your heartache may be, laughing helps you forget it for a few seconds." Jayna gave us such joy and such laughter; I hope this helps you laugh for a few seconds and remember some of the funny memories.

Martha Slaughter - April 12 at 01:02 AM



“ My parents raised me as a very sheltered person. When I met Jayna in 1998, I recognized immediately what a smart, funny and very kind person she was. She interviewed me for a job, and she was a great mentor and friend to me while we worked together and long after. We didn't work together long enough, but we worked many, many late hours, long weeks. I followed her to all her smoke breaks and quizzed her mercilessly on how you do this and how you do that. I'd have followed her anywhere.

We had some really stressful times, but we always managed to have fun. One night, we snuck beer into the computer room and put it under the raised floor to “chill”. Couldn't do those things for long with the introduction of cameras, but those were the good old days. I learned a lot of things from her, work and life-wise, and I considered her a dear friend.

She left me there, and then left Phoenix, but we had already become great friends, so we stayed in touch. I remember helping her through her divorce, offering comfort and finally getting to mentor her on something. When she got involved with you, Dee, I knew she was going to be okay. Everything changed. You were the light and love of her life.

I wasn't necessarily the friend who kept in touch regularly -- my great regret -- but I always knew Jayna was there. She was there for me, for her family, her friends ... anyone who ever needed her. She was such a bright light, and I'll miss her so much - - miss reaching out for a laugh, for a kind word. Jayna left us too early, and she leaves a big hole in my heart.

Martha Slaughter - April 12 at 12:38 AM



“ Some people you never forget. Jayna was undoubtedly full of life, hilarious, and an absolute joy to know. I always looked forward to every visit I had with her and her family. I am deeply saddened by this loss and my thoughts and love are extended to Dee, and Chase, whom I also got to know and love.

Anna Taylor - April 11 at 10:09 AM



“ Jonne Warner lit a candle in memory of Jayna Morgan



Jonne Warner - April 11 at 09:37 AM



“ Jayna and I have been sisters of the heart, for over 36 years. We met at the real estate services company, in Overland Park KS, in 1984 and hit it off instantly. Her warm infectious smile, kind, exhuberant and honest ways secured her place in my heart and those of my husband and children. She brought joy to us all. I know somewhere in heaven she is looking down and saying, "I am sending you a great big hug right now - can you feel it?" And yes, we can.

My prayers and support are with her wonderful wife, Dee, with Jayna's family and those who loved her cherished her. We are all richer for the sunshine she brought into this world.

Jonne Warner - April 11 at 09:36 AM



“ She will be missed. I love the time we where able to spend at the beach flying kits. As we got older, we spent time taking pictures. I will miss her, loved you aways.

Jim Terwilleger - April 09 at 10:18 PM



“ Dee you and Jayna seemed to become family to us. I am so sorry for your loss, we were all deeply sad when we heard the news. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Shelby - April 09 at 07:14 PM



“ Darrell Sanders lit a candle in memory of Jayna Morgan



Darrell Sanders - April 09 at 01:41 PM



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“ I’ve known Dee since 2006 back when she was a field tech and I was her dispatcher. As years pasted our careers veered in separate directions within the company. Surprisingly in 2013 Dee and I were once again working together again. It wasn't long till Dee introduced me and Jayna!

I knew within minutes of talking with Jayna that she was someone I wanted to befriend. Jayna greeted me with a smile and from there the conversation never lagged or dulled. It was as though we’d known each other for years. Jayna could hold a conversation with anyone about anything, she was knowledgeable on many topics and she had the ability to capture and hold one’s interest with enthusiasm and her talent for “story telling”.

One of my fondest memories is when we first met we somehow got on the topic of darts and the skill involved. The following week several of us met up at BB Rover for happy hour and to try my hand at playing darts. Needless to say I really enjoyed the game so much so that I purchased my own set of fancy darts. The three of us plus anyone we could get to join in started meeting a few times a month at BB’s or at the Rock to toss a few darts. Eventually the gatherings grew in size and we moved the fun to Dee and Jayna’s backyard. We would pair off into teams and play darts, eat good food and cool off in the pool all while listening to 80’s and 90’s music. Jayna always challenging me from across the yard or pool - Kerry! Who’s the artist, what’s the name of this song or what year did it come out!

I’d like to share one more special moment in time that I’ll always cherish. November 20, 2015 I was so honored when Dee and Jayna asked if I’d come to their wedding. It was such a special occasion in their lives and I was truly humbled to have been a part of their special moment in time.

Dee you know that I've always considered you and Jayna two of my closest true friends. I can only imagine the pain, emptiness and uncertainty of what you’re feeling. Just know I’m here for you always.

I’ll stand beside you to hold your hand
I’ll stand in front of you to guide you
I’ll stand behind you to catch you should you fall.

Kerry

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love."

--Leo Buscaglia



“ Mike Chamblin lit a candle in memory of Jayna Morgan



Mike Chamblin - April 09 at 08:28 AM



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“ Hey Dee, I remember the time Eboni and I met Jayna at our last Christmas get together. You, Jayna and I talked Tennis for hours. Jayna and I didn't agree on the best player (smiles), but we had such a great conversation. It was really nice to meet and talk with her. We will be praying for her memories and your love for each other give you peace and comfort forever. God Bless you Dee and as the days get more and more you are strengthened and have a peace of mind.



Joe Ray - April 09 at 08:14 AM



“ Dearest Dee,
I never really felt "at home" in Texas until you and Jayna moved next door! You both were so amazingly kind to me and to my son. I truly had the best times with you both. From the impromptu barbeques, to the trips to the pool, to all the backyard discussions of gardening...we spent many evenings laughing and talking about life! The love you both have, and the caring relationship you have was so inspiring for me. I absolutely cherish our time as neighbors...and I hold you both dear in my heart as my friends and my sisters forever!
I am so sorry for your loss...Jayna was an amazing person! I'll miss her so much. I hope I can come see you soon...until then, I am praying for you, for comfort to come, and for all of Jayna's family.

Much love, Michele Mathes

Michele Mathes - April 09 at 12:08 AM



“ I had to privilege of knowing Jayna for more than 30 years what a sweet and gentle soul. Dee, I know she loved you beyond words. I'll always treasure my memories of her. My heart breaks for Dee , but know that you are loved by all those who loved her. May you find peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.

Carol Polson - April 08 at 06:48 PM



“ Where do I begin? When I married Jayna’s dad Paul, I gained the daughter I never had. Paul bragged on Jayna’s intelligence so often I was afraid to meet her. How does one talk with a genius? My fears were for naught! Jayna was so down to earth, so sharp, so engaging and full of life. Anyone who knew her, loved her. We spent good times together at her grandmother’s lake house or the beach in Florida, her home in Austin and flying stunt kites in Kansas. Wherever Jayna was, there was love, acceptance and laughter, lots and lots of laughter. My heart breaks at our loss but especially for Dee. Not everyone is as lucky as to be so fiercely loved by their partner. I knew that love with Paul and I know Jayna loved Dee with that same loyalty and fierceness. My heart goes out to Dee. All my love Dee.



Mrs. Paul Morgan - April 08 at 04:46 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss Dee! Jayna will definitely be missed.



Pleze Crawford - April 08 at 03:59 PM



“ Dan LeDoux lit a candle in memory of Jayna Morgan



Dan LeDoux - April 08 at 01:52 PM



“ Jayna and I had been working on a problem for over 12 hours when I desperately suggested performing the “usual” tasks in reverse order. And the system rudely started working. We laughed and I jokeingly said “you my kiss me now” (this was pre awareness) and turned away to get some papers. As I turned back to the monitor she gave me a little peck on the cheek and said “you have to kill an actual giant for the next one” and started laughing. And I joined in. And that’s the kind of person she was. Share the work, share the celebration, share the laughter.

Dillon - April 08 at 01:29 PM



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Dee Dryden - April 08 at 11:10 AM



“ Jayna is the one with the hat. Right picture is Jayna and me at New Smyrna Beach in Florida

Dee Dryden - April 08 at 11:31 AM



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Dee Dryden - April 08 at 10:57 AM