



## Jay Allen Guest

June 15, 1949 - May 19, 2025

Jay Allen Guest, 75, went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 19, 2025, at his home.

Born in Travelers Rest, SC, Jay was the son of the late Alvin Martin Guest and Helen Victoria (Cooper) Guest. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force, retired from Hartness International where he was a Computer Programmer and after his retirement, he was an avid bottle collector known locally and internationally and was of the Baptist faith.

Jay is survived by his son: Jayson Guest and wife Tasha of Rutherfordton, NC; sister: Jan Gaunt and husband Lee of Travelers Rest; brother: Jon Guest and wife Ann of Greenville and many loving nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, Jay was predeceased by his wife, Christie Guest and brother, James Alvin Guest and his wife Jeanette.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 from 6:00 pm until 7:00 p.m. at  
The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Jonell Hart lit a candle in memory of Jay Guest*



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**Jonell Hart** - May 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ *I met Jay years ago at the Metrolina Expo Antique Show. We always visited each other at each other's booths at the show. I loved learning more about his beautiful purple glass and he joked with my little jack russell, Chester. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Jay. Prayers go out to his family as I know they will miss him tremendously. Sheila Cooper*

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**Sheila Cooper** - May 29, 2025 at 12:17 AM

RN

“ *I was fortunate enough to have met Jay several years ago at the Lakewood Antique Market in Atlanta. We looked forward every month to seeing him and we traded a lot of bottles back and forth, as well as sharing stories. Jay was one of the kindest men I've ever known. I know he'll be sorely missed by his friends and loved ones as well as the thousands of collectors he touched over the years. God Bless.*

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**Robb Niebeling** - May 27, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jayson Guest** - May 26, 2025 at 10:22 PM

PH

“ Jay was such a nice man. We sat up near him at the metrolina antique show in charlotte for years! He knew his bottles especially purple ones. I called him on several occasions and he was so kind to share his knowledge with me. I know he will be missed by many who came in his path. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Penny Howe** - May 25, 2025 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ We were so sad to learn of Jay's passing. As a fellow dealer, we so enjoyed seeing him every month at The Metrolina Antiques Market in Charlotte. He always had a smile and a friendly hello. We're sending our deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

*Mel and Millie Moll*

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**Mildred C Moll** - May 25, 2025 at 05:52 PM

EM

“ Jay or as know him, Bottle Jay of Lakewood 400, always had a smile for me. Kind, honest and helpful with my bottle appraisals. I was even lucky enough to find a few he wanted. We had many chats at the close of shows and he was missed by all when he retired. Prayers to his family, he was a true Southern Gentleman.

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**Erica Martin** - May 25, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BB

“ Jan and Jon and family; sorry to hear of Jay's death. We spent lots of time together growing up as cousins the same age. Hope you can find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

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**BARBARA BLAIR** - May 24, 2025 at 05:43 PM