



Jay Steven "JC" Cockerell

December 27, 1957 - September 10, 2013

Jay Steven Cockerell, age 55, of Plano, Texas, passed away September 10, 2013, in Dallas, Texas. He was born December 27, 1957, in Houston, Texas, to Earl Grafton and Janell (Jefferies) Cockerell.

On February 18, 1989, Jay married Sondra Pittman. In September 1999, Jay and Sondra Cockerell founded the first JC's Burgerhouse in Plano, TX. An unknown burger stop on the hidden corner of a struggling strip mall quickly became the burger craze that JC's is known for now. After 3 successful years in Plano, Jay and Sondra opened their second JC's in Allen, TX and it also experienced immediate success. Over the next 8 years, Jay and Sondra licensed the brand and JC's grew to 6 restaurants, all of which continue to be a community staple for burger lovers around North Texas. Good food set JC's apart from its competitors; but more importantly, Jay and Sondra's unique relationship with their customers made the real difference. Through JC's, Jay served the community for over 14 years. His legacy will live on through the relationships he forged with his loyal customers he considered friends. In addition to his passion for entrepreneurship and his restaurants, he enjoyed entertaining, golf, poker, traveling, and being with his family. Jay loved life and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Sondra Cockerell of Plano, Texas; children, Quintan Cockerell and fiancé Kristin of Dallas, Texas, McKinsey Cockerell Cavuoti and husband Whitney of Abilene, Texas; Caroline Cockerell of Plano, TX; granddaughter, Emma Caroline Cavuoti; mother, Janell Cockerell of Abilene, Texas; and brothers, Dr. Clay Cockerell and wife Brenda of Dallas, Texas, Ray Cockerell of Abilene, Texas, Tray Cockerell and wife Susan of Louisville, Kentucky.

Jay is preceded in death by his father, Dr. Earl Grafton Cockerell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation being held from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials

Sondra, I am so sorry to hear about Jay. I have missed you so much. I know your heart must be breaking. It is clear that everyone loved your husband. I'm sorry I never met him. Last time I saw you, you were pregnant with your first baby. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong my dear friend!

CATHERINE LEONARD ELLIS, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Dearest Sondra: We have been out of town, and while catching up on newspapers, we were shocked and saddened to see that Jay died! Our hearts are broken, and our thoughts are with you and your family! Although we haven't seen you in a while, we have never forgotten you and the good visits we used to have!

JO & TOM BUTLER, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Sondra, I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting Jay. He sounds like a wonderful man. Please accept our condolences.

JENNIFER PAIGE VAN VUREN (FORMERLY RIGGS), SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

We all send you our heartfelt condolences and wish you peace and contentment in your memories.

THE MESSAGE CO EMPLOYEES ALL LOCATIONS, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

My sympathy to Sondra and family. JC was a very nice man and he and Sondra always made you feel welcome and appreciated when you were in the restaurant. Even when we saw the couple at other restaurants or places in town, JC and Sondra would acknowledge us and say hello. I'm very sorry for his loss so early in his life.

JANETTE SMITH, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Sondra, we are praying for you and your family during this unbelievably difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and that we'll continue to keep you all in our hearts and our prayers.

TERRI, RON AND MADELINE BOESE, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Although I never met Jay personally, I wanted to offer my condolences to Sondra and family. Isaiah 25:8 promises that soon death will be swallowed up forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe the tears from all faces. May Jay's family find comfort at this difficult time.

JO JACKSON, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

After reading the obituary, I wanted to extend my condolences to all those grieving the loss of Jay. It is my wish that the many fond memories you shared, will always bring smiles to your faces until the time you can make many more, when "death will be no more" (Revelation 21:4)

CHERRIE M VEST, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Thoughts and prayers to the Cockerell family. Sondra and Jay were wonderful friends and neighbors for many years, and our children were friends. I am saddened by your loss and wish you all peace and serenity. Love,

TERRYL ROSENBERG, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

Sondra, Caroline and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss! Although I cannot be there, please know that you and your family will be in our prayers. prayer for strength and comfort Lord, at the moment nothing seems to be able help the loss I feel. Nothing can replace Jay's presence and love. My heart is broken and my spirit mourns All I know is that Your grace is sufficient. This day, this hour Moment by moment I choose to lean on You, For when I am at my weakest Your strength is strongest. I pour out my grief to You And praise You that on one glorious day When all suffering is extinguished and love has conquered I shall walk again with Jay!

DONNA MORGAN HERON, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

We were saddened to learn of Jay's passing. It was always nice to visit with him at the restaurants. We send our sincere condolences to Sondra and the family.

PAT AND BOBBY DODD, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

To Sondra, Douglas and I only met Jay one time but we have kept up with him the past few weeks through Cindy and Steve Miles. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time and my fervent prayer for you now is for healing and

the courage to stay strong. Keep your friends and family close to you and take joy in the stories and memories your friends will share with you to celebrate his life, and to keep him with you always. God bless you and your family.

DIANA SHEPPARD, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

You will be deeply missed. So happy we had the pleasure of knowing you and being your neighbor.

DEBBIE AND ANDY HOPKINS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

Our deepest heart felt condolences to the entire Cockerall family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

KAYLA AND BRIAN ROUGHTON, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

There was going to be fun and laughter at events Jay was part of and I have many such great memories. My sympathy to all the Family.

SCOTT SENTER, ABILENE, TX, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

Life won't be the same without Jay. We will miss all of his humor, especially while we are playing games.

DONNY HEATH, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

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