



James Evan Bilowus

March 8, 1988 - January 19, 2023

James Evan Bilowus, 34, of Alexandria, VA, passed away on January 19th, 2023. James was born in the District of Columbia on March 8, 1988.

James loved helping people, and he loved learning. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree as an Agronomist focused on Soil Science and Entomology.

He started his own consulting company as a Crop & Soils Consultant. He offered services to farms, urban landscape companies, and individuals. His motto was "Get the most yield out of your land."

His consultancy specialized in organic methods for yield & sustainability and in science-based analysis, including soil testing and analysis, tissue sampling, and disease & pest identification.

He was known as The Plant Whisperer.

Together with a long-time friend, they started another company that grew industrial hemp on a leased farm. Their crop was, of course, spectacular.

His many loves included his family, and his devotion to them was unwavering. He was known by many as a man that loved the outdoors, horticulture,

orchids, hunting, fly fishing, and his two dogs (labs), Chilli and Mojo.

He is survived by his parents Dennis and Becky Bilowus, his sisters Kate (Niels) Jensen and Jackie (Mark) Dembinsky, and his nephews Erik and Luke, as well as many Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life Service on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023, from 10-12 at Jefferson Funeral Chapel.

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Burial service will be at the City of Fairfax Cemetery immediately following the funeral services.

10567 Main Street

Fairfax City, Virginia

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James Bilowus' name to the two organizations below to support those with mental illness and their families.

The mental health system is seriously broken and needs significant, meaningful change on the federal level. It is our hope that through comprehensive change initiated by the US Congress, other families will not have to go through something like this.

1. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a nationwide, grassroots mental health organization. The Bilowus Family requests that contributions made to NAMI be directed to the lobbying of Congress for significant comprehensive changes to the system.

- a. NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

b. [<https://donate.nami.org/fundraiser/4399147>]

2. Haven of Northern Virginia, Inc.

a. Haven is a nonprofit, nonsectarian community organization of trained volunteers that offers emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying, and to their families and friends. Haven also provides education to the community about the needs of those who are grieving. Haven's help is Free of Charge.

b. [<https://www.havenofnova.org/>]

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairfax City Cemetery
10567 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of James Evan Bilowus*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 27, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DB

This is the link for the live-stream of the Eulogies.

Dennis Bilowus - January 28, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TJ

We were very sad to hear the news of James' passing. He was such a fine young man. We had the pleasure of spending quite a bit of time together with James which was real good fun. What stands out for us is our trip with The Bilowus Family incl. James to Denmark, South Korea and Korea. James was just so much fun. Rest in peace James = Lis & Torben

Torben G. Jensen - January 29, 2023 at 12:11 PM

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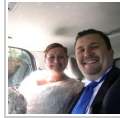
*Dear Family,
James was a sweet young man as you all know and over the years became like a little brother to me that I never had. This year we will have known each other for 25 years and shared many wonderful moments together with friends and family, which I will look forward to reminiscing upon. Today I wish for Peace, Love, and Strength to all of the Bilowus family and all who had the pleasure of knowing James.
Love, Niels*

Niels - January 31, 2023 at 09:56 AM



Very nice service - and well done Kate = Lis & Torben

Torben G. Jensen - January 31, 2023 at 09:21 PM



Eulogy for James

There is a saying that there are two types of people that build sandcastles, those that have never seen the tide and those that build in defiance. At the time I offered this thought, we had shared enough beers that I could tell James was somewhere between those points in his life. I knew he had interned for NASA and had enjoyed armature astronomy with his giant telescope in the backyard. But he had reached the point of knowledge, beyond the simple awe and superficial beauty to become overwhelmed with the scale of the universe and the countdown of our expanding sun. The scale of time and space compared to the flash our entire lives creates a certain existential crisis in all that try to grasp it. If you forgive the more recent movie reference, he could feel the gravitational pull of the "everything bagel".

But that coin of comparison has two sides. In the life time of the firework's flash, it might never know that our hearts beat even exist, but its echo may take our breath. There are moments in our lives, that are so intense that slow time more than the chair at the DMV. Meditation in a moment of silence can bring an infinity of time. He concurred, added we are all star dust and that he too had found that well of time in his meditations and experiences in life.

Life, after all, is not measured cleanly by those ticks in a clocks' gear, but by the depth and quality of those experiences of which James had a fortune beyond compare. A great childhood, hunting, fishing, farming, driving with his dogs and spending time with his cousins and friends. And somewhere in that vast ocean of memories, was a drop that he shared with me, that tasted a little like beer, and a story of the defiant sandcastle builder.

Mark Dembinsky - February 02, 2023 at 04:02 PM

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Dennis Bilowus - January 31, 2023 at 07:48 AM

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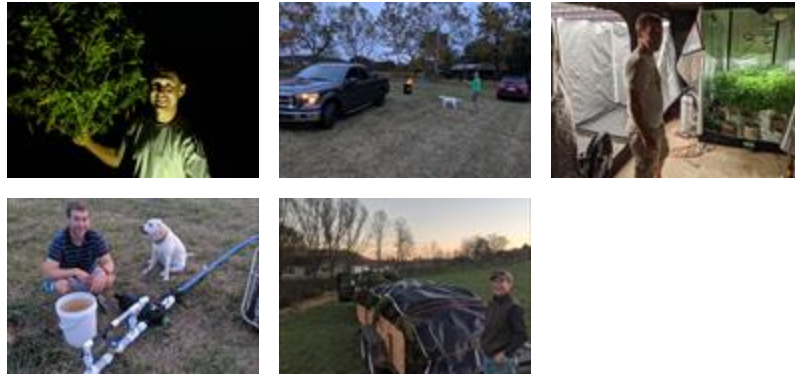
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Emily Lichtenberger - January 30, 2023 at 06:56 PM

BR

“ *The most intelligent person I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. Unique, caring, and incredibly loyal friend. Thanks for all the great memories and lessons, they won't be soon forgotten.* ”



Bryan - January 30, 2023 at 05:47 PM

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Dennis Bilowus - January 30, 2023 at 01:46 PM

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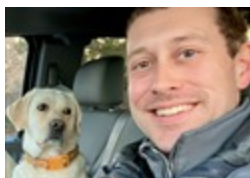
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Dennis Bilowus - January 29, 2023 at 10:38 AM

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Dennis Bilowus - January 28, 2023 at 05:21 PM