



Clinton John Oxenrider Jr.

August 14, 1957 - August 3, 2021

Clinton John Oxenrider, Jr., 63, of Haymarket, Virginia, passed away on August 3, 2021. On August 14, 1957, he was born to Clinton John Oxenrider and Shirley A. (Colley) Oxenrider in Montgomery, Alabama.

Clint, or John, known to his family and friends, grew up in Northeastern, PA. His love of learning and quest for knowledge was unquestionable even as a very young child and continued to grow with him, as evidenced by his reading the entire Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia – 29 volumes – at age 14. At the same time, his passion for music, plants, and animals was well underway. John graduated from Central Columbia High School and took time to work, explore, and nurture his many talents and interests, including being the lead singer in a band formed with several of his close friends.

John moved to Florida for a few years, living with his Aunt Nita and Uncle Bill (both deceased), where he was inseparable from his late cousin "Tony" Stephen Cheek. While there, he worked as Sommelier and Wine Captain for Walt Disney World on the Empress Lily at Lake Buena Vista before returning to Bloomsburg in 1981. He returned to school, attending Bloomsburg University, and earning his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major (Biology/Pre-Med and Chemistry) and his Master of Science degree in Biology. While studying, he served as an undergraduate lab assistant, graduate teaching assistant, and guest lecturer. John conducted and assisted

in numerous research studies and was an active member of the University's concert choir, performing in Japan. John held several jobs, including pharmacy technician at Geisinger Hospital and Pharmhouse Pharmacy, private piano instructor and technician, greenhouse manager at Green Horizon Farm, and adjunct faculty with Luzerne County Community College before relocating to Virginia with his partner in 1994.

In 1995, John accepted a position with the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a science assistant in the Biological Sciences Directorate (BIO), marking the start of his career in federal service. In 2001, he transferred to the Budget Division and was promoted to Program Manager in the Program Analysis Branch of the NSF Budget Division, the position he held at the time of his death. In that role, he was the primary liaison between the NSF Budget Division and program office staff across NSF. In addition, he served as the technical expert in budget formulation, providing excellent customer service to client offices and the agency Budget Director. He covered various directorates over the years, including Biological Sciences, Engineering, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. Most recently, he covered the Directorate for Geosciences, Office of Polar Programs, and US Arctic Research Commission. John was also the resident historian for the Budget Division, paying close attention to essential documents and files kept in the office library. In that capacity, he spent many years working on a historical database that captures NSF funding by scientific topic, inputting and digitizing decades' worth of information from old paper files.

John was a voracious reader, science fiction enthusiast, expert botanist, and horticulturist outside of work. He was a lover of nature, wildlife, and his various collections. In addition to gardening and working in his custom-built greenhouse at their new home, John loved spending time with family, friends, and their three cats.

John was preceded in death by his father and mother and several other relatives and close friends. He is survived by his partner of 30 years, William J. Matteo; sister Deborah Lehman and spouse, Bob; brother Garry Oxenrider and spouse, Jan; and brother Barry Oxenrider and spouse, Dee, all of Bloomsburg; numerous nieces, nephews, including great-nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles and cousins; and many very dear friends.

John's Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, 20110, followed immediately by a reception in the Celebration of Life Room. Friends and family will be received at 1:00 pm.

Memorial Donations may be made in loving memory of Clinton John Oxenrider, Jr., to The Nature Conservancy 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

A subsequent Celebration of Life Service will be held for John back home in Pennsylvania at 2:30 pm on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at the Mary Stegmaier Mansion, 156 S Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Friends and family will be received at 1:30 pm. A reception will immediately follow the Celebration of Life Service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Reception

AUG **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Celebration of Life

SEP **5**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Mary Stegmaier Mansion
156 S Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Reception

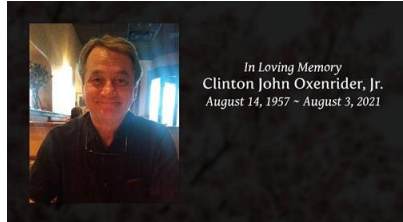
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr.*



Pierce Funeral Home - August 19, 2021 at 01:20 PM

CK

Such loving memories of John's life captured in these pictures, its a beautiful tribute. Sending lots of love.

Carrie Kirkpatrick - August 20, 2021 at 11:49 AM

ST

“ *John was my very very best friend a very crucial point in my life when I was very young and had no family he and his family was my family I loved him then and I love him now and my condolences go out to bill love you guys my phone number is 817 5699 135 Steve Thomas*

Steve allen Thomas - December 01, 2021 at 06:32 AM

GA

“ *I remember when Clint was first hired at NSF in the mid-90s by Dr. Christopher Platt who would roll the R's in Clint's last name as a way of appreciation. Always been a stalwart guy who got along with everyone and was so witty and sharp. Great colleague who is sorely missed. Rest well, my friend, you were awesome.*

Greg Adams - November 18, 2021 at 09:06 AM

KL

“ *Message to Sharon Hess Kessler:*

Hi Sharon. Yes, Clint's passing was a shock to all who knew him. I was very fortunate to have had him as a good friend all these years. Thanks so much for reaching out to me. I don't use Facebook, but feel free to contact me at kgleacock@gmail.com and we can communicate further.

Regards, Ken

Ken Leacock - September 05, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Meadows of Memories was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..*



September 01, 2021 at 12:59 PM

CD

“ *Nothing will ever fill the void that we're feeling without you Johnny. Not good-bye, but so long for now dear friend, until we meet again. Love, Jim & Cheryl* ❤️

cheryl doherly - August 27, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..*



August 21, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



August 20, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ Colleagues from the NSF Budget Division purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



Colleagues from the NSF Budget Division - August 20, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



August 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear John, you were a warm beautiful person, your green thumb blessed my garden and graced my home with inspiration for more plantings and hosting feline visitors. Sending my love and condolences to Bill, your friends and the family

Ingrid Mendez - August 20, 2021 at 01:27 PM

PS

“ *Pamela, Michael, Jessie, and Shelby purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..*



Pamela, Michael, Jessie, and Shelby - August 19, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *You will surely be missed Clint, May God rest your soul. Love, Kimiko Bowens-Knox*



Kimiko Bowens-Knox - August 19, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..*



August 18, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Will always remember your beautiful singing at our wedding. You will be missed by many musicians here in Bloomsburg. Sending love and condolences.*

Ken and Colleen Matyas

Colleen Matyas - August 18, 2021 at 11:47 AM

SK

“ Clint was a valued and highly talented member of the CCHS Class of '75. We were shocked to see his obit in the paper. I noticed Ken Leacock donated flowers, Ken if you were a class member too please reach out. A lot of us are on FB and we have a class group. We've also been looking for you for years. Clint's passing hit hard. God Bless

Sharon Hess Kessler - August 18, 2021 at 04:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



August 16, 2021 at 08:59 PM

KL

“ Ken Leacock purchased the Meadows of Memories for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



Ken Leacock - August 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM

LE

“ Love, Chantel, Tommy, & Elliott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clinton John Oxenrider Jr..



Love, Chantel, Tommy, & Elliott - August 13, 2021 at 03:21 PM