

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

William Paul Jakobi

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PLEASE JOIN US ON
THURSDAY, JULY 30TH. AT
7 PM (EST.) TO REMEMBER
THE LIFE OF WILLIAM
PAUL JAKOBI, OR AS MOST
OF US CALLED HIM,
JAKOBI. PLEASE BRING A
CANDLE TO LIGHT.

YOUR LIGHT WILL NEVER STOP SHINING





SOME OF THE ETHICON CO-OPS OF SPRING 2019

ETHICON FRIEND GROUP



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DURING OUR TIME AT ETHICON, THE FIVE OF US BECAME A LITTLE FAMILY. WE WOULD MAKE DINNER TOGETHER EVERY OTHER EVENING AFTER WORK, HANG OUT ON HIS AND JAKE'S BALCONY ALL NIGHT, GO GROCERY SHOPPING TOGETHER, WATCH MOVIES UNTIL WE ALL FELL ASLEEP, AND DO JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE TOGETHER. WE BONDED IMMEDIATELY, WHICH WAS APPRECIATED GIVEN NONE OF US WERE FROM CINCINNATI AND WE WERE ALL FIRST-TIME INTERNS. IT WAS COMFORTING TO KNOW WE HAD EACH OTHER IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG OR JUST TO HAVE FRIENDS TO COME HOME TO. OUR LITTLE FAMILY MADE THE TIME THERE MORE MEMORABLE THAN WE EVER IMAGINED.



One of our favorite things to do was make the boys put on nasty, smelly, green facé masks with us every now and then. Jakobi was by far the most reluctant to do this but, nevertheless, we insisted, and he gave in. "Anything to keep the girls happy," they would say. After the first time, I think Jakobi was the most excited to do it again. They secretly loved being beautified



When you helped to celebrate Nick Rand's birthday in spring of 2019.

TISSUE LABFUN



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"AT WORK, I LOVED TO VISIT JAKOBI IN HIS LITTLE HIDDEN CUBICLE DOWN IN THE RDL. HE ALWAYS HAD HIS GLASSES RESTING LOW ON HIS NOSE; WE USUALLY CALLED HIM "PAPPY" OR SOME OTHER NICKNAME FOR THIS. HE WAS ALWAYS THE GO-TO PERSON FOR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. IT SEEMED LIKE EVERY TIME I WAS DOWN IN THE LAB, HE WOULD COME STROLLING MY WAY EVENTUALLY TO SAY HI, PICK ON ME, AND CHECK OUT WHAT I WAS DOING! HE MADE MY DAY BRIGHTER EVERY TIME WE CROSSED PATHS."

BOXING DAY





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WHILE WE WERE THERE, JAKOBI LIKED TO GO WORKOUT AT A BOXING HOUSE. HE SET UP A CLASS FOR US ALL TO TAKE! USUALLY OUR CLASSES INVOLVE SOME TOPIC OF TECHNICAL OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT I LOVED THAT HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CREATIVE AND DO SOMETHING FUN AND GET US OUT OF THE OFFICE. HE ALWAYS HAD A DIFFERENT SPIN ON THINGS AND THOUGHT "OUT OF THE BOX".

HE GOT PEOPLE TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW BY HAVING BOXING AS A TYDLIC (THINGS YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN COLLEGE) CLASS.

HE WAS PAIRED WITH THE INSTRUCTOR BECAUSE HE WAS TOO GOOD FOR ANYONE ELSE.



Earlier in the term, Jakobi's birthday had approached. His roommate, Jake, took the liberty of surprising him with a birthday brownie fresh out of the shower early morning and snapped a picture of it. Jake then put the picture in the co-op group chat, so we all called him "hunk" or "muscles" all day. The funny thing was, he accidentally did it a day early... I think he appreciated it either way.

MEMORIES

"One of the nights we were having 'family' dinner, the chicken that Claudia and I made had stuck to the pan so bad we could hardly eat it. Jakobi and the rest of the boys ate it regardless (not saying they didn't pick on us though) and told us how good it was. I'm pretty sure they were picking foil out of their teeth the rest of the night."

"Since Jakobi had worked at Five Guys before, we assigned burger night to him and Jake. I'm pretty sure that was one of the best burgers I had ever had! We spent the rest of the night playing games and picking on Jake for crying about losing."

"At Jakobi's final presentation, I think I could speak for everyone when I say that his work was more than impressive. His main project was creating a lift for a heavy machine. I was so impressed with what he accomplished. I hope I have half the technical mind that he had one day!"

"I remember one night the five of us were watching movies on the couch at one of our apartments and I had fallen asleep and unknowingly drifted onto Jakobi's shoulder. I'm not sure how long I was asleep, but I don't think he moved a muscle for a good amount of time trying not to wake me up. He did anything for anyone, and I loved that about him!"

MEMORIES

"We made so many memories in a short amount of time and I'll never forget them. But sadly, the term came to an end and we all had to say goodbye to our little family. There were a lot of tears during our last days, but Jakobi (of course) cheered us up with his cute little laugh and by saying that we would stay in touch and meet up again someday. He is the best person I have ever met, and I would do anything to go back and hug him just a little bit tighter that day. We love and miss him so much!"

"We held a garage knowledge TYDLIC (Things You Didn't Learn In College) class and Jakobi pulled the weight for everyone. None of us knew anything and we all looked really dumb, but he had a lot of questions and comments that filled the void."

"I didn't go out much, but when I did, I watched YouTube videos with him. They were really weird videos of marble Olympics. They made me laugh a lot."

"He said a word, a single word, and I asked where he was from. He said he was from Kentucky, but he sounded way too southern for that because I'm also from Kentucky. We all loved it anyways."

"When I scraped my ice off the car in the morning, he would come out in his robe to turn on his truck. I would ask him when he would be getting to work and he would say something corky like 'late'."

MEMORIES

"Every time I would go to his cubicle, he would be working on his formula stuff, but the next semester, I actually joined SAE, which is very similar to formula. I don't think I would have if I didn't talk to him as much."

"I bumped into him after his final presentation and he had a really complicated fixture. Pat looked at it and said 'Why didn't you just use a shim?' Instead of finding a way to defend how complicated his design was (like I would have), he was real humble about it and said he could have done that."

"I bonded with Jakobi after a game night just visiting my girlfriend and we actually had a few phone calls after. He was a very smart guy. He was a cool guy and I wish I would have talked to him more. He was a very standup guy. He showed me a cart engine from a makeshift cooler and that was my favorite memory."

"He found me on campus and most people who knew me from previous internships never talked to me, but he always did."

"Yeah, he was always really good at including everyone around him"