



## Carl "CJ" January Jr.

September 4, 1984 - September 2, 2022

Our beloved "CJ" Carl Alexander January Jr., age 37 passed away unexpectedly due to a hit and run incident on Friday, September 2, 2022. CJ was born in Kenosha, WI on September 4, 1984 to Margaret Santiago. He earned his diploma in 2006 and joined the US Army attaining two Purple Hearts in 2007, a solemn distinction, memorializing his great sacrifice while in line of duty.

He graduated from the UW-Parkside in 2014 with a bachelor's in Psychology then went on to earn his master's degree in Psychotherapy at UW-Milwaukee with honors of summa cum laude in 2015. CJ was in his second year of his doctorate degree of Psychology-Clinical Psychology in Louisiana.

CJ worked tirelessly at various endeavors including his volunteer work at the Kenosha Sheriff's Department and for Women & Children's Horizons to advocate for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. He was a licensed professional counselor and founder of the Thereafter Counseling Services. He loved to workout and earned Master Personal Trainer in the Army and owned HULKzilla Nation Gym. While in Louisiana, CJ was grateful to work with the rangers at the Bayou Sennett's State Park. Whenever coming home, he was delighted to protect Swede's.



He appreciated adventures and traveled around the world making friends wherever he landed, cherished hanging out with family and friends, found joy working on home projects and learning to be fluent in Spanish.

CJ was so proud of his Puerto Rican and Black ancestry and an avid

proponent against injustice. He always gave a lending hand and everyone could count on him. CJ gave back to his community unconditionally and without expectation. He was our real-life superhero.

Surviving are his broken-hearted family; wife, Viancy Aquino-January; mommie, Margaret Santiago (Mike Loughrin); sisters, Nicole Landry, Natasha (Andy) Kreuser; Kiara Green, Kala Green; brother, Jermaine Hayes; nephew, Timothy; nieces, Taejia, Ja'Varria, Trinity, Nataliah, Teigan, Tinsley and adored by his aunts, uncles, cousins, great grandmother, Godparents and many other family and friends. The loves of his life, his dogs, Bentley and Mercedes.

CJ was greeted in heaven by grandfathers; Monserrate Santiago and Charles January Sr.; father, Carl January Sr.; grandmother, Peggy Santiago (Evans); and cousin, Hans Larsen.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Women & Children's Horizons. Thank you all for opening your hearts to our CJ and being a part of his life journey!  

Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. with service to begin at 6 p.m. followed by military honors. C.J. will be laid to rest at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

SEP 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carl "CJ" January Jr.*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM



*Natasha and family, we send you our deepest condolences. Big Big Hugs.*

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**Anita Hernandez Rosales** - September 15, 2022 at 01:06 AM

CB

*My heart hurts wan i heard abut Carl's passing Carl saved my life and given me hope in humanity wail I was going through horrible times in my life and I was at Woman shelter he picked me up and took care of me like I was his family and he didn't even know me was by my side till I got all help needed i will never forget his kindness compassion a true hero he was a hero that you can see only in moves . Will never forget him he will be always in my heart prayers for the family. Charlotte*

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**Charlotte Bastian** - August 09, 2023 at 11:18 AM

AS

*Carl was an Intern Therapist at AMRI Counseling Services. He did a phenomenal job. Being a therapist was like second nature to him. He truly had a gift for helping others. Through a past client we just found out of his passing. We have been extremely saddened hearing this. It's been truly heartbreaking.*

*We send our condolences to Carl's family and everyone who loved him. He was a good man and is truly missed. 🙏*

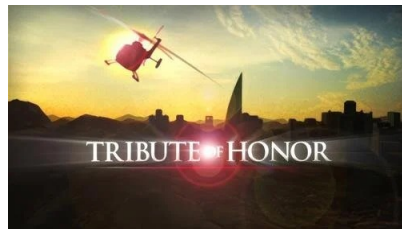
*Sincerely,  
AMRI Counseling Services*

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**AMRI COUNSELING SERVICES** - September 21, 2024 at 12:38 AM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl "CJ" January Jr.*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 13, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MA

“ *Aunt Reina s retirement party*



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**Mari** - July 23, 2023 at 03:50 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *CJ's Visit to Port Charlotte, Florida*



**Serena** - September 15, 2022 at 10:39 PM

US

“ *As a teen, he was very polite and respectful. He had a contagious laugh, that would have a grumpy person chuckle. I remember when he asked if I would take him for driving test. He was so excited when he passed the road test. I was so proud and happy for him. You're going to be missed young soldier.*

**Ursula Rendon Swift** - September 15, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



September 13, 2022 at 10:26 PM

DP

“ *Dr. Kelli Johnson (his former professor) purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



**Dr. Kelli Johnson (his former professor)** - September 13, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*

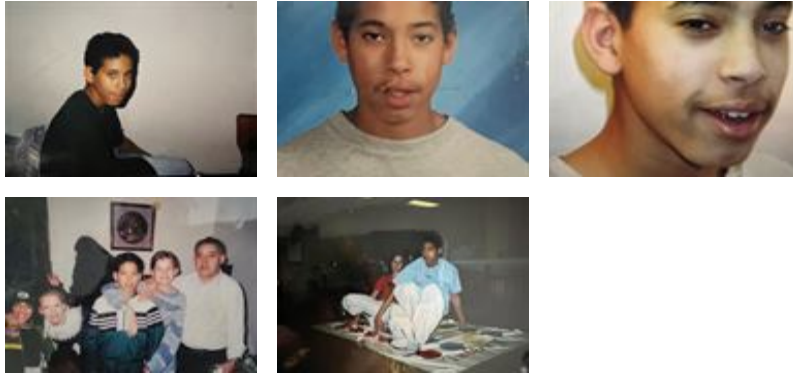


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September 13, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *188 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 13, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



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September 12, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



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September 12, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. So sorry we weren't able to finish our project. I always heard from you on Mothers Day, Easter, Birthdays, etc. Rest in heaven dear great Nephew. Love you. Aunt Ann Howell*

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**Ann Howell** - September 12, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



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September 12, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *This is not how I imagined a reunion and seeing you again. It's such a tough blow, you were such a great man and inspired all those around you. You overcame so much in life and never stopped fighting or improving. You were taken away way too soon 😞 Thank you for all you did for me and for making an impact on my life on so many levels. Until we meet again, Rest in Paradise CJ*



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**Adriana Diaz** - September 12, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carl "CJ" January Jr..*



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September 10, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Rest in Heaven my brother, Til we meet again in Valhalla!*

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**Jerome Holmes Jr** - September 10, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Our last conversation was about me fussing at you, telling you to stop being so rigid in your thinking. I wish I could have one more opportunity to let you know how proud of you I am. You were so committed to being a clinical psychologist. I was looking forward to welcoming you to “The Hood.” Rest in power, little brother. I love you forever! You should have warned me because I am not ready to say goodbye.*

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**Delarious Stewart** - September 10, 2022 at 01:07 PM



*My condolences to the family of CJ whom I did not know. I would have loved to meet him, because I am a January from Jackson, Mississippi, and connected to the Januarys from Vicksburg, Mississippi. I would like to know if there is any connection between Charles January, Sr., and the late Lee January who lived in Vicksburg, Mississippi.*

*Dr. Gladys January Willis  
gjwillis@verizon.net*

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**Dr. Gladys January Willis** - September 11, 2022 at 03:58 PM

AH

*Gladys, Carl (CJ) January Jr. is the grandson of Charles January Sr. His father, Carl January, Sr., also passed away at the same time in the accident. Lee January is Charles Sr.'s grandfather. Such a tragic accident. They will both be missed by all. (Ann January Howell)*

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**Ann Howell** - September 12, 2022 at 02:43 PM

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*“ Rest in Power, CJ! Thank you for the memories. Thank you for your services. Most importantly, thank you for being you! Love you, lil bro!*

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**Delarious Stewart** - September 10, 2022 at 01:01 PM