



## Gregory Clement Janowski

May 5, 1955 - November 30, 2023

Gregory (Cork) Janowski (68) of Antioch, TN passed away unexpectedly on November 30, 2023. Greg was born on May 5, 1955, to the late Shirley and Clement (Bud) Janowski.

Greg was nicknamed “Cork” because he was a “Corker” from birth! This proved to be true throughout his life as he was always ready for a debate. He had a unique outgoing personality which you either liked or disliked. He was never at a loss for words. He loved the outdoors, hiking, nature, and loved to experience the primitive way of life. Growing up he loved comic books and science fiction. Anything out of the ordinary was always of interest to Cork.

Cork grew up in Michigan City, IN and attended Catholic school where he was an altar boy. When he attended Elston High School, he would jump between the moving cars of the South Shore Railroad so he wouldn't be late getting back to class from lunch. After graduating from high school, Cork joined the Navy, even though he couldn't swim. We would have loved to have seen the look on his face when they threw him in the ocean to learn!

The Navy gave Greg an opportunity to travel to Sicily, Iceland, and other ports. Greg kept his love of travel and outdoor adventures throughout his life. He would always experience his ventures with excitement and enthusiasm as though he was a child experiencing it for the first time. He was a frequent

traveler to the Grand Canyon and was always up for a road trip or bike ride. Greg greatly enjoyed gaming, where he piloted spaceships, flying through virtual reality.

Greg's travels led him to Jacksonville, Florida. This is where Greg went on another adventure that changed his life forever. He went on a blind date and met his soul mate, Joy; the love of his life. From that day forward, they remained together for life. Together they made a home with their cats. They also enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time together.

Greg was smart, resourceful, curious, witty, artistic, and technology savvy. He always had a sparkle in his eye, a story to tell, and never met a stranger. He was unique, could always find the silver lining, and much loved. Greg may have left this life, but his spirit will never be forgotten.

Surviving is his partner, Joy; Sisters, Deb and Jeanine (Gi); Niece, Katie; Nephews, Michael, Eric, and Brandon; And many great nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Danny and Mike.

Because of his love for nature, Greg will be laid to rest at Larkspur Conservation in Westmoreland, TN on December 14th at 11 am. Please arrive at the conservation 15 minutes prior to Greg's service.

In remembrance of Greg, charitable donations can be made to the Humane Society or Animal Rescue of your choice or the Kidney Foundation.

What to expect at a natural burial:

Dress for an outdoor hike and wear appropriate shoes.

Use the restroom before you arrive, there is no public toilet or running water.

Carpool to Larkspur - parking is limited.

Plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead of time.

Family and friends will be welcomed at the trailhead by Larkspur staff and volunteers.

The casket or body will be in place at the graveside prior to the arrival of family and friends.

Family and friends will hike up the hill into the nature preserve for the burial ceremony.

Words are shared and the casket or body is lowered into the grave by family and friends.

With guidance the family and friends shovel soil into the grave until it is closed.

Hike away from the graveside and return to your vehicle or explore the preserve.

Leave no trash behind.

Cut flowers are welcome.

# Cemetery Details

## Larkspur Conservation

155 Bear Carr Road  
Westmoreland, TN 37186  
<https://larkspurconservation.org>

# Previous Events

## Natural Burial Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I met Greg online while learning a space game that we both enjoyed. He ended up helping me find one of the largest successful anarchist factions in the game and kept us real and on our toes at all times.

He is going to be severely missed by thousands of people in this video game community that he helped. He still has his gamertag name in the game because when we won a contest with his help we made sure he could live on forever in the game. It was the first time I've ever seen the guy catch feelings instead of having a witty come back.

I'm going to personally miss him and thank you all for sharing him with us. He enriched a lot of lives



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**J. Ashley Gorman** - December 18, 2023 at 08:16 PM

SF

“ I knew him as "Commander Don Kioti" through the games we played together. He had endless stories and was well versed in the video game's lore we were playing. Crazy to think that I met him 7 years ago when I was just 16 and getting into the game. I'll miss you man.

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**Sophia Fisher** - December 18, 2023 at 08:15 PM

PJ

“ Joy, he always spoke so highly of you. I will miss his lively conversations. He was a very interesting brother in law. Rest in peace bro.

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**Penny Janowski** - December 13, 2023 at 05:34 PM

KG

“ Greg was a good friend of mine in Jacksonville. We shared a mutual love of the outdoors. We hiked and canoed all over this great country. I know Greg is sitting by a huge campfire and telling one of his many tales. Rest in Peace.

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**kevin j gordon** - December 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM