



Stuart Morse Erskine

February 3, 1947 - March 27, 2024

Stuart Morse Erskine, 77, passed away March 27, 2024 in Sarasota, Florida. He was born February 3, 1947 in San Francisco, California to the late Morse and Elizabeth LeRoy Erskine. Stuart came to Sarasota in 2000 from Mill Valley, California.

Stuart was a member of Sarasota Baptist Church. His hobbies included mountain biking and skiing in California, as well as traveling the world and working out at the gym.

Left to cherish Stuart's memory are his wife of 38 years, Janabai; daughter Jentry Yake and her husband Stephen; daughter Nami Erskine; son Shane Hookano-Erskine and wife Dawn Marie; grandchildren Rose and Ozzie Gabbard; brother Phil Erskine and his wife Stephanie; niece Adrienne. In addition to his parents, Stuart was predeceased by his granddaughter Emily Yake.

There will be a Celebration of Stuart's Life on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Sarasota Baptist Church, 7091 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34241.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Baptist Church
7091 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stuart Morse Erskine.*



April 15, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Stuart was my best friend in the whole world. I've known him since 1979. We went on many adventures together.*

I was introduced to him by a mutual friend, Dean Potter. From the first day, we became best friends. He had a great sense of humor and made me laugh so many times over the years. I will miss him desperately.

He loved his wife Janabai very much, and mentioned her to me many times over the years.

Rest in peace, Stuart you will always be in my memory.

Joseph Pierce - April 08, 2024 at 12:41 AM



“ *Condolences to Nami & Georgeann Happy Trails dear Stu (Stuart) as you go on ahead love Raine, Billy, and Freiny*

Raine Eastman-gannett - April 02, 2024 at 12:34 PM

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“ I moved from New York to Los Angeles in 1982 and met my future husband Israel within two weeks. He came with a cohort of friends and Stu was among them. Stu was unusual. I quickly learned to love him so, so much. We introduced him to Janabai a rather conservative friend who would often come home and take off her heeled shoes and pearl necklaces after a long-day at work at US Magazine where she was advertising sales executive for US magazine. He was a free-living hippie living in a trailer at the top of Topanga Canyon. To our shock, it was love at first sight. Stu proposed to marry Janabai at the Whiskey Creek in downtown Mammoth Lakes, a world class ski resort, on one of our trips. We were to take many trips and camping trips over time. We became like family. The following is just one of our treks.

I think it was Stu suggested that we go to the Harmonic Convergence in Sedona, Arizona that took place in August 1987. It was kind of a joke to go. In Wikipedia it describes the Harmonic Convergence as the world's first synchronized global peace meditation, marking a significant celestial alignment of the Sun, Moon, and six planets as "part of the grand trine."^{[1][2]} The convergence is purported to have "corresponded with a great shift in the earth's energy from warlike to peaceful.

Well you can judge for yourself how that turned out.

Nevertheless, we were travelling in good-hearted fun with our stuffed toy mascot ET. What ET had to do with our trip and Harmonic Convergence I'll never know and I don't think anyone did. Our party comprised of Janabai, Stu, Gentry, Israel and I. Off to Phoenix we go flying from Los Angeles. We arrive and rent a definitely not late model convertible, a big wide and boxy Cadillac from Rent-A-Wreck cruising in style up into the beautiful red mesas of Sedona, Arizona, the mecca for crystals, psychics, and all things esoteric. I don't remember the sunrise service at the Harmonic Convergence Event, which was very underwhelming - save a violin performance. What I do clearly recall was a climb up one of the four mesas on another day. I think we summited at least three of the four

vortexes or mesas for which Sedona is famous. Stu herded Janabai, Gentry and myself up one extremely steep mesa, like die if you fall kind of thing. Could have been Mount Everest. I remember Janabai, Gentry and myself crying, not being experienced climbers like Stu and Israel who had by this time gone on many climbing and camping trips together.. Fortunately, I lived to tell this story.

Well, we didn't feel the peace and harmony of the Convergence but we ended the trip with a visit to the Grand Canyon. We plopped down in the restaurant at the National Park Concession for lunch putting our trusted mascot stuffed toy ET. squarely in the middle of the table. I had stopped drinking in July and the rest of our clan were quite tipsy and I had to endure disapproving stares from neighbor lunch tables. As we left we heard someone mutter "And that ET doll"

*Stu had a big, big heart. He loved doing wacky things. He had a brilliant mind. I never heard him say anything negative. He was enthusiastic about everything, upbeat, positive and a good friend. My love for Stu only grew over the years. His enthusiasm, his creative way to describe the world, his intelligence, his positiveness is installed in my heart forever and we are family no matter what.
Nancy Murray Sushman*

Nancy Murray - April 02, 2024 at 12:31 AM

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“ *Erin Dawson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Stuart Morse Erskine.*



Erin Dawson - April 01, 2024 at 03:33 PM

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“ Erin Dawson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stuart Morse Erskine.

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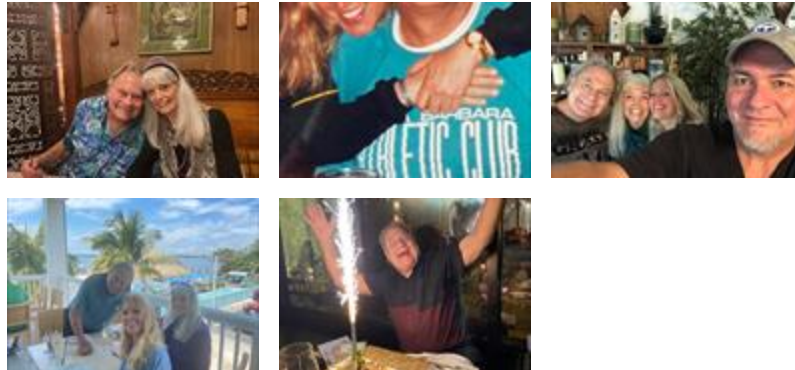
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“ So sorry to hear this! Always bright cheerful light and good vibe- he will be missed. My sincerest condolences to you, Janabai, Gentry and Stephen, and your entire family Avery and everyone at SMC

Avery Roberts Dye - March 30, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Maloney Funeral Home - March 29, 2024 at 09:06 AM