



## Jay Bondar

June 16, 1928 - October 7, 2015

Our Dad and Poppy, Jay Bondar, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 16, 1928. He graduated from Brooklyn College and was presented in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was also a World War II Navy Veteran. Poppy spent 41 years of his life as a business professional in Baltimore. The last 10 years were spent as a substitute teacher in Baltimore County and as an Official Guide at the National Aquarium. We would however like Poppy to be remembered for all his charity work. He spent 23 years as a Volunteer in Police Support for the Maryland State Police. He helped organize and participated in the Shop with a Cop for Christmas including shopping with the children. In addition he was heavily involved in the training classes for the Maryland State Police Trooper academy and loved attending the Graduation Ceremonies. Poppy also supported the Preakness Stakes Run and many other Charities and organizations throughout the years. Everyone who met him loved him because he made everyone feel like they mattered. He never missed a birthday or holiday greeting. He lived life with an open heart and an open home. He was predeceased by the love of his life, wife Barbara. He is survived by daughter, Rhea Bondar-Safford of Boise, Idaho, son Stace Bondar (Terry) of Owings Mills, grandchildren, Mason Yant, Boston, Ma., Courtney Yant-Haug (Fred), Phoenix, Az., Ashley Bondar-Johnson (Lee), Key West, Fl., Sydney Bondar, Owings Mills and Katelin Safford, Annapolis. He is also survived by two great grandsons, and many nieces and nephews whom

he loved dearly. Poppy was a true gentleman, a class act with a kind soul. He meant so much, to so many and will be dearly missed. Your impact on our lives and the world will never be forgotten! At Poppy's request there will be no services, please cherish and embrace all the wonderful memories he leaves us with.

# Tribute Wall

FO

“ *Jay Bondar*

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**Funeral Home Owner** - December 12, 2019 at 11:20 AM

CO

“ *Happy Birthday Poppy! I miss you today more than ever. I know you are celebrating and that gives me peace just wish I was celebrating with you. I love you so much and miss you like crazy. Today I will celebrate you all day. I love you and miss you. Happy birthday Poppy. Love you to the moon and back.... I will hold you in my heart until I can squeeze you on the other side. Xoxo Courts.*

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**Courts** - June 16, 2018 at 01:37 PM

CO

“ *Poppy, I miss you today more than ever. Just a note to let you know I am thinking of you. You loved this time of year. We loved this time year. I'm holding you so tight in my heart. Everyone said it would get easier as time went on but truth is I just miss you more. I love you Poppy. Xoxo Courts*

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**Courts** - December 20, 2017 at 11:15 PM

CO

“ *In French, you don't really say "I miss you", you say "Tu me manques" which means "You are missing from me". It's been a really long 2 years. I miss you like crazy every single day and love you more than words. This a was tough weekend even though deep down I know you are with me. I still miss being able to talk to you. You are one of a kind Poppy. I love you to the moon and back. Bye for now xoxo Courts*

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**Courts** - October 09, 2017 at 12:45 AM

CO

“ Poppy, Just wanted you to know I love you more than words can describe and I miss you so incredibly much. I think of you daily. I hope you had a great birthday and fathers day in heaven. I love you ton of much. Xoxo Courts

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**Courts** - June 20, 2017 at 01:29 PM

RT

“ During my time as Commander of Employee Relations and Volunteers in Police Support \"VIPS\", Jay Bondar was a very active, friendly volunteer. I was always happy to see him because Jay always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. Jay was a hard worker an willing to do any job that might be available. He was a joy to be around. I know that MSP is missing him!

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**Retired First Sgt. Susan Topper** - June 12, 2017 at 02:04 PM

CO

“ Poppy, It's Christmas Eve today and of course as always you are on my mind. I know you are celebrating with everyone in heaven. I really miss you and Christmas is not the same with you gone. You loved Christmas and the warmth of your presence at Christmas always made it memorable. I love you and miss you like crazy. Merry Christmas Poppy xoxo Courts

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**Courtney** - December 24, 2016 at 10:40 AM

CO

“ I cannot believe it has been a whole year without you. I miss you like crazy every single day. The hardest part has been learning to live without you. You used to tell me.... \"You don't know what you have until it's gone.\" And boy is that true. You were my rock for so long. I love you to the moon and back Poppy and I am holding you so close in my heart. I love you. Goodbye for now. xoxo Courts

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**Courts** - October 07, 2016 at 11:36 PM

CO

“ I love you to the moon and back. You are still on my mind everyday. I miss you like crazy. I still find myself looking at the clock at 4pm and thinking its time to call Poppy. I was definitely not ready for this but believe me I am holding you so tight in my heart until I can hug you in heaven. I love you Poppy. Goodbye for now. Xoxo Courts

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**Courts** - August 07, 2016 at 11:16 PM

CO

“ Poppy, Not a day goes by that I dont think of you. I miss you so much. I love you to the moon and back and I know you are watching over me. Its been hard actually accepting that this is final. Sometimes I just can't wrap my mind around it. I think about what you would tell me to do if you were here.....and I draw a blank. All the advice you have given me and guidnace and support still couldn't prepare me for losing you. I love you so much and continue to hold you tight in my heart until I can hold you in heaven. Goodbye for now i love you. Courts xoxo

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**Courts** - March 24, 2016 at 11:48 PM

CO

“ Poppy.... I miss you everyday. I think of you always. I write this still in shock that you are now guiding me from above. I love you so much. You know you are my strength and my hero. Its been tough not being able to bounce things off you. So much has gone on and I realized just how much I leaned on you for guidance. I miss you Poppy and love you forever and ever. I hope you are able to read all the notes I leave you. It helps me to write you and to have hope that you can see it. I love you Poppy. Goodbye for now.

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**Courts** - February 02, 2016 at 11:26 PM

MB

“ I was both shocked and saddened to learn of Mr Bondar's passing. He substituted at Owings Mills High for many years. I always enjoyed chatting with him and hearing the many stories he had to share. I'm sure all the faculty and students will miss seeing him. Most sincere condolences to all of his family.

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**Mrs Toni Brown** - October 26, 2015 at 07:03 PM

SY

“ Jay Bondar, AKA the “Motivator” I am thankful that I was once your son in-law and blessed with many moments of listening to your amusing conversations and profound intelligence. I miss the poolside BBQ's at Chestnut Ave, competitive tennis matches at Loyola, and the festive “Bondar Christmas” celebrations. You were a gentlemen at all times, loved, respected, and now missed by many. I want to thank you for your inspiration, coaching, and the love you gave to me. I can't help to be sad by your passing but the memories you left me are now adorned with tears and smiles which I will embrace the rest of my life.

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**Scott Yant** - October 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM

SR

“ Mr Jay it is with great sorrow that I learned today of your passing. However my sadness was replaced by the fact I got to know you the last few years as you performed so many invaluable task as a Maryland State Police Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS). You were always quite the gentleman and became a very dear friend to me. I always enjoyed discussing men's fashions with you. Thank you for being a very special person in my life and thank you for all you did to make the MSP better for all of us. God rest your soul my friend and comfort your family. We share their loss and celebrate your life.

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**Stewart Russell** - October 13, 2015 at 08:29 PM

LK

“ Jay Bondar was an adorable little man, with many words. I enjoyed listening to his past experiences and how he took pride being a part of MSP. He knew MANY people and had a story with each and everyone. I've known Jay now since volunteering at MSP, probably close to 12 yrs. He always had a smile no matter what came his way. He would also have a tear when talking about his beloved wife. Now he's by her side and I know how much he missed her. Jay will truly be missed by MSP. May he rest in peace.

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**Lynne Kumar** - October 13, 2015 at 01:41 PM

CY

“ Poppy, I love you so much and miss you even more already. I am thankful for all the wonderful memories you leave with me. You created the foundation of my life with love, support and encouragement. I am so incredibly proud to be your Granddaughter. I will continue to make you proud and practice all the life lessons you taught. I love you to the moon and back Poppy. I will hold you in my heart until I can hold you in heaven. My Poppy. My Hero. My Angel. Goodbye for now. I love you, xoxo Courts

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**Courtney Yant-Haug** - October 13, 2015 at 09:56 AM