



Jon Ralph Poulsen

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J on Ralph Poulsen the Facts:

Born: Sibley Hospital Washington DC 12/1/60

Raised: Rockville Md.

Parents: Kay and Jerry Poulsen

Siblings: Donna, Lora, Mark, Kathryn

He is survived by:

Wife: Beth Poulsen

Children: Travis Poulsen and wife Kara with Grandchildren: Adeline and Scarlett

Trent Poulsen

Melissa Poulsen

Mother: Kay Poulsen

Sisters: Donna Catron (Chris Catron)

Lora Whitehurst (Ben Whitehurst)

Kathryn Dorshimer (Duane Dorshimer)

Brother: Mark Poulsen (Sally Poulsen)

And a very large and loving extended family

Work History:

29+ years of dedicated service producing U.S. Banknotes and U.S. Postage Stamps at The Dept. Of Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.



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He entered service as an industrial control electrician and worked his way through the Electro-Machinist program (99.9% GPA in the four year cross training program), he served nine years getting the BEP Texas facility up and running as a journeyman EM, then into the Office of Product Development as a production specialist, then into the role of Engineering Project Manager (six sigma black belt), and was serving as supervisor of the DC facility Electro-Machine Shop at the time of his passing.

He was a highly respected problem solver and project manager and quickly earned respect at every role that he was asked to fill. His work ethic, talent, and determination were second to none. He worked closely and competently with highly complex equipment support and equipment development. He was well respected throughout the international banknote industry.

Jon Poulsen the Man:

Christian. Husband. Father. Grandfather. Son. Brother. Trusted Friend. Trusted Colleague. Family man. Craftsman. Waterman. Boss man. Musician. Wild man. A thinking man. A planning man. An impulsive man. An active man;

Bicyclist, Rebellious, Loyalist, Focused;

Weight lifter. Builder. Manager. Collector. Crabber.

Adhered to the Cowboy way, never afraid to pay,

Hard nosed, a pushover, A generous giver, self-centered, self-aware, always prepared, he didn't mind, a true one of a kind!

Date: Tuesday 8/30/16

Service Location: Welcome Grove Baptist Church

7368 Newland Road

Warsaw, VA 22572

Time: Private burial 12:00-12:30

SERVICE for all family and friends 1:00-2:00

Light Fare and fellowship at the church 2:00-3:00

Life Celebration Following Service:

Location: Coles Point Tavern (20 minutes from the church)



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850 Salisbury Park Rd
Hague, VA 22469

Time: 4:00-6:00

Details: Casual Dress

Picture Slide Show

Bluegrass Music (and other forms that Jon loved)

Hot Steamed Crabs "#1 Jimmies that slept in the bay last night"

Inappropriate Story Telling

Additional Info:

If you would like to send flowers and/or a card, two options:

1. To be displayed in the church during the service: <http://www.commonwealthflorist.com/>
6171 Richmond Rd.
Warsaw, VA 22572
(804) 333-3441
2. If you would like to send something to the family home:
Residence
Attn.: Beth Poulsen
326 Perry's Corner Rd.
Grasonville, MD 21638

If you would like to make a donation in Jon's memory, accounts have been established in Jon's name:

1- American Heart Association

<http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/>

2- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center

<http://www.bayrestoration.org/>




Events

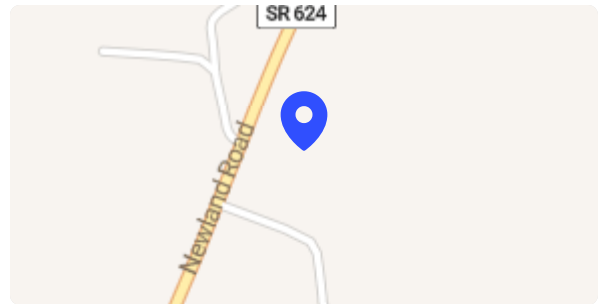
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Service

 **Tuesday**, August 30, 2016

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Welcome Grove Baptist Church**
7368 Newland Rd, Warsaw VA 22572





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Heike Davis lit a candle in honor of Jon.



August 31 at 4:42 AM



Heike Davis August 31 at 4:50 AM

My deepest and most sincere condolences to the Poulsen family. I was deeply saddened by the news of his passing. We here at Mühlbauer, shared and enjoyed the relationship build through the years with him. He will not be forgotten and will be dearly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and well-wishes accompany you and your family during this time of loss.



Bethany Lynn Williams posted:

To the Poulsen Family: Jon and I rode the same commuter bus everyday for a few years. I enjoyed chatting with him about BEP happenings, his time in Texas and coming back to the DC area. It is hard to believe he is gone and he will be missed. Your family will continue to be in my prayers. Blessings, Bethany Lynn Williams Human Resources, BEP

August 31 at 2:41 AM



Gwen Harper September 6 at 9:48 AM

Sooooo sorry. My son was good friends with Travis early in school at Eagle Mountain elementary! We were shocked to hear this. Gwen Harper



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:40 AM

Thank you for this ❤️



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JS

Joe Stephens posted:

Dear Beth, Jackie and I are so grateful to have shared some good carefree times together with you and Jon, both in Maryland and also Texas... trips to Ocean City, MD., dinners, especially at Fager's Island enjoying the sunset along with the "1812 Overture", boating and jet skiing, Stevie Ray Vaughn concert at Merriweather Post. We will hold on to and cherish those fond memories. We are deeply saddened for you, Travis, Trent, Melissa, and all of Jon's family over your loss. We pray God will bless you with His comfort and healing, and that He will be a source of strength for all of your needs. With sincere regrets and love, Jackie & Joe Stephens

August 30 at 10:05 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:40 AM

Thank you for this ❤️

CC

Cheri (Putnam) Carroll lit a candle in honor of Jon.

I am so sorry to hear of Jon's passing!! We were in home room together, for as long as I can remember! I recall seeing him at some reunions. I always have and always will remember him fondly. He was always kind to me and others; even when others weren't. I am so sorry for your loss!! My condolences, Cheri (née) Putnam Carroll.



August 30 at 7:00 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:42 AM

Thank you for this ❤️



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SO

Steven Olszowy posted:

I like Bill Hemmingway met Jon for the first time in his "Travel Club" days. I had the pleasure of being the Mechanical Instructor of that 5th E/M group. I heard all the stories from those trips that Bill mentioned; it really was a tight knit group. They were always extremely competitive whether it was for the highest grade in the class or who could buy the best "toy". The biggest competition of course was between Jon and Mark. Jon's competitiveness was in his nature, as was his work ethic and dedication to improve things here at the BEP, they are just some parts of his Character that I never saw waiver or change in all the years that I've known him. Mark and the rest of the Poulsen family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Steven M. Olszowy

August 30 at 6:56 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:44 AM

Thank you for this ❤️

YD

Yosef Dov posted:

DEAR POULSEN FAMILY, MAY I OFFER MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON JON'S PASSING. JON AND I USED TO BE GREAT FRIENDS WHEN I MOVED THERE IN 1970, HE, DAVE GLAZIER, AND JEFF BRASSARD USED TO HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL AND PLAY FOOTBALL IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE. HE WAS A GREAT GUY A GREAT SMILE AND AN HONEST SOUL. HE WAS TRUSTWORTHY AND HAD GREAT INTEGRITY, I USED TO GO BY THE NAME JOE DOVE WHEN I LIVED IN THE STATES AND NOW I GO BY YOSEF DOVE. I LIVE IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL WITH MY YOUNGEST SON AND THREE OF HIS CHILDREN. WHEN I MOVED JON AND I LOST TOUCH AND AM VERY SORRY WE DID. I CANNOT SAY ENOUGH WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WOULD SUM UP HIS CHARACTER. I KNEW DONNA AND USED TO RIDE THE BUS ON HEATHFIELD WITH LORA WHEN WE WERE IN PEARY. DONNA AND LORA I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MAY JON'S MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY THE L-RD COMFORT ALL OF YOU WITH HIS LOVE. SINCERELY, JOSEPH DOVE FROM JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

August 29 at 9:27 PM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:46 AM

I remember you, Joe! Thank you for this ❤️



Donna Poulsen Catron August 31 at 6:21 PM

Oh my goodness, I know who you are now, J.D. Thank you for your kind words; we all appreciate them and I know Jon would have too. May God continue to bless your life and those of your loved ones.



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Poulsen family.



August 29 at 3:57 PM



Bill Hemingway posted:

Jon, and I go back over 26 years, we came into the Electro-Machine shop together as the young guns the party boys The Original Fifth group and most famous for the Travel Club. Jon ,Mark, Terry ,Brian, Frank took some great trips to Utah skiing and West Virginia down the white water of the Gulley river and motorcycle trips to Ocean City. We had such a variety of personalities that we all got a long and had unbelievable times together. Jon was the cultured one of the Bunch at least he thought he was, We new different but he was so much fun to mess with and he took it all in stride. Apart of our inner circle is now gone but he will never be forgotten, God Bless you and god bless your family. Bill Hemingway and Family

August 29 at 1:45 PM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:48 AM

Thank you, Bill. It was a pleasure to meet you. ❤️



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Poulsen family.



August 29 at 12:57 PM



Your Friends, John, Charlie, Clyde, Tom, And Joe sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Poulsen family.



August 29 at 10:58 AM



Laura Dougherty sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Poulsen family.



August 29 at 6:51 AM



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Lisa Lynam posted:

I can't remember how, where or when I met Jon at the BEP, but it just seems like I have known him as a friend and colleague all of the years I have been at the DC facility. It was effortless to smile and talk to him -- conversations came so naturally every time I saw him. I will miss him very much and my deepest sympathies to his family.--Lisa Lynam

August 29 at 6:42 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:51 AM

Thank you for this ❤️



Your Procure Family sent a Pretty Please to the Poulsen family.



August 29 at 5:56 AM



Ron Armstrong posted:

Jon was many things - but most of all someone I considered a friend and it will be a difficult task to replace his dedication, leadership, and his friendship. Rest in peace. Ron Armstrong

August 29 at 4:00 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:52 AM

Thank you, Ron ❤️



Lou Moran posted:

You will be remembered and missed. Our condolences to Beth and the rest of the family. Lou and Sherri Moran Fort Worth, TX

August 29 at 3:35 AM



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:52 AM

Thank you ❤️



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Renee Wade posted:

Lora and Donna, I am so very sorry to hear this news of the loss of your brother. I am praying for peace and comfort for your family. Love to you all, Renee Powell Wade

August 28 at 4:10 PM

LW **Lora Whitehurst** September 1 at 5:53 AM

Thank you, Renee. Love to you.



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Poulsen family.



August 28 at 1:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Poulsen family.



August 28 at 3:02 AM



Toni Redman lit a candle in honor of Jon.

There were so many good times that Skip and I spent with you and Beth over the young years of your life..They will forever be precious in my heart..No matter how long someone lives, it's never long enough to those who are left behind..R.I.P. My friend Toni Redman (Hill)....



August 27 at 5:25 PM

LW **Lora Whitehurst** September 1 at 5:55 AM

Thank you, Toni. It was good to see you ❤️



Bill And Caroline Peters And Family sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Poulsen family.



August 27 at 10:28 AM



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Lora Poulsen Whitehurst posted:

"I could hope that I could pray you back But why on earth would I do that When you're somewhere life and love never ends" Love you, big brother ❤️

August 27 at 6:25 AM



Jason Goggins posted:

They say that Great men talk about people, Greater men talk about ideas and the Greatest men take those people and put them with their ideas. Jon you were one of the Greatest men I have ever known. I am honored to say that you were a close friend of mine and I will always cherish the memories of the great times that we have had. You are missed and I wish I had the opportunity to tell you that I Love you my friend! Jason Goggins!

August 27 at 4:34 AM



Jason Goggins September 6 at 7:05 AM

Thanks Lora!



Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 5:59 AM

He knew, Jason. Thanks so much for being his friend.



Joy Wills posted:

Jon you were such a good persons to work with I will miss your smile and your cool walk may you rest in peace co-worker Joy Wills.

August 26 at 10:28 PM



Frank And Joan sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Poulsen family.



August 26 at 4:03 PM



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John Watts posted:

I first met Jon at the BEP in Fort Worth in March of '95. I was immediately impressed by his demeanor, calm, confident, brilliant. It's not often that an older guy looks up to a younger guy but, Jon was different. He was first, my friend and second, my mentor. He was 14 years my junior but, in every way, senior to me. He was a pleasure to be near and taught me more than anyone else in this life, not just about work but about being a man. I only wish I had told him that. Now I will work hard to see him again in Heaven just so I can tell him. As we grow in this life, we generally have only a few people we look up to. Jon was one of my heroes, one of the few. I miss his ready smile.

August 26 at 12:34 PM



John Watts August 29 at 10:15 AM

Mark, the next time I see you, I want a hug and then we'll lift a glass in the memory of Jon.



Mark Poulsen August 29 at 8:30 AM

For the record John, you are one of those few heroes for me. Thank you, Mark Poulsen



Lora Poulsen Whitehurst August 27 at 4:49 AM

Thank you for this.



Pam Trout posted:

So sorry for your loss.. Lots of love and prayers. Love Pam and Joy

August 26 at 10:34 AM



Reneta, Ashley And Eric sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Poulsen family.



August 26 at 10:25 AM



With All Our Love, Reneta And Ashley (Eric, Too) sent a Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket to the Poulsen family.



August 26 at 10:20 AM



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Michele Crouch posted:

Dear Beth , Travis (and family) , Melissa and Trent , I'm so sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the Poulsen family . Love and Prayers , Michele Crouch

August 26 at 9:51 AM



Richard Zachmann posted:

A great guy and a great coworker. There were few like him as an employee or a friend. You shall be sorely missed, Jon... rest in peace.

August 26 at 9:43 AM



Brian Brennan posted:

I can remember the first day I met Jon I was 11 years old and knew he was Mark's older, "cool brother", little did I know he would be such an inspiration in my teens and early twenties. I always looked up to Jon, he was a leader, never a follower, paved his own path and made his own rules, a quality I admired. When I think of Jon Poulsen I remember so many exciting and fun times, watching Jon play Dobro on the front porch, listening to bluegrass music, hearing the stories about his motorcycle trip to California, drinking miller ponies on a hot summer evening, eating crabs at the Damascus house and building the Mt Airy house with him. Jon was a great man full of life who has left us too soon, my fond memories of Jon will always be with me. Brian Brennan

August 26 at 7:48 AM

LW **Lora Whitehurst** August 27 at 4:56 AM
Thank you, Brian. We love you



James Mountjoy shared an album called **New Album Name.**



August 26 at 5:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Poulsen family.



August 26 at 5:55 AM



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JM

James Mountjoy posted:

Jon and I became fast friends after he started at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Wash, D.C. in 1984. We seemed to have everything in common. One was our love of "country rock," the Allman Brothers, e.g. "Sweet Melissa," and the dream of, maybe one day, being a full time musician. But, the motherload of our conversations concentrated around family and raising kids. I knew I needed to "settle in" when Jon started out with the words, "let me tell you about what Travis did, this time!" The two of us never laughed so hard in our lifetimes! What I admired about Jon was his solid work ethic and his determination that - "I'll make whatever sacrifices it takes for my kids to be successful in life." We talked endlessly about our/his kids. The last conversation I had with him was so uplifting because, we talked about how well all his children were doing. He had accomplished his main mission/goal in life. I fought back the tears when I last talked to Mark the other day, with the realization that now, we'll never have these same conversation about our grandchildren. I will always cherish that friendship with Jon, and remember our good times together, until my own demise. "God Speed, Jon"- Jimmy Mountjoy Melbourne, FL

August 26 at 5:49 AM



Lora Whitehurst August 27 at 5:00 AM

Thank you for this, Jimmy.

RS

Ronald Sr. posted:

How I will miss my good buddy Jon is simply too hard to put to pen and paper. He always had a smile on his face and could find the best in a bad day. Jon was a gracious host on his boat, always at the ready to wet a line or cage some crabs. When we differed on an opinion, which was often, we never got mad or indignant. We hung out around my fire pit and drank good booze and enjoyed shady stories of conquests and tragedies. There will now be another empty chair by my side, I know some day when it's my time, I'll be welcomed home by good men and great friends like Jon, to stand beside me in the presents of God almighty. Until then my friend, you rest in piece and God bless the loved one's you've left behind. Ron Watson

August 26 at 4:17 AM



Lora Whitehurst August 27 at 5:01 AM

Thank you for this, Ron



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TM

Tony Maniaci posted:

It was a pleasure to work with Jon. Always had fresh ideas and a way to get things done. He will be missed. Our Prayers go out to his Family. God Bless.

August 26 at 1:27 AM

LW

Lora Whitehurst September 1 at 6:27 AM

Thank you, Tony.

JK

Joe Kayne posted:

I only was fortunate to meet Jon a few times. At his brothers Mark's house. At his house in northern neck where he took me on his boat. Loved it. And in key west on vacation. Mark and Jon schooled me on the wave runners. Smart, funny, and serious all at the same. Best described Jon. I watched him with his carpentry genius and listening to country music. Was in awe. Only was in his presence a few times. But can recall each account. Definition of A great man . Jon. Joe k.

August 25 at 4:57 PM

LW

Lora Whitehurst August 27 at 5:04 AM

Thank you for this

KR

Kellum Reynolds August 26 at 1:39 PM

A great man. I enjoyed working with Jon, but most of all I enjoyed talking with Jon, always a easy going guy. My prayers go up to God for the family. He made a great impression.

RM

Rob Munach posted:

My fondest memory of Jon was he tying a toboggan to the back of his dirt bike and pulling me and Mark around the library field in the snow. We called it moto-sledding. Funnest time ever. He was a good man. Godspeed, Jon. Rob Munach

August 25 at 2:04 PM

LW

Lora Whitehurst August 27 at 5:06 AM

Rob, we had so many wild and fun adventures that make me smile when I think about them. You were part of our family.



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Jim Mountjoy shared an album called **New Album Name**.



August 25 at 11:23 AM



Mark Hedrick posted:

I can remember when I first worked with Jon back in 95. Always had a kind word to say about everyone. He will be truly missed. Our prayers go out to his family.

August 25 at 10:18 AM



Bob Mitchum posted:

Jon was a man of integrity. Always the gentleman. I worked with him at Fort Worth BEP. Bob Mitchum

August 25 at 8:43 AM



Mark Poulsen posted:

I remember the very first job I did with him when he hired me to work for Odell. .The job was in Columbia off 32He brought left over crabs to the job and that's what we had for lunch that day in the trailer...I was thinking back then , how damn cool is this..Bob Wertz

August 25 at 6:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Poulsen family.



August 25 at 6:53 AM



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Laurie Hess posted:

Jon is my cousin and we have shared holidays and Nagshead for many years. In all those years I never knew his middle name was Ralph. You will be missed my friend. Love cousin Laurie

August 25 at 5:02 AM



Lora Poulsen Whitehurst August 25 at 7:09 AM

It was my Dad's middle name, too



Tommy Beck posted:

I worked with Jon in Fort Worth and on many projects at the BEP for over 22 years. I learned a lot from him as well as his brother. He treated me very well and would listen to what I had to say, even if he did not agree he would smile and say well maybe. This world has lost a GREAT man and his talents at BEP will be missed. Tommy Beck WCF

August 24 at 11:17 AM



Lora Whitehurst August 27 at 5:08 AM

Thank you for this, Tommy



Media

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James Mountjoy shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

August 26 at 5:57 AM



"Always, having a Good Time"



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Jim Mountjoy shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

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Jon and Jim Mountjoy, 10/4/2012 at the river house. "The Best of Times"



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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