



Jeff (JJ) Jaster

I first meet JJ at the local hardware store one morning when he saw my amateur radio antenna on my truck and made a point of introducing himself. We spoke for a bit and he informed me that he was the property manager for a nearby homeowners association.

Little did I know that a short time later we would be living in that association where he was the full time manager! JJ had worked here for some 14 years or so and was liked by almost all of the residents. As with any home owners association, there were those who wished that he would leave, and when they were elected to the board, proceeded to make his daily job difficult. As a result of this, several of us ran for the board and were elected. I was named president, and according to our by laws, JJ now reported to me!

JJ was a happy hardworking individual, absolutely dedicated to the residents in this association, and worked tirelessly at his duties! He was on call 24/7 and frequently was on property long hours. He assisted many of our elderly residents when asked. He was totally honest, took great care of our associations commonly owned assets, and was available almost any time.

JJ had a fantastic memory. A brilliant man, he could recall in intimate detail events from years past, and frequently did so when asked about previous events. He was devoted to his wife, and never had a bad word to say about anyone, even when he had been attacked by some of our inconsiderate residents.

He was a wonderful employee of our association, and treated the entire neighborhood and its residents as though it and the residents were his personal family. Due to this fact, he did not need to be supervised in the classical way, he saw what needed to be done, and did it as needed. He went beyond what was expected of him in all his duties. He was always cheerful and simply ignored those that criticized him. Truly a happy individual, JJ was a humanitarian, and never had a bad word for or about anyone. If he took on a task you could be assured it would be performed to the best of his ability.

He loved ham radio, and was active on the air, both from hi work truck and his home station. He frequently discussed his many contacts with me and told me items about there lives that he had learned about from their on the air discussions.

JJ had been prescribed drugs recently that had made him very paranoid, and commented to that effect to some of us. He had his prescription changed, and reported that he felt much better. After his medication changes that he shared with a few of us, he seemed happier, and calmer. It was a real surprise to learn of this tragedy.

JJ was a unique individual, a happy, honest man, and will be sorely missed by our organization as well as by his many friends!

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