



John Raymond Fleming

January 2, 1952 - March 5, 2018

Age 66 of White House, TN passed away Monday, March 5, 2018 at Hendersonville Medical Center, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 2, 1952 in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania to Charles and Ruth Barry Fleming. He was employed by Marriott for 46+ years and was currently the General Manager of the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. Fleming had served as the general manager of the Renaissance Nashville Hotel since 1993. Under his leadership, the Renaissance maintained its reputation as one of the top hotels in downtown Nashville among out-of-town customers and locals alike, making it one of the highest revenue and profit generators in the Marriott portfolio of brands. He was active in the hospitality community in Nashville, serving on boards for the Greater Nashville Hospitality Association, Tennessee Hospitality Association, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and Nashville Downtown Partnership. He was also a member of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation since its adoption in 2003. Mr. Fleming was involved in the Nashville community, serving as a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. He was a National Volunteer of the Year for United Cerebral Palsy in 1987. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and was an avid reader. Friends and colleagues say he was an incredible leader and a consummate gentleman. He will be greatly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Nicholas Fleming; brother, Charles David "Dave" Fleming; sister, Debbie Louise Wilson. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Thomas Fleming; daughters, Donna (TJ)

Meyer and Grace Lynne Fleming; 3 grandchildren, Sofia Rose Meyer, Claire Louise Fleming and Brody Wayne Parnell, all of White House, TN. Funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 1pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House, with Deacon Jim Carr, Coach Jeff Porter and Mark Giovetti officiating. Interment will follow in White House Memorial Gardens with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2018 4-8pm and Saturday, March 10, 2018 10am-1pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 2000 Charlotte Avenue Nashville, TN 37203
REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000

Cemetery Details

White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W
White House, TN 37188

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.* ”



March 19, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *The Omni Nashville Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Raymond Fleming.* ”



The Omni Nashville Family - March 09, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.* ”



March 08, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ *From Chelsey and Kevin Pickard purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of John Raymond Fleming.* ”



From Chelsey and Kevin Pickard - March 08, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



March 08, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



March 08, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *John and Clare Reiss purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



John and Clare Reiss - March 08, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JR

“ I cannot express how saddened I am to hear of John’s passing. For the past 45 years, I have been blessed with John as a friend and colleague.

His passion for, leadership in, and knowledge of the hotel business has always amazed and impressed me. He was a caring and genuine friend.

My prayers and sympathy to John’s family and friends, and the Nashville hotel community. We all miss you.

John Reiss

John Reiss - March 08, 2018 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ My prayers go out to the family. I started working at RNH in 1989 and have so many memories over the years. In the Purchasing days I remember calling Shelby to ask what kind of mood he was in before bringing up purchase orders for him to sign. I wasn't about to explain why we needed whatever it was if he wasn't in a signing mood. Later on, after I moved to Accounting, I broke an arm and was in sling contraption for several weeks. Computer work was difficult so I had a (bad) habit of undoing the hand brace part. I'm pretty sure he somehow knew every single time I did it, because he would wander over to our corner and say/growl "Jan Dewey - are you supposed to be doing that?" Over the years he was always someone who cared about each of us and I will always appreciate that. I believe our greatest tribute to him now will be to continue working as hard as we can to make sure we remain one of the best hotels in Nashville. He will be greatly missed.

Jan Dewey - March 07, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.



March 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *I am incredibly sadden by John's passing. It's a loss that I and many will feel for a long time. For as much as I will miss him, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know him and work with him. I can't think of a single exchange with John where I didn't learn something from him. His passion for his hotel and team, his love of family, and his infinite wisdom will long be remembered. Icon is often an overused word but in John's case the adjective is appropriate for him. He represented our industry, the city of Nashville, and his hotel in the most professional and purest of ways. It was never about John - he always redirected any accolades to everyone else but himself. He had clear vision and just enough wit to make you listen attentively to anything he said. I will always remember John for what he said and what he did, but I will never forget and will always hold on to how he made me feel during the simplest of conversations. And I will always admire him for the way in which he cared for others in the most sincere and genuine of ways. Mr. Fleming, it was an honor and a privilege and I will miss you immensely. - Gary Hughes*

Gary Hughes - March 07, 2018 at 10:33 AM

TX

“ *Such wonderful memories of working for Mr. Fleming. Hard to believe it was 25 years ago when he came to The (Stouffer) Renaissance Nashville. I clearly remember his young family and my prayers are with his wife and daughters. Teri Thiel Xavier (1990-2001)*

Teri Thiel Xavier - March 07, 2018 at 12:12 AM

KH

“ *I was very heartbroken to learn of John's passing. I was always called John "Mr. Fleming" due to my reverence and respect for him. He was always genuinely kind and supportive to me, and always a true gentleman. My prayers and sympathy go out to John's family. He will be truly missed.*

Keith Hensley - March 06, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



March 06, 2018 at 03:44 PM

LV

“ *When I hear the name John Fleming, I think - true gentleman in every sense of the word. I have very fond memories of working for him at the Stouffer Riverview Plaza in Mobile. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.*

*Lisa Dennis Volentine
Atlanta Airport Marriott*

Lisa Dennis Volentine - March 06, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



March 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *Grand Avenue Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



Grand Avenue Team - March 06, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Metropolitan Memphis Hotel & Lodging Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Raymond Fleming.*



Metropolitan Memphis Hotel & Lodging Association - March 06, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *John was a true friend and gentleman. I am going to miss discussing life and operational issues with him. A big loss to Nashville and the hospitality industry.*
Karl Thomas

Karl Thomas - March 06, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to his wife, daughters and family. I had the pleasure of working with John in Houston at the Stouffer Greenway Plaza Hotel in the early 80's and then again in the mid 90's as my GM at the Nashville Renaissance Hotel. A true leader. He will be missed.

Joan Paterson-Hampton

Joan Paterson - Hampton - March 06, 2018 at 10:51 AM

JK

“ Memory Eternal! A true loss of a good human being. Rest in Peace John!

Joseph Klam

Joseph Klam - March 06, 2018 at 10:12 AM

BZ

“ Mr Fleming gave me my career start in HR. I had a hospitality degree but really wanted to work in Human Resources. I applied for a job at the Stouffer Nashville HR department as an Admin. Was interviewed by Mr Parsons and got to meet Mr Fleming. This was around 1994. I have been in HR ever since. What a wonderful impact on me and my early career. Thank you Mr Fleming for being a role model.

Bless your whole family during this difficult time.

Becky Zenz (Theis)

Becky Zenz - March 05, 2018 at 07:57 PM

EC

“ I met John in 1976 at the Stouffer Valley Forge Hotel...he was a Front Desk manager and I was right out of training. We went on to spend many years together with Stouffer Renaissance hotels. John was the quiet guy...but when he spoke you listened. He was even keeled and never stressed under pressure. I have fond memories of those days and I wish to express my condolences to his family...and his extended hotel family at Nashville Renaissance hotel. Ed Chanatry, Solon, Ohio

Ed Chanatry - March 05, 2018 at 07:42 PM