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Jason Andrew Hartz, 45, passed away Saturday, February 29, 2020 in the loving embrace of his wife Jamie after battling an admirable fight with Cancer.

Originally hailing from Michigan, Jason grew up in Midland graduating from Midland High School where he played football, ran track and was a member of the high school band and choir. He went on to graduate from Grand Valley State University with his Bachelor's Degree. Jason began his career in Marketing and later moved to North Carolina in 2009. Jason and Jamie have since made North Carolina their home where they have been blessed with two beautiful children, Andrew 8, and Isabel 5.

Those who knew Jason would describe him as a soccer enthusiast, a musician, an outdoorsman, a foodie and a connoisseur of fine things. He was all these things but most proudly an amazing father, husband, son, brother and friend. Jason was a devoted husband and a proud father who always put his family first where he enjoyed coaching soccer, cooking, watching sports, listening to music and playing drums with his children. He built fun into simple car rides to school every morning turning them into jam sessions and music lessons about the best drummers and bands of all times. His greatest joy was teaching his children about the world around them and observing his children grow and discover new things. A man of tradition, Jason found ways to bring his family close together through annual holiday activities and fall trips to the apple orchard.

Loyal to his beliefs and passions, Jason was a writer and took notes of everyday life. He wrote stories about his children at dances or soccer matches, he wrote the history of his life with his wife Jamie at every mundane Saturday night or date night. His tales of early life with his parents and siblings were well documented with both pictures and stories of camping trips, trout fishing, duck hunting and many beautiful holidays. He was a writer, a poet, and a musician playing the drums, guitar and piano. He was gifted with a beautiful voice and could fill the room with joy when sharing his musical talents. An avid outdoorsman Jason loved camping, hiking and fishing, especially the art of fly fishing. And you can't know Jason Hartz without appreciating his sense of



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humor, quick wit and genuine love for his family. People were drawn to Jason for his love for life, his love for people, his unwavering character and true dependability. His friendships were deep, meaningful and loyal. He was always quick with a word; a giggle and he was a wonderful humorist who would add a twist on a story of his or others. He wrote amazing poetry, music and short stories weaving every interaction into the fabric of his own life.

As with all writers the story never stops and instead continues to build with new and interesting characters, events and challenges. As Jamie, Andrew and Isabel walk through life with Jason watching from heaven they will carry on his legacy and continue sharing his story along with all the friends and family that were privileged to know Jason. In his final days Jason's wish for everyone was to go forth and be happy, find joy in this world again. Each of you reading this can help carry on Jason's final wishes by telling his stories, remembering his life and helping his family find joy in today and tomorrow; building upon the story and fabric of his family. His time is that of only 45 years here on earth and he leaves an impression and legacy that will last forever.


Jason is survived by his wife Jamie of 12 years, children Andrew and Isabel of Huntersville, NC, his mother Linda Hartz of Midland, MI, father Donald and Cindi Hartz of Sanford, MI, sister Julie (Jamie) Wheelock of Midland, MI, brother Jeff (Beth) Hartz of Bay City, MI, step brothers David (Ann) Bruzewski, Michael (Jenny) Bruzewski, both of Midland, MI, step sister Tracy (Doug) Brubaker, of Shanghai, China, father and mother-in-law Steve and Mary Ricketts of Higgins Lake, MI, brother-in-law Jason Ricketts of Clare, MI and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held Thursday March 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends and family following the service at the church. Memorial contributions in honor of Jason may be made to Davidson College Presbyterian Church P.O.Box 337, Davidson, NC 28036.


Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com



Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, March 5, 2020

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Davidson College Presbyterian Church**
100 N Main St., Davidson NC 28036





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Robert Graham posted:

As I shared my memory with Jane the other day. There were times I spoke to Jason while visiting Midland. One particular instance was many many years ago when Don and Cindi first got together. I flew into Midland late one night ~11pm and there was a big snow storm. Don informed me somehow that Jason would be picking me up from the airport. We had never met each other before. I arrived and was greeted by this wonderful person Jason. The roads were in very bad condition from the snow storm. Jason made me feel like it was his honor to be the one to pick me up and deliver me safely to my sisters house. I will never forget this.....he left a lasting impression on me. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Robert

March 5 at 7:24 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Hartz family.



March 5 at 6:49 AM



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



March 4 at 4:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hartz family.



March 4 at 2:43 PM



Jen Mcguire And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hartz family.



March 4 at 2:24 PM



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Anonymous sent a Cheryl's Elite Gift Tower to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 12:40 PM



Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute Team sent a Fairest of All to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 9:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 8:49 AM



Kathy Smith (Mrs. Smitty) lit a candle in honor of Jason.

March 4 at 7:05 AM



Paul And Diane Krcma sent an Arrive in Style to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 6:00 AM



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

March 4 at 5:58 AM





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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 4:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Hartz family.

March 4 at 3:31 AM



Amber Miller posted:

As we cross paths with many people through life only a few really stand out. Jason is one of those. He will be remembered for his integrity and devotion to family. His passion for life, including fishing and soccer will always bring a smile to my heart.

March 3 at 8:54 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Hartz family.

March 3 at 4:26 PM



Rick Coffee posted:

The only times I'd see Jason angry or in a bad mood was when he'd either observe someone being dishonest, or witness someone trying to take advantage of another person. His code was to be fair and do no harm, and wouldn't tolerate others who didn't respect these values. I'll miss him so much, and will try to keep a piece of him with me always.

March 3 at 1:43 PM



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Michael Watkins posted:

Jason symbolizes what I want to be: an honorable man of impact who valued relationships. He loved his family and put them as top priority. His love and the shadow he cast is immeasurable. I'm grateful for knowing such a wonderful person.

March 3 at 12:08 PM



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



March 3 at 11:50 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Hartz family.



March 3 at 11:42 AM



Janet Handy posted:

Jamie, Andrew, Isabel and family, Sending love and caring to all of you. Janet Handy

March 3 at 11:37 AM



Jason Paluszak posted:

Jason was one of the nicest, most fun-loving, and just overall "genuine" individuals that I can say I have ever met, and that I am able to say I could call a friend. Condolences go out to the entire Hartz family. So sorry for your loss.... :(Like so many others, we didn't necessarily get to re-connect over the years per se, but it was always nice to see what was going on in his world via social media. Gonna be in my prayers buddy! - Jason Paluszak

March 3 at 11:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hartz family.



March 3 at 9:14 AM



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Theresa Taylor posted:

Jason was my go-to 120 Minutes buddy. Music was his passion, it always has been. He was an absolute Gentlemen in middle and high school, always smiling. I was pleased to reconnect with him on FB to see that he had grown into a devoted family man. Much love to you all. I'm so saddened to hear of his passing. He was such a fantastic person!~ Theresa Kiefer-Taylor

March 3 at 8:33 AM



Carrie Schwartz posted:

Jason was always full of smiles, laughter and FUNNY as heck!!! He was also sensitive and in tune to those around him emotionally. I'm thankful to have known him. I pray his memory lives on daily through is children and wife... sending love,Carrie Chamberlin Schwartz

March 3 at 8:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hartz family.



March 3 at 7:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hartz family.



March 3 at 7:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Hartz family.



March 3 at 5:51 AM



Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute posted:

Our deepest sympathies, Jamie - from your Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute family. We're praying for you at this difficult time.

March 3 at 2:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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