



Jason "Jay" Smith

January 24, 2017

Jason "Jay" Smith passed away on Tuesday, January 24th after a 17 day struggle in the ICU. His sudden passing has left our hearts completely broken. Jay will be remembered most by friends and family as a welcoming, loyal protector, whose infectious sense of humor left a permanent smile with us all. Even in death, he managed to save the lives of 3 complete strangers by donating his organs including his liver and both kidneys. Anyone who met Jay knew that he had a giving heart and strived to be the person you could confide in, share with, and lean on. Those close to him described him as kind, loving, compassionate, tough, and most importantly forgiving. No matter the situation or circumstance, Jay always found it in his heart to find the best in everyone that he crossed paths with and always gave them the benefit of the doubt. This rare trait that so few of us possess is part of what made Jason so special and so loved.

He is survived by his mother, Crystal Smith; son, Jordan Smith; girlfriend, Christine Lahman; sister, Kayla Wicker; brother, Damion Smith; grandfather, Francis Smith; aunts, Tammy Halterman, Cindy Sevenoff, Holly Overly, and Angie Smith; uncle, Chris Smith; several cousins, Crystal, Trent, James, Demi, Michael, Elizabeth, Sydney, Marissa, Timothy and many close friends, Ricky, Krista, Andre, Jeremy, Glen, Charlie, Christina, Liz, Zack, Josh, Ozzy, and many more. He is preceded in death by grandmother, Clara Smith (Sue) & cousin Rob Smith.

Jason was born on April 4th, 1981 in Columbus, OH. He played little league baseball, and loved bowling with friends at Holiday Lanes. He had an energetic spirit, which rang true when it came to music. He played his music as he lived his life; loud without fear, and with passion that many of us should be lucky enough to experience even once in our lifetime. He loved to spend time with his family and girlfriend, Christine, who helped him run "Big Cats Pay Lake" for two seasons. The two enjoyed their time there to the fullest where he was able to make his hobby into his profession. Jay had one son, Jordan, who he absolutely adored more than life itself. Jay conveyed his life's legacy into his son and was and will always be proud of the young man he has and will become. Jordan and Jay shared similar passions of fishing and spent time together talking about their fish tanks, past fishing adventures, fond memories and more. Jay was an Ohio guy through and through, with his love for the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians, etc.

His family invites you to calling hours January 29th from 1:30-3:30pm at Grace Fellowship Church located 1449 Refugee Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147. Following is a celebration of life/fundraiser in Jay's honor at Roosters located at 376 S Hamilton Rd, Whitehall, OH 43213. The funeral is 12:30pm at Grace Fellowship Church located at 1449 Refugee Rd, Pickerington, OH 43147 with calling one hour prior. Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers:

GoFundMe - <https://www.gofundme.com/jason-smith-fund>

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