



Jason Thiss

November 10, 1979 - August 23, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we announce Charles "Jason" Thiss, age 45, of Edina, MN, died unexpectedly Friday, August 22, 2025.

Born on November 10, 1979, in Waukegan, IL, Jason was a devoted father and a loving husband, best known for his infectious laugh and even bigger heart. A lifelong Minnesota sports fan, he especially loved cheering on the Vikings. His passion for music-whether playing it or experiencing it live-was a constant thread throughout his life.

Jason grew up in Edina and cultivated friendships wherever he went. He went to Concord elementary and SouthView Middle School, and attended Edina High School, graduating with the class of 1998. He loved playing all sports but found an affinity for left tackle early on in football.

He went to Drake University and played football all four years. While at Drake, Jason would meet some of his best friends and loved being a part of the Theta Chi Fraternity. He spent MANY days and nights at the Library doing what he loved best...serving beer and talking to people. He graduated in 2002 and moved to Chicago to put his business and marketing degree to work. He would later move to Atlanta while working for Tricam but eventually returned to Minneapolis in 2008.

Jason met his wife Lindsey (also a Drake grad) in August 2011. To say they were kismet is an understatement, as both Jason and Lindsey had been in the same social circles for years. They were married May 17, 2014 and welcomed their daughter, Caroline Reese, in February 2016. Their son Charles "Dylan" would complete the family in July 2018.

Jason loved to play music and spent many years playing in the live karaoke band, Hurricane Karaoke. He attended as many concerts and live music shows as he could, and the band Goose became a perennial favorite.

To know Jason was to know he loved to laugh and enjoyed a good IPA beer on any given day. He also loved trying new restaurants (or visiting favorite spots, like Pittsburg Blue or Bunny's) and loved nothing more than grilling or smoking something on his Green Egg on a sunny Sunday cheering on the Minnesota Vikings.

Jason's greatest accomplishments were his two beautiful children whom he loved beyond measure. You could always find him in the driveway helping Caroline work on her three-point shot, or playing catch with Dylan so he could perfect his perfect baseball throw. He loved to coach their sports teams and was their #1 fan, both on and off the field.

Jason was a devoted son to his mother, Abbie and father, Scott. Some of Jason's favorite memories involved his younger brother Andy and growing up together. Jason loved his sister-in-law Becki and loved being known as 'Uncle Face' to his favorite niece and nephew (Cece and Tom).

Jason had a unique gift for bringing people together and making them smile. He built a successful career as Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Tokio Marine HCC, where he took great pride in his work and the relationships he built. He truly loved his job and all of the people he worked with in the

Northwest Region. Many became like family and he was thankful every day for the opportunity to work with them.

Jason was a man who always talked about perspective and would be the first to say he won the birth lottery. He loved life and lived it to its fullest. While he was only on this earth 45 years, his impact and legacy will last forever. One of Jason's favorite things to say, and one he had taken to saying more in the last year, "Tomorrow is promised to no one, we should be grateful for today."

He is survived by his wife, Lindsey, and their two children, Caroline (9) and Dylan (7); his parents, Scott and Abbie Thiss; his brother, Andy (Becki), along with niece Cece and nephew Tom. He is also remembered by his parents-in-law, Vicki Reese and Greg Pizzolato, and a wide circle of dear friends and colleagues whose lives he touched deeply.

A visitation will take place on Monday, September 8, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Washburn-McReavy in Eden Prairie (7625 Mitchell Road). A memorial service will follow on Tuesday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m., with a celebration of life immediately afterward.

For those wishing to honor Jason's memory, he was a lifelong resident of Edina and a dedicated supporter of the Edina Education Fund. He also remained connected to the Drake University football team, where he played from 1998 to 2002.

Photo slideshow: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZajrmGARHZrKUmBh9>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Charles Jason Thiss in memory of Jason Thiss



Washburn-McReavy - September 08, 2025 at 01:23 PM

DB

“ Jason was always a joy to have on the field as a fellow coach and encouraging parent, I was grateful for his presence and intentionality with his kids and knew I could expect a big smile and a hearty, contagious laugh as we got to connect on the sidelines or in the hallway at school. He will be remembered and celebrated for years to come.

Derek Baerenwald - September 09, 2025 at 11:52 AM

KD

“ Kevin D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jason Thiss.

Kevin D. - September 08, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TG

“ *The Dubuque girls purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jason Thiss.*



The Dubuque girls - September 07, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jason Thiss.*



September 07, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Thiss.*



September 04, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jason Thiss.*

September 04, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jason Thiss.



September 04, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jason Thiss.

September 04, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ It's no secret about Jason's infectious laugh. When it happened, the room vibrated as if it, too, were laughing. It started from the toes and ran all the way up and out of his mouth; followed by 'that' smile. Oh, that smile. It even complimented the twinkles of life he always had in his eyes. Jason was someone you could NOT love with all of your heart. My first meet and greet with Jason, I reached out to shake his hand. He refused. He told me "I'm a hugger" (enter that smile and twinkling of the eyes) and fully embraced me with a genuine love hug. From that moment on, I was sold. I wanted him in our family. I'm so grateful that happened and to have spent precious time with Jason. Memories never forgotten. RIP big guy...until we meet again. Love you.

PS We are planting a maple tree out here in CA/our property in your honor. It will be called "Jason" and it will get lots of love.
Marcia (and Patrick)

Marcia Kernan - September 04, 2025 at 01:14 PM

GI

“ Gibson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jason Thiss.



Gibson - September 04, 2025 at 08:34 AM

GI

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Gibson - September 04, 2025 at 08:34 AM

RJ

“ Rick and Janis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jason Thiss.



Rick and Janis - September 03, 2025 at 12:30 PM

RJ

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Rick and Janis - September 03, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LE

“ Though I never had the chance to meet Jason, I’ve heard about his incredible personality and his infectious laugh that brought joy to so many. Please know I’m holding you in my thoughts and wishing you comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time.
with love - Leann Fletcher & Family

Leann - September 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Jason Thiss.



September 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jason Thiss.

September 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM

AS

“ Adam & Mariah Stewart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jason Thiss.



Adam & Mariah Stewart - September 01, 2025 at 02:18 PM

SM

“ *The years and miles were many between us, but I still dearly and vividly cherish memories of my times in MN to visit our Grandma Helen, Grandpa Ray, and to spend time with you, Andy and your mom and dad. My heart and condolences to Lindsay, Scott, Abbie, your two beautiful children, and everyone that had the pleasure of knowing and loving you.*

Love, Shelly Thiss Mitchell

Shelly Thiss Mitchell - August 31, 2025 at 09:32 PM

BT

“ I’m gonna miss you my brother.
Your hug - your laugh - your bacon on a sandwich.

*“When I’m gone
You’re gonna miss me when I’m gone
You’re gonna miss me by my hair
You’re gonna miss me everywhere, oh
You’re gonna miss me when I’m gone*

*You’re gonna miss me when I’m gone
You’re gonna miss me by my walk
You’re gonna miss me by my talk, oh
You’re gonna miss me when I’m gone
... I got my ticket for the long way 'round
The one with the prettiest of views
It's got mountains, it's got rivers
It's got sights to give you shivers
But it sure would be prettier with you”
RIP Uncle Face*

*Toms favourite memory of you is looking through
baseball/basketball cards and the family football game in AZ.*

Thank you for everything you were



Becki Thiss - August 30, 2025 at 07:23 PM

MF

“ 2 files added to the album Drake football



Mike Foley - August 30, 2025 at 03:50 PM

PT

I am so sorry. There are no words. I do remember the Reunions. Such a gentleman and funny too. So good with Matthew.

Patty Thiss - September 04, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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Patty Thiss - September 04, 2025 at 12:53 PM

LB

“ *Oh, his laugh! His big, hearty, joyful laugh. He lit up the room at family events. He will be greatly missed.*

Libby Bergen - August 29, 2025 at 05:23 PM