



Jayson Joseph Massa

August 10, 1982 - September 12, 2024

On September 12th, 2024, right after sunset; our guy, Jayson Massa left this earth and entered into eternity with his Maker. For nine long months, Jayson fought like no one has fought before. In December of 2023, Jayson was diagnosed with a rare form of Lymphoma. During the course of those nine months, Jayson went through countless rounds and cycles of various chemotherapy and interthecal chemo. He spent months in the hospital for in-patient treatment and complications. He spent over a month in the ICU and overcame it all. He was a hero and a fighter to all that he met. He fought to the very end and we are so proud of his strength and determination.

Jayson grew up in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He was the youngest child of Debbie and Joe Massa. His earliest memory was of his Mom and Dad swinging him in a blanket in the shape of a hammock. His childhood was full of magic, including summers at the lake with family and friends, large Massa family gatherings, Christmas morning at Ahma and Da's along with a healthy amount of sports and video games. As a teenager, causing a ruckus around White Bear Lake created amazing memories for him. Jayson was a lot of things to a lot of people.

Jayson had a wonderful professional career. His leadership over 20 years at various organizations created a large pool of people that supported him and regarded him as not only highly intelligent but an amazing leader. His legacy

as a leader knows no bounds.

He was a wonderful Uncle to Allie and Maddie. He absolutely loved being their Uncle, often showering them with gifts, making them laugh and loving on them. It was his complete honor to be their uncle. His memory will live on through them for the rest of their lives.

He also loved being the younger brother to Jaymi. Giving him license to torment her and antagonize to the ends of the earth. It was their "thing". They found a deep love for each other during his journey and that bond was unbreakable. They were a team. And still are.

Jayson and Erin started dating in the fall of 2004. They spent their lives as young adults together exploring all the world has to offer. They traveled for food, fell in love and also fell in love with New York. They were married on June 25th, 2011. After they purchased their first house, they welcomed Amelia Jo Massa into the world. This little girl held Jayson's heart in her hands until the very end. The "tripod" as they called themselves loved to play and watch soccer together, explore new restaurants and (of course) cook in the kitchen as a family. Jayson had a life long passion for food! All things food - cooking, researching, eating. He would spend hours in the kitchen making the most perfect dishes. It was his ultimate love language and his friends and family were here for it. Especially Amelia who learned how to cook from an early age and built deep traditions with her Dad that all start in the kitchen.

We will miss him deeply. We will miss his quick wit, his food, his humor, his love. Him. We will miss him. Once someone loves us, they never really leave us. He will be with us forever.

The Massa family would like to send a special thank you to his North Memorial Team. His team of people cared and gave everything they had for nine long months. They loved him, took deep care of him, and kept our family

going.

We will be celebrating Jayson on 9/19/2024.

Location: Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake, MN

Visitation: 10:00am

Service: 11:00am

Lunch following at church

Burial at Lakewood Cemetery (MPLS) to follow lunch.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Forest Lake
886 N Shore Drive
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Memorial Service

SEP 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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886 N Shore Drive
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Graveside Service

SEP 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Jayson, I love you. I miss you so much. You were the best brother. Like I told you the day you passed, I love you forever.



Jaymi Massa - September 18, 2024 at 02:45 PM

MC

“ Much love, Silviu & Vanessa Chiriac purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jayson Joseph Massa.



Much love, Silviu & Vanessa Chiriac - September 17, 2024 at 07:51 PM

KE

“ Kristina E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jayson Joseph Massa.

Kristina E. - September 17, 2024 at 03:08 PM

BS

“ We didn't have a ton of time to get to know Jayson, but we immediately appreciated his positive energy and care for the team. Sending you lots of love and prayers in this difficult time

Becca S. - September 17, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jayson Joseph Massa.*



September 16, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jayson Joseph Massa.*



September 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jayson Joseph Massa.*



September 16, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Erin and the entire Massa Family, such a sad shock. We just learned of Jason's passing. Such a wonderful young man with a huge heart. We'll cherish our fond memories of Jason and hold all of you in our prayers. Tom & Pamela Newcome*

Tom Newcome - September 15, 2024 at 08:34 AM

HJ

“ Oh, Jaymi and family. ... I am so sorry for your loss. As you know, though, he will never totally leave you — just be alert for his messages to each of you. He fought a good (but tough) fight, and could do that because of your love for him. Hold fast and share memories.... And Jaymi... find someone who knew him so that you can say “ Oh, I can say (___) because you knew Jayson and it will make sense”. I will say that that is a most comforting to be able so say — to share Jayson. Hugs to you all. Holly J (fellow dog foster mom)



Holly Johnston - September 15, 2024 at 08:16 AM

NH

“ Nicole H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jayson Joseph Massa.

Nicole H. - September 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM