



Jason Levine

February 13, 1975 - September 30, 2021

Jason Levine, 46, a longtime resident of Mentor, Ohio, passed away suddenly on September 30th, 2021.

Jason was born on February 13, 1975, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Lloyd and Carolyn Levine. He grew up in Mentor. Jason graduated from Mentor High School in 1993 and was a proud member of the Fighting Cardinal Marching Band. Jason also received an Associate's of Applied Business in Human Resources from Lakeland Community College.

Jason started his career in the retail grocery industry working at Heinen's in high school. Over his 25+ year career, he worked for companies like Whole Foods, Wild Oats, and The Fresh Market. During that time he developed a passion for supporting local products and makers. In 2019, Jason was able to realize his dream and opened The Local Flavors Shoppe, his own specialty store highlighting locally made food products and artisan goods in Painesville, Ohio. Jason welcomed every new visitor to the Shoppe saying, "Every product has a story and I would be glad to share it with you. Just let me know which one you want to hear more about!"

Jason believed that Cleveland was the best place to live. We had the best sports teams, the best food scene and the best people. And if you didn't believe him he would show you a video of the time Cleveland was in a movie

or on a tv show. He picked Painesville for the site of his first business to honor the memory of his father Lloyd who decades before owned Mr. Muffler just around the corner. And he wanted to do his part to bring something good back into the community that meant so much to his family. COVID closed down the State the week of The Local Flavors Shoppe's Grand Opening, but thanks to the community and its interest in supporting local, Jason and his dream were able to survive the ups and downs of the pandemic. Being able to talk to customers at the Shoppe and hand out Lollipops to kids coming through was a pure joy for Jason. He was truly able to realize his dream.

Jason is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Laura McNally-Levine; daughter, Mia; his mother, Carolyn Levine; siblings, Helene (Michael) Melnik; Hallie (Ron) Jenkins; Craig (Jennifer) Levine; nieces and nephews, Christopher Melnik, MacKenzie Levine, Tyler Jenkins, MacKaleigh Levine; father-in-law, Richard Bailey; and fur-kids Fozzy, Kodi, Heidi, Oscar and Harley and grand fur-kid Toes.

Jason was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Levine; his sister, Rochelle Levine; grandparents, Frida Rivin; Oscar Fidelholtz; Hilda & Harry Levine; and aunt Zelda Mae (Chickie) Levine.

The family will receive friends from 3-6 pm Saturday October 9th, 2021 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A celebration of life service will start at 6 pm on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers please support small businesses and Shop Local.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Met Jason at wild oats. He stood out. A great spirit taken way too soon. Visionary!!! 🙏*

Tom Katovsky - October 07, 2021 at 12:21 AM

LM

“ *Here is Jason's last appearance on New Day Cleveland in September 2021.*

<https://youtu.be/zYCWXnABPYA>

Laura McNally-Levine - October 05, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Jason was a good man, a pleasure to work with, and an invaluable asset to Ohio's small business community. He will be missed tremendously by all who knew him. Laura & family, you are in my prayers.*

Jewel Kingsley - October 05, 2021 at 08:37 PM

RS

“ *Jason was a good husband, a good son and just a really all 'round good guy! GOD's Blessings to his wife, mother and the Levine family!!! 🙏🌹*

Robert Schminky - October 05, 2021 at 03:54 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jason at the Horseshoe in Downtown Cleveland. While we both have been gone from there for many years, we'd still see each other at MGM Northfield Park. We'd banter each other, talk about sports and life in general. Jason was a terrific guy with a genuinely warm personality. He is gone way too soon.

Jason B Cooper - October 05, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JR

“ THERE IS A NEW STAR SHINING IN THE SKY TONIGHT –

There is an old belief that the stars shining in the night sky are the spirits of those who have died. They have shed their earthly bodies and exchanged them for bodies made of light; thousands upon thousands of our dear departed friends all promoted to glory in the night sky.

There is another saying that the brightest flame burns the shortest. My friend, you were the brightest star in my own universe. While I burn on, my flame dimmed by grief and despair at your passing, the stars are watching me.

They are too far away for me to touch, just as you have gone somewhere I cannot follow until my own star-time comes. They cannot be held close for comfort, just as I can no longer hold you close, though I held you close to comfort you in your final hours.

We were together for such a short time, but the stars will burn forever. One day I will grow tired of this earthbound body, my own star-time will come and my spirit will soar into the sky to burn with all those friends who have gone before me. On the inky cloth of space we will be reunited in constellations of joy. Until then, my flame burns low and dim and cold without you.

Through my tears I look upwards to see if you are watching me and what do I see?

*There is a new star shining in the sky tonight. –
Sarah Hartwel*

Jan & Jerry Robinson - October 05, 2021 at 12:38 PM