



Jason Reed

August 9, 1980 - August 9, 2005

"Jason Reed"

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP - Jason Michael Reed, 25, of W9323 Peterson Drive, Breitung Township, was called Home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, as a result of a tragic accident.

Jason was born March 22, 1980 at Dickinson County Hospital. He was a 1998 graduate of Kingsford High School. Jason served in the United States Air Force from June of 1998 to June of 2002 as an avionics specialist working on F-15 fighter jets, where he received medals and certificates for outstanding achievement.

He then entered college and was an honor student at both Northern Michigan University and Michigan Technological University. He was entering his second year at MTU, where he was double majoring in computer and electrical engineering with plans to finish with a master's degree in business.

He was active in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and the Church of Christ in Marquette, Houghton and Iron Mountain. Jason was passionate about many things, the two greatest being the Lord and learning...about anything.

He loved both downhill and water skiing, being with family and friends, enjoying the great outdoors, working with computers, cooking, working on cars, and playing video games in any spare time. He will be most remembered for his special smile, his selfless, giving spirit and his love of life.

Jason is survived by his parents, Terry and Lynne Reed of Breitung Township; his brother, Johnathon Reed of Iron Mountain; his paternal grandparents,

Gordon Sr. and Evelyn Reed of Iron Mountain; maternal grandparents, William and JoAnn Smeester of Spread Eagle, Wis. and Doris and Jack Blanchard of Breitung Township; his fiancée, Rachel Ward of Kingsford and their two puppies, Shiloh and Daisy; aunts and uncles, Gordy Jr. (Alice) Reed of Breitung Township and Randy (Joni) Reed of Breitung Township.; Godmother Sharon Mead, Bill Smeester Jr. of Niagara, Wis., Julia Peterson of Kingsford, Dan (Debbie) Lantagne of Kingsford, Brian (Laurie) Smeester of Kingsford and Mike (Tara) Smeester of Florence, Wis.; his nephew, Elijah Reed; and many cousins and other loving family and friends.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jason M. Reed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

“ There are countless memories to reflect upon and remember but the most important one for me is the close bond we once shared. Granted, as Jason & I grew older, our lives took us in different directions but the love and admiration I had for him remained unchanged & always will. Each & every year I struggle with the anniversary of his passing until recently I came upon the following poem:

"Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without affect, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same that it ever was. There is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

*All is well."
~ Henry Scott Holland*

Perfectly said. I love you all so very much and feel so thankful I have the memories I do to hold on to and reflect upon. I know I will see him again someday and I hope he's ready cause I am going to give him the biggest hug ever!

Kirstin (Reed) Nalette - Cousin - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jason, it has been over 4 years and even though your gone your very much missed by all who knew you.

Someone who misses your smile - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ John and family i am truley sorry to hear of your loss you are in my thoughts and prayers

Nichole - May 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Lynne, Terry and Family-

I am truly and deeply sorry for your loss. Jason became one of my best friends while stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. In my memories, Jason remains one of the most beautiful people I have ever met.

Jason has changed my life in many ways, and I am forever grateful for having known him. May God grant you peace in your times of heart ache.

Sincerely,

Jess

Jessica Prins - August 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Dear Reed family, I just found out about the horrible news about Jason. I have such fond memories of him. I've known him since grade school and my heart just breaks thinking about him not being with us anymore, but he sure did leave his mark on this world with that smile and that mischievious way about him!! It is really great that he turned his life into what it has become i'm sure you are very proud. My condolences go out to all who loved him and god be with you. He will always be remembered!!

Jami Osborn (Gauthier) - August 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Don?t cry for me, for now I?m free
I?m following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to cry, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the end of day*

*Since my parting here will leave a void,
Fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss*

*My life?s been full, I?ve savored much
Good friends, good times, my loved one?s touch
Perhaps to you, my time was all too brief
Don?t lengthen it now with undue grief*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me home,
He set me free.*

*May God comfort you in your time of need. Jason was a great
classmate and friend.*

Stephanie (Muntz) Hummel - August 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My heart aches for your family and for all of the close friendships Jason had. I graduated with both Jason and Rachel. I also grew up in the same neighborhood as Jason and Jonathan. Words cannot express my deepest sympathies to you. I will keep you close to heart in both thoughts and prayers.

Stacey Beaulier-Weecks - August 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Terry, Lynn, Gordie and the rest of the family - my heart goes out to you. There is no way words can really help, just know that I am thinking of you and praying for you. May God grant you courage and strength in this difficult time and the months, years to follow.
Gretchen.

Gretchen Paupore - August 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

E(

“ Dear Rachel and Reed family,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I pray that the Lord will comfort you during this time. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Ellen Calkins-Delforge (Angeloff) - August 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I was so sad to hear of your loss. I knew Jason in high school. He was always such an upbeat, funny guy. I will be praying for all of you in this difficult time. May God give you strength, endurance, comfort, and peace.

Cori Johnson - August 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Terry, Lynn & Johnathan, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Jason. I would always ask how the boys were doing and the response was that they have grown in many ways and are very busy and active. I was very proud to hear that about them. I can think of one song that would reflect on Jason's life and that is Live Like you Where Dying by Tim McGraw. He was always a very active boy in everything he did and it was to the max even when it was challenging me. From the sounds of it he kept that same spirit about him into adult hood as well. He will be greatly missed. I am deeply sorry for the loss and my thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Tanya (Kline) Peterson

Tanya (Kline) Peterson - August 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Terry, Lynn and John, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless.

Charlie Kline - August 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Rachel,

I don't even know where to begin. To have someone you love leave so early has to be one of the hardest things to comprehend. Know that you are loved and I am praying for you through all of this. Jason's life was short, but he had such an impact on so many people. God blessed us all with such a gift.

*Love
Kelly Laarman*

Kelly (Johnson) Laarman - August 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CF

“*Dear Terry, Lynn and Family. I am deeply sorry that Jason passed away so early on in his life. I pray to the Lord that your faith is strong and you find peace with this tragedy.*

To Quote:

If only I had Known

*If only I had Known it was our last walk in the rain
I'd keep you out for hours in the storm
I would hold your hand, like a lifeline to my heart
And underneath the thunder we'd be warm
If only I had known it was our last walk in the rain*

*If only I had known I'd never hear your voice again
I'd memorize each thing you ever said
And on these lonely nights, I could think of them once more
And keep your words alive inside my head
If only I had known I'd never here your voice again*

*You were the treasure in my heart
You were the one who always stood beside me
So unaware, I foolishly believed that you would always be there
But then there came a day when I closed my eyes
And you slipped away*

*If only I had known it was my last night by your side
I'd pray a miracle would stop the dawn
And when you smiled at me, I would look into your eyes
And make sure you know my love for you goes on and on
If I had only Known, if I had only Known*

Jana Stanfield

*God Bless Jason and the Reed Family.
Chuck Austin*

Chuck Austin Family - August 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Reed Family and Rachel, I've known Jason since grade school and also attended Our Savior's Lutheran with him. I had a lot fun getting into trouble with him, he had a zest for life, an amazing wit and sense of smarts about him. It's amazing that in the years we lost touch after high school, what a difference he wound up making in the world, but I'm not really surprised. To Rachel: boy how funny the world is that you two got together, never would have pictured it, but you must have complimented each other greatly, my thoughts go out to you.

Greg Howell - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Terry, Lynne, and Family, No words can possibly take away the hurt you feel. I do know how important family is to both of you and I recall how proud you always spoke of your children. I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers in this time of need.

Mike Sienko - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Reed Family, I am truly saddened to hear of your loss. I did not really have the opportunity to get to know Jason as well as I knew John, but from what I do know, you raised your children right and sometimes bad things happen to good people. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers in your time of sadness and there after if any of you need anything please do not hesitate to let us know (779-5947) Call anytime.
God Bless You All .

Anjee Wilson - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear family and friends of Jason Reed: I am very sorry for your loss. I did not know Jason Reed all that well but I do remember the times I did have the chance to talk with him he seemed to be a man of good character and believed strongly in God and the importance of faith. I know that it is hard when things like this happen in our lives but faith can help you through. I will keep Jason and all of you in my prayers. May you be granted strength and hope, God Bless.

Jamie Wilson - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ There are no words to express how sorry I am to hear about Jason's death. To see what he has done with his life since high school is amazing. I am so proud of him. Rachel-I know what a special guy Jason is, he always treated everyone the way he would want to be treated. I will cherish all the wonderful memories I got to make with Jason. He will always have a special place in my heart

Karen Rietveld - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Reed Family,

I'm the manager of the university apartment your son was staying in while attending MTU.

I wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about his death. I got to know Jason when he applied for a community assistant position in the apartment community. After an extensive interview, I knew that he was an exceptional person and we agreed that he would be hired when the next position opened. He is a great loss to you, to us and to the world. We need people like him.

Please accept my heart felt sympathy at your loss.

With kind regards,

Bob Wenc

Bob Wenc - August 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Lynne, Terry & Family,

Words can't express the sorrow that you are feeling at this time, but we want you to know that you're in our thoughts and prayers.

May The Lord Watch over you at this time of need.

Best Regards,

Tammy Gudowicz (Wozniak)

Valerie Wozniak

Tammy & Valerie - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Terry, Lynn and family,

Words cannot describe on how sorry and heart sick Tami and I are for you on the loss of your son. Words cannot describe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steve Juul

steve juul - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Terry:

I am so sorry to hear of the death of your son. My prayers are with you and your family. Words cannot describe how bad I felt when I heard about the accident. We often ask why but we know that God has plans for all of us. May God be with you and your family to keep your faith strong and to understand His ways.

brian haemker - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Rachel~

I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity of running into both you and Jason at the Relay For Life earlier this summer. It was beautiful to see the love that you had for each other and hear of the love that you shared for the lord. You are in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Jackie Trepanier-Halley~

Jackie Trepanier-Halley - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Reed Family,

As a 1997 Iron Mountain graduate and long-time member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, I have very strong and fond memories of Jason. He always had a smile on his face and knew how to cheer me up. His loss is a great one for you and the world. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless!

Chuck Erickson - August 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM