



Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger

October 27, 1980 - February 25, 2019

NORTH UTICA - Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger, age 38, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2019 due to complications following heart surgery. His passing occurred at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on October 27, 1980, Jason was the son of Todd and Tracy (Smith) Badger. He attended Conkling Elementary School and T.R. Proctor High School. Jason and Rebecca Layfield dated, and finally married on June 24, 2016. Jason was a true blue husband, and then some. As with all ventures in his life, he embarked on this happy horizon with sincere intentions.

Ozzy was a jack-of-all-trades — a talented contractor, roofer, a meticulous painter, plumber, and electrician. No job was too big or too small. He could fix it all! He loved what he did and he was respected by all his customers and family alike. A benevolent man, Jason extended his hand and heart to anyone in need, without being asked. He made things happen. When he lived in Florida, he did a great deal of volunteering his services at the Ronald McDonald House in honor of his niece, Taylor, who has since passed away. He was a family man who cherished his children and nephews. He wanted them to have fun and he treasured his time with them. A capable cook and a selective eater, Jason prepared a variety of dishes and barbecue banquets to please any palate. He had a comic slant to his sarcasm and he appreciated others who had the same wit. Ozzy was his dad's clone and they shared a special, everlasting bond. He was one-of-a-kind, not to be duplicated. He was

also a “road trip man” and as king of the road he never had a destination, but it always included a great time for his wife and kids who were never quite privy as to where they would end up.

Ozzy was proud of the fact that he was the best person he could be. He had a heart of gold and was loved and admired by many. He will be remembered as a good man who lived a humble life filled with love and many acts of kindness. Jason is survived by his wife, Becca; his son, Andrew Busch; his wife’s children who he loved as his own, Trista, and Savannah; his parents, Todd and Tracy Badger; sister, Janelle Badger; brother and sister-in-law, Jamie and Jenn Badger; and his paternal grandmother, Bertha E. (Sorrell) Badger. He also leaves his nephews, Tyler, Michael, Jayden, and Jayme; Dakota, Ethan, and the memory of his niece Taylor who preceded him in 2006; his aunts, uncles, cousins, mother-in-law, Theresa Layfield; and the many lasting and loyal friends who blessed his life. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Gerald J. “Jerry” Badger; maternal grandparents, William M. and Eleanor (Woolheater) Smith; maternal step-grandmother, Barbara DeFazio-Smith; aunt, Colleen Badger; and uncle, Daniel G. Badger who thought of Jason as the son he never had.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff of the CTICU at MVHS at St. Elizabeth’s who shared encouragement and honest information during a most difficult time. Their compassion and concern for Jason and his family will never be forgotten.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Jason’s Celebration and Remembrance of His Life will commence on Friday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home upon conclusion of visitation.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I Love and miss you than any words can ever explain brother. I wish you were here a bit longer so I can just spend a little more time with you in persona and not just in spirit.



Jamie - April 03, 2019 at 11:19 PM

DC

“ My condolences to the family in the passing of Jason. Don Claeys

Donald Claeys - March 05, 2019 at 05:00 PM

TA

“ I fondly remember Jason and his sister from Conkling school and beyond. I am so very sorry for this immense loss. His entire family will remain in my prayers. Tara (Redmond) Anguish

Tara - March 01, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.



March 01, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.*



March 01, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Ann Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger*



Ann Ollerenshaw - March 01, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss my thoughts are with you during this time.*



Amanda west - February 28, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Jennifer Chase lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger*



Jennifer Chase - February 28, 2019 at 10:29 PM

GO

“ *To the Badger Family,
So sorry to see that little Jay Ozzy has left us so soon. Don't know what to say that will make any difference in how you feel. It is so hard to say goodbye to someone so young and I am having a hard time understanding how he could be gone so soon. I remember when Jay was born it seems like only yesterday and feel your loss. Take time to remember all the good times that you had with Ozzy. It has been so many years since I saw you but do remember all the good times when you were growing up, and you will be dearly missed. Ozzy Rest in Peace*

Gary Ollerenshaw

Gary T Ollerenshaw - February 28, 2019 at 04:54 PM

GO

“ *Gary T Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger*



Gary T Ollerenshaw - February 28, 2019 at 04:43 PM

FF

“ *From Your Neighborhood Center Family
purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family
of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.*



From Your Neighborhood Center Family - February 28, 2019
at 10:16 AM

JS

“ John & Joanna Sorrell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.



John & Joanna Sorrell - February 27, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.



February 27, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ Maria Arrigo-sequin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger



Maria Arrigo-sequin - February 27, 2019 at 04:17 PM


Kadelin
Lora

“ My condolences to the Badger Family

Kadelin Lora - February 26, 2019 at 11:00 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rodeo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger*



Linda Rodeo - February 26, 2019 at 09:39 PM

TH

“ *Jay - We were so close as kids. I have some of the best memories because of all of the crazy shit that we did together!! I will forever hold those memories near and dear to my heart. You were a great friend. We grew apart as we all got older, and it breaks my heart now that I sit here and think about it, but I always considered you to be one of my closest friends. You were a kind soul Jay. That will forever live on in all of the lives that you touched. May you live on in eternal peace. Watch over your family and friends. Until we meet again Jay.*



Tammy Hyde-Tanoury - February 26, 2019 at 07:06 PM



Kimberly Badger



Kimberly Badger Meyers - February 26, 2019 at 07:22 PM

 Stan
Dawley

Jay I'm speechless I cant believe this happened no matter how far apart we grew physically and didn't see each other you were always in my mind and in my heart. You were there for me in one of the toughest moments in my life after my divorce all the good times we had together helped subside some of the pain I was enduring at that time for that I'm forever grateful that's why I not only considered you not only one of my bestfriends but you were like a brother to me. We touched base a few weeks back and said we were gonna get together you had a wonderful wife in becca and I finally met my soulmate that I've always been looking for and was so excited for you to meet her I know you would have loved her and I hope ur up there looking down on us and see how happy I am and we are together. This has definitely opened my eyes to how quik life can change. I will always remember all the good times and laughs we had together and all the serious talks just about life that I still use to this day. You were definitely one of the most generous and kind guys I've met and I was lucky enough to call you my bro. You were always there for people when they needed help from the benefits you did to raise money for cause or just helping someone out when they needed it you were there and I will carry that on in honor of you. Not only did I gain a great friend and brother in you but also a great family that always treated me like I was there own. Thank you so much for all you did for not just me but everyone may you rest in peace bro love you my friend till we meet again. Love you bro. R.I.P bro!

Stan Dawley - February 26, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Gerald "Ozzy" Badger.

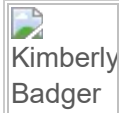


February 26, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ I don't even know where to begin.. I still can't even wrap my head around that you are gone.. We were so close at one point, but as life went on we went our ways but whenever I seen you it was like a day hadn't went by since I seen you last. Kim told me how she stayed with you and talked about the good times, I know you heard her.. I'm sorry we weren't as close as we use to be but know that I truly care for you, you were a great friend Jay. It will be hard for a long time on your family, please watch over them.. Give them signs once in a while, they will need them. Rest easy Jay ❤️

Jaime Cloutier - February 26, 2019 at 05:46 PM

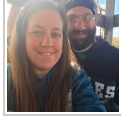


Kimberly Badger Meyers - February 26, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ Oh Ozzy all the memories we have together.. Making me go on your paper route with you, deliver dominoes flyers, working on George's pharmacy owners house, skipping school, learning to drive, renting uhauls to drive around and party in for fun, watching Bills-Jets games and rooting against each other. You calling me a bitch. All the cookouts, get togethers, nights out, nights we stayed up all night rearranging the kitchen cabinets when we were little kids. Remodeling my kitchen and bathroom together. Trying to explain to people how we are related and everyone always being confused.. You're my cousin-brother related on both sides they cant break us.. I could go on forever with all the memories we have made together. Thank you for being an Amazing Incle Jay Jay to my kids. I love you and thank you for every memory and all the time we've had together.. Until we meet again ❤️

Kimberly Badger Meyers - February 26, 2019 at 05:18 PM



Jaime Cloutier - February 26, 2019 at 05:42 PM

SH

“ Sure going to miss your always smiling & teasing. Most memorable was when in Conkling School and Kimmy wouldn't give me a kiss while standing in line with her class but you made her do it! Love you so very much. R. I.P. Sure family and friends are waiting to welcome you with open arms. Uncle Danny and you behave when you party!! Lol. Love you

Susan Horton - February 26, 2019 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ Jason, you had the biggest heart if anyone I have ever known. No one knew the bond we shared. No matter what was going on, if you saw me you never hesitated to give me a kiss and tell me you loved me. Will love you forever. I pray that I never forget your laugh. Rest In Peace. I know you will be welcomed with loving, open arms by all of the family and friends we have in heaven. Love, Aunt Denise

denise gleba - February 26, 2019 at 02:31 PM