



## Jason Scott "Jay" LaPlante

June 12, 1969 - August 19, 2007

Mr. Jason Scott "Jay" LaPlante, age 38, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 19, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in San Antonio, Texas on June 12, 1969, Jay was the son of Beatrice (Pastorella) and the late Gerald J. "Jerry" LaPlante. Raised and educated in Frankfort, he was a graduate with the class of 1988. He pursued his collegiate studies at SUNY Institute of Technology, graduating in December of 2006.

Jay was the Assistant Residential Director of the ARC of Oneida-Lewis Counties for 16 years. Endowed with a unique personality, he was a practical jokester whose life revolved around his loved ones. As an excellent gourmet cook and skilled baker, he enjoyed entertaining both family and friends. He took pleasure in traveling, he especially loved his trips to Cape Cod, the time he spent in the Adirondacks, and shopping in New York City. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Jay is survived by his mother, Beatrice LaPlante of Utica; his sister, Michelle LaPlante of Utica; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald J. Jr. and Marie LaPlante, of Texas, Kevin and Jean LaPlante of Oriskany, David and Karen LaPlante of New Hampshire, Darren LaPlante of Utica, and Chad and Lisa LaPlante of Frankfort; his partner, Sam Patterson of Utica; his nieces and nephews, Matthew LaPlante, Kaitlyn LaPlante, Kristen and Mike Decker, Danielle, Melissa, Denise, Heather, and Nicole LaPlante; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is also survived by his many dear and cherished friends too numerous to mention, especially

acknowledging Kelly & Chris Kirkland and Dave Trunfio. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Nicholas and Beatrice Pastorella; his paternal grandparents, Gerald and June LaPlante, and his nephew, Michael LaPlante. The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and staff of the ER of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their care and concern.

Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Jay's honor to a charity of choice; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Jay's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ We worked with Jason many years ago at the ARC and were saddened to hear of his passing. Many thoughts and prayers to Jason's family and friends, as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Maureen and Karen Kulesa##imported-end##

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August 26, 2007 at 03:11 PM



“ God must have needed another soldier. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Sherry Cornay##imported-end##

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August 26, 2007 at 08:41 AM



“ Our connection was but a moment in time yet forever in spirit. My soul smiles in memory of you. Thank you for gracing my presence, Jay.##imported-begin##Brenda J. Bourgeois##imported-end##

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August 25, 2007 at 07:59 PM



“ Michelle

*I cannot find the right words to tell you how very sorry I am to hear of your brothers untimely passing. As I was reading through the obituaries I was in shock to see your family name there. Please accept my most heartfelt feelings of sympathy to you and you family, I send hugs and smoochs and wish you strength in the coming weeks and months. I met your brother when I lived in Utica, he was such a nice, cheerful person but alas his job must be finished here on earth and he was needed at "home" feel happy that he has been chosen.*

*Julie##imported-begin##Julie C.F.McCarthy##imported-end##*

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August 25, 2007 at 03:36 PM



“ jay was a very dear friend of mine, his family ive known for many years. i so wish i could have been there. i just want to say how so very sorry i am that this happened to such a wonderful caring and giving man. please accept my deepest sympathies and know that he will always be remembered.##imported-begin##steven dorsagno##imported-end##

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August 24, 2007 at 08:07 PM



“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathies to Jay's family, friends, and partner Sam. Even though I only knew Jay a short few years, he was a remarkable, loving, and caring human being, whom I know is with the angels looking down over all of us....Jay, rest now my friend your job here is done. You will not be forgotten, and forever in our hearts.##imported-begin##William Lytle##imported-end##

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August 24, 2007 at 04:38 PM



“ Jason will be the missing piece of our family forever.##imported-begin##The Belmont's##imported-end##

August 23, 2007 at 04:27 PM



“ We are all so sorry to hear of the loss of Jason. This is a difficult time in your lives as we all know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you may God bless Jason##imported-begin##The Ollerenshaw Family##imported-end##

August 23, 2007 at 09:45 AM



“ Sam and the LaPlante family we are so sorry to hear of the loss of Jason our hearts and prayers go out to you through this difficult time. Jason was a great guy and he will be missed##imported-begin##Brian Thompson & Gary Ollerenshaw##imported-end##

August 23, 2007 at 09:38 AM



“ Words cannot express the loss you are feeling. Just knw that I love you giys and my prayers are with you all.

Love

Pam##imported-begin##Pam Vincent##imported-end##

August 23, 2007 at 08:02 AM



“ My prayers are with the LaPlante family. May God help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Joshua Amodio##imported-end##

August 22, 2007 at 11:49 PM





“ I was lucky enough to meet Jay only recently. I know many people who talk about him enough that I feel I knew him well. This poem has been a comfort to me in times of loss, I hope it is for you all as well. Lean on each other, share your stories, cry together, laugh together, heal together. I wish you peace.

*What is Death?  
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*

*Remembrance##imported-begin##Edie ##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2007 at 09:47 PM



“ *Sam and family we are very sorry for the loss of your loved one you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless##imported-begin##Jill Swain & Amy Davy##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2007 at 07:50 PM



“ *I got to meet your son-brother when my daughter Jaime worked with him. It was my pleasure to know such a fine, handsome, caring, polite young man. So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Cynthia Fehr##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2007 at 05:08 PM



“ *Jay is was one of my good friends and i wish to express deep sympathy and condolences to his family & friends##imported-begin##Adnan##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2007 at 03:38 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of a great friend to so many people. Jason enriched our lives with his ability to make us smile and laugh - a true gift to be celebrated and remembered always.

Jason's passing takes a piece of my young adulthood with him, but leaves me with a lesson learned - always let your friends know you care; life is short. Without friendship, our lives are not complete.##imported-begin##Bobby Cieslak##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 02:55 PM



“ We will really miss you Jay!!

Our hearts go out to Sam and all of Jay's family. He will be greatly missed.

Love ,  
Heather, Jesse, Jillian & Seamus Boyd##imported-begin##Heather  
Boyd##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 01:39 PM



“ I am very sad for the loss of Jay, I am still in shock. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers be with Sam and Jay's entire family. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Laurie Dingman##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 11:39 AM



“ Jason will be greatly missed. He was like a big brother to me the 7 years I worked in Residential Services. He always had a smile on his face even when he was having a bad day.

*His family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jaime Fehr##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2007 at 09:37 AM



“ To all his loving family, I have known Jason for almost 18 years, a huge chunk of my life. The times that fly by in my mind are overwhelming, going out, vacations, times at Clayton's Cabins, "years" spent at That Place when we were young and "beautiful." He was always easy to find in times of need, and though we cried on many occassions together our laughter far out weighs our times spent. Sam my heart breaks for you...his wonderful family I cant imagine your loss...I certainly dont have to say that he was one of the good ones, loving caring and kind, to his mother you raised one of the best, be proud of the gift you gave to so many. My prayers are with you all, and the angles will guide him....##imported-begin##Melissa##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 09:11 AM



“ What a great loss you have all suffered! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult of times. We remember Jason with a smile on his face, and a joke to tell!! My boys remember the great shirt he wore recently to Chad & Lisa's picnic in July! He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##The Hanrahan Family##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 09:11 AM



“ Chad & Lisa, Kevin, Jean and family (our neighbors)-We are sorry for the loss of your brother. May you find comfort in your family at this time.##imported-begin##Keith and Deb Buckingham and Family##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 08:19 AM



“ I knew Jay for many years while working at The Arc. He was a wonderful person with great passion for his work. He, I'm sure, will not only be missed by his family and friends, but by the consumers he served so well. Peace and God Speed. Anne##imported-begin##Anne Campbell##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 08:01 AM



“ Chad & Lisa, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Just a quick note to let you know you're in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rebecca Laymon##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 06:49 AM



“ We are all going to miss you...I remember meeting you approximately five years ago and then recently we would chat...Its so sad to know someone so young could go like this...I leave my heartfelt sympathy to his mother and remaining family...Jason was a great guy and loved by many...We surely will miss him....##imported-begin##Joshua Becker##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 12:19 AM



“ Chad & Lisa and family....so sorry for your loss. May God Bless you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Linda Eaton##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 10:19 PM



“ I worked with Jason for many years at the Arc and have recently moved to Florida. I had the opportunity to see him when I was home right before his trip to the cape and he could not have been happier. I will truly miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Abbe Peres##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 08:48 PM



“ Peace, Love, Hope, Faith Our deepest Sympathy!!!! Jason is sadly missed. I will always remember jason with a big smile on my face. GOD BLESS!!##imported-begin##john & kristin yearby##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 05:14 PM



“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Jay for 2 1/2 yrs. I'll miss him teasing me. It will be hard to fill his shoes. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.##imported-begin##MaryLynn Rebisz##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 04:26 PM



“ Michelle & family,  
We're so very sorry for loss of your  
brother/son. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Linda &  
Gene Avella##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 03:59 PM



“ I had just recently met Jason at The Arc about 2 and a half weeks  
ago. He was always a kind and understanding gentleman, he was  
also always up for a good joke to make anyone smile. My deep love  
goes out to his family and friends. Jason always made my day. It is  
truly a loss of a great person!##imported-begin##Amanda  
Kinch##imported-end##

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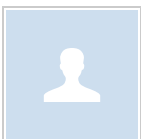
August 21, 2007 at 12:35 PM



“ On behalf of the Hanrahan/Laria families our deepest symphathy  
goes to all of the LaPlante's. Jason was a wonderful person!! You  
are all in our thoughts and prayers!!!##imported-begin##Kimberly  
Lehman##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 12:17 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this special man. He was a good friend,  
co-worker and part of our Arc family. He will be missed by all of  
us.##imported-begin##Carol Milliman##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 11:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to all that loved Jason. I had the pleasure of growing up with him & we graduated high school together. I have so many great memories of him. I loved his sense of humor & his smile. He will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Lori Damanda##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 11:29 AM



“ Jay was a very special person, and though I only knew him for a short year and a half at the Arc, I will deeply miss him and his sense of humor. My heart and sympathy goes out to his family. May you find comfort in celebrating his life with the friends and family who love him. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jennifer Hatch##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 11:14 AM



“ To the Laplante Family, i am so sorry for your loss. I've only known Jay for a few years since i started working for Mary. Although its been a short time i'd have to say that Jay was a great person. Everytime he came to the salon he would brighten our day! He would always find a way to make us smile. we always looked forward to seeing you Jay and we will miss you!##imported-begin##Erica Roberts##imported-end##

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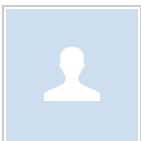
August 21, 2007 at 10:54 AM



“ To the LaPlante family my deepest symphathy goes ou to you. Jay will be greatly missed as his standing once a week appt at my salon .I have been Jasons hairdresser for 4 years,and over those 4 years i found a great friend i could talk to and laugh with.Jay I will miss you dearly walking into my salon randomly just to say hello. I lost a greay friend who will be deeply mised.##imported-begin##Mary Abraham##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 10:46 AM



“ To All The Family.....sorry for your loss, I knew Jason from awhile back when I worked for the ARC, he was a good guy kept me in line when needed :) My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Ann Dobbins##imported-begin##Ann Dobbins##imported-end##

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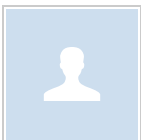
August 21, 2007 at 10:44 AM



“ Jason will be missed greatly. Peace & strength to his family, friends, and especially Sam.##imported-begin##Alicia Albright##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 10:42 AM



“ I knew Jay for 16 years. Not only at work but through the coffee house and all the fun times we had there. There were also times we went to dinner and the times we went to the casino. Jay was always fun to be with and I will miss him. However, I will remember the Jay that I knew years ago and will always have that place in my heart for him. I am so sorry.##imported-begin##Linda Schuyler##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 09:44 AM



“ To Kevin & Jean and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Craig & Diane Stevens##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 09:09 AM



“ Your face will be greatly missed.. You will always be in my thoughts and heart..I will miss you stalking me at Dunkin Donuts everyday!! Miss you bud!##imported-begin##Aimee Champion##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 09:04 AM



“ Darren,  
So sorry for you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Carlene##imported-begin##Carlene##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 04:24 AM



“ So sorry for your loss... Jason was a wonderful person  
~Mark##imported-begin##Mark Swire##imported-end##

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August 20, 2007 at 09:09 PM



“ I'll bring the hohos and chocolate milk...  
Love,  
Diva##imported-begin##Kim Kane Enea##imported-end##

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August 20, 2007 at 06:08 PM