

JASON NORTH ROEBACK



Passed away, surrounded by family, at age 62, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jason was born in Erie, PA, on September 7, 1962, to parents, Lee Ronald Roeback and Marilyn (North) Roeback. He was the sixth of ten children, growing up in a lively, close-knit family, where the laughter, love and constant activity of a big household shaped his early years. In a household full of

siblings, he learned that family comes first—whether that meant sharing, supporting each other or sticking together through life's challenges. This early foundation of love and connection became the bedrock of his life and he brought the same devotion into his role as a husband and father, always prioritizing his wife and children in every aspect of his life.

After graduating from Cathedral Prep in 1981, Jason took a summer job as a maintenance man at Holiday Inn South, where fate introduced him to Jennifer (Shupala) Roeback, a lifeguard at the hotel. In Jason's words, "the pool needed a lot of maintenance that summer." Every day, he brought her coffee and though she secretly didn't like coffee at the time, she drank it just to have the chance to talk to him. They married and spent 42 wonderful years together. "Jenny and Jason" is a name we all say and recognize because it was seldom one without the other.

Jason proudly served as a Naval Officer during Operation Desert Storm. A natural leader, he transitioned into a successful career in healthcare administration, becoming a CEO in his 20s. Jason's passion for managing hospitals and improving patient care allowed him to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless employees, patients and families. He held senior leadership roles in Kentucky, Arizona and Florida, before he returned home to Pennsylvania, to serve at UPMC Hamot, AHN Saint Vincent, and, most recently, AHN West Penn.

Jason was born to be a father and his five children, Jason Joshua, Hillary, Cameron, Lee Spencer (Samantha) and Jacqueline—were his greatest pride. Known for his playful personality and sense of humor, Jason brought endless joy to his children's lives, especially when he showed off his skills playing GI Joes with them. Alongside his lightheartedness, he set a strong example, instilling in his children the importance of hard work and generosity. He always supported their individual interests, whether it was boxing alongside his oldest son or helping his youngest daughter practice for a musical tryout by showing her how to dance "with attitude." He always showed up and inspired them to chase their dreams with enthusiasm and confidence.

Jason is also survived by his mother, Marilyn (North) Roeback; and his loving siblings, Kimberly Danylko (John), Adrienne Marzka-Zilhaver (the late Alton and the late Robert), Cynthia Kuhn (Donald), Hunter Roeback (Dorothy), Jennifer Smith (Edwin), Kirsten Hampy (the late Gary), Dana Roeback (Barbara), Desmond Roeback (Laura) and Natalie Miller (William). He is survived by his brother-in-law, Andrew Shupala (Christine); and his mother-in-law, Jeanne Shupala.

Though his time with us feels too short, his life was lived fully. He treasured time spent with family, his career and the simple joys of life. Jason's legacy is one of strength, love and commitment.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that charitable donations be made to Saint Patrick Church in Erie, PA.

Details about the funeral service will be updated here as arrangements are finalized. The family appreciates your understanding and patience during this time. Arrangements entrusted to **SCHELLHAAS & SONS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, SEWICKLEY.**

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