



Mr. Jason Daniel Beard

May 28, 1970 - March 14, 2013

Jason Daniel Beard, age 42 of Orlando, Florida, passed away after a courageous fight against cancer on Thursday, March 14, 2013, in Orlando, Florida. Jason was born on May 28, 1970, in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Jason is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two children, Aaron, 10, and Shannon, 7; mother and stepfather, Jeanne and Rich Terio of New Port Richey; father and stepmother, Jim R. Beard and Kathy Vawter-Beard of Palm Harbor; paternal grandmother, Avril Beard of Palm Harbor; brothers, Jim P. Beard of Orlando, Rick W. Terio of Bushnell, Matthew Vawter of Denver, Colorado, and Andrew Vawter-Beard of Clearwater; and sisters, Holly Saia of Lutz, and Jean Neumann of Houston, Texas. He was predeceased by his brother, Patrick Vawter-Beard of Palm Harbor. Jason is also survived by a large, loving extended family that includes many aunts, uncles, cousins and godchildren.

Jason grew up in Pinellas County. Upon graduation from Clearwater High School in 1988 he attended the University of Florida where he played baseball for the Gators and was selected for the All SEC Academic Team. At UF, Jason met many people who would become life-long friends, as well as his future wife, Jennifer Lynne Brown of Tampa. Jason attained his Master's in Accounting in 1993 and, after graduation, moved to Orlando and began working for KPMG as a Certified Public Accountant. On December 9, 1995, Jason and Jennifer married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa,

Florida. Jason progressed in his professional career and in 1997 he began working at Marriott Vacation Club International (currently, Marriott Vacations Worldwide (MVW)) as a financial analyst. He worked at MVW for ten years, seven of which he was joined by his brother, Jim. Jason finished his career by joining Hilton Grand Vacations in 2008 as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Analysis. He enjoyed working there and was known to check emails, edit presentations, review legal documents, etc. even from his hospital bed.

In 2002, Jason and Jennifer welcomed their first child, son Aaron Joseph, and shortly thereafter, accepted an expatriate assignment with MVW in Cork, Ireland. They spent a wonderful two years in Ireland - traveling around Europe and Asia and made many special memories with the numerous friends and families who visited them. One of Jason's fondest memories was watching the Tour de France in a small village in Provence and running into a former University of Florida Gator baseball player. It was just after returning to Orlando, in 2005, that their family was completed with the birth of their daughter, Shannon Elizabeth.

From childhood on, Jason had always been an avid athlete and he continued to enjoy competition through the sport and social clubs in Orlando, work softball teams and even some time in an adult baseball league. In addition, he began training and competing in triathlons, the culmination of which was his completion of an Ironman Triathlon in November 1999. His passion for triathlons was lit and he continued competing in them even after diagnosed with cancer. In fact his diagnosis, this helped fuel his passion and he began competing in triathlons to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation - earning multiple fundraising awards.

Baseball continued to be another passion of Jason's and he began coaching Aaron's baseball teams at Delaney Park Little League (DPLL). He coached at

DPLL from 2008 forward - encompassing numerous Rookies and Minor League teams, winning the Minor Division Championship with the Dodgers in 2012. Jason carried his coaching expertise into St. James Cathedral School and helped coach Aaron's Catholic Youth League (CYL) football and basketball teams - winning the CYL 3rd grade basketball championship and the 4th grade football championship. Some of his most cherished friends were fellow coaches and teammate parents.

As a part of Gator Nation, the Beaird family attended many University of Florida Gator football games - both at home games in Gainesville and on the road. Many fun memories were made during road trips to Tennessee, Kentucky, Jacksonville and, of course, New Orleans - one highlight was attending the Gators First National Championship. The Beaird family also attended Gator baseball games and Jason relived fond baseball memories with many of his teammates by participating in the Gator Baseball Alumni vs. Current Team baseball games.

Jason has been a lifelong Catholic and a parishioner of St. James Catholic Cathedral since moving to Orlando in 1993. His family are regular attendees at the 9AM Sunday Mass and both children attend St. James Cathedral School. The family has developed many close relationships through the Cathedral and the School and have continued to receive many blessings and support from this wonderful community.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Tuesday, March 19, from 6:00-9:00PM, at DeGusipe Funeral Home (9001 North Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751.) There will be a prayer service around 7:30 with food and beverages available throughout the evening upstairs in the reception room. This evening will be a time to gather with friends and family to share all of our fun, wonderful memories of Jason in an informal setting so please feel free to share them

with us that evening.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 4:00PM at St. James Catholic Cathedral (215 North Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.) There will be a brief eulogy starting around 3:45 just prior to the Mass with a reception to follow the Mass at the St. James Cathedral School Assembly Hall (505 East Ridgewood St., Orlando, FL 32803.) Also, given Jason's connection to Ireland and St. Patrick's Day, feel free to add some green to your attire at either the Memorial Gathering and/or the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jason's honor to a to-be-established Memorial Fund and can be sent to Vinoy Capital at 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32810. Checks should be made payable to Raymond James and Associates with the memo line notated for the "Jason Beaird Memorial Fund". Questions about this can be directed to Ted Rich at office@vinoycapital.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

9001 N. Orlando Ave

Maitland, FL 32751

(407) 695-2273

todd@degusipe.com

<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St James Catholic Cathedral

215 North Orange Avenue

Orlando, FL 32801

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ It's been a lot of years ago when we shared time tailgating with the whole crew at the Gator games. Jason struck me as being a nice young man. When we found out that he was fighting a battle with cancer we were saddened as anyone would be. When we saw and heard how he was dealing with the fight we were impressed. We probably were like so many and figured he was going to win the war. I read the updates and saw the reports and have to say I rooted for him but still figured he was doing great and probably would triumph in the end. When the news came that the battle was done I said a prayer for him and his family and friends. I have so much respect for how he led his life through the journey he was on. We can all learn from Jason. I'm better for having known him as I am sure so many others feel. May God be with him and his family.

Dave Jarrett - April 07, 2013 at 08:36 PM

RY

“ There are no words to relieve the pain of losing a loved one, but just keep in mind these words from the text of Isaiah 25: 8: “He will actually swallow up death forever, and the sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken.” I hope and pray that you will have strength during this time of loss and find consolation in this verse.

Ryan - March 27, 2013 at 01:22 PM

TF

“ *The Hyatt Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard*



The Hyatt Family - March 24, 2013 at 10:22 AM

TA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. May God give you peace. With much love, Darin, Tanya, Taylor & Zachary Alfano*



Tanya Alfano - March 23, 2013 at 05:13 PM

RD

“ *Ricard Dixn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard*



Ricard Dixn - March 21, 2013 at 12:22 AM

PC

“ *I didn't know this wonderful man, but the quote in the article after needing CPR in a restaurant told me so much about him. He left you way too soon, but his humor is everlasting. Condolences.*

Paulette Carollo - March 20, 2013 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ Lorraine Hoover lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard



Lorraine Hoover - March 20, 2013 at 09:14 AM

KA

“ Kara lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard



Kara - March 20, 2013 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ David And Stella lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard



David and Stella - March 19, 2013 at 03:40 PM

DL

“ Debbie Lightfritz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard



Debbie Lightfritz - March 19, 2013 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ *Jean Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard*



Jean Ward - March 19, 2013 at 02:09 PM

CM

“ *Chris And Laura Meyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard*



Chris and Laura Meyer - March 19, 2013 at 01:42 PM

KH

“ *Kate Hartig lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard*



Kate Hartig - March 19, 2013 at 01:04 PM

KH

We are so sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Jason

Kate Hartig - March 19, 2013 at 01:05 PM

GV

“ *Our prayers are with the Beaird family and Jason. We are so saddened by your loss.*

Glenn and Mary Linda Vawter



Glenn Vawter - March 19, 2013 at 12:19 PM

GV

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Glenn Vawter - March 19, 2013 at 12:10 PM

DL

“ *Our thoughts are with Jennifer, Aaron and Shannon today. From your friends at Marriott Vacations Worldwide in Cork, Ireland.*



Denis Looney - March 19, 2013 at 07:55 AM

SW

This captures him perfectly. :)

Susan White - March 19, 2013 at 02:15 PM

LG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Jason. Be assured that God is also saddened by this-Ezekiel 18:32. We hope you will find some comfort in your memories and that soon God will resurrect our deceased loved ones-John 5:28,29 What a happy time that will be. Revelation 21:3,4

Linda Gilbert - March 19, 2013 at 06:59 AM

GV

“ Glenda Rodriguez and Hernan Vinueza purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard.



Glenda Rodriguez and Hernan Vinueza - March 18, 2013 at 09:32 PM


Kathleen
Vawter-
Beird

“ Kathleen Vawter-Beird lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard



Kathleen Vawter-Beird - March 18, 2013 at 09:28 PM



“ Rest In Peace!

Lizzie Lankford - March 18, 2013 at 08:45 PM

LL

“ Rest in peace Jason, we all miss youd dearly! I know your looking down from heaven being a great guardian angel! Love and miss you step cousin :) Love Lizzie Lankford <3



Lizzie Lankford - March 18, 2013 at 08:43 PM

LH

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Lorraine Hoover - March 18, 2013 at 05:36 PM

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Lorraine - March 18, 2013 at 05:32 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Daniel Beaird.



March 18, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful Dreams, Always was purchased for the family of Mr. Jason Daniel Beard.*



March 18, 2013 at 11:17 AM



“ *My heart felt condolences to Beard family. I knew Jason during my tenure with Marriott Vacation Club International. He was not only a good leader but a great human being. always optimistic and full of life. I am very saddened to hear this news. My almighty give his family and kids the strength to bear his loss.*



Raj Srikantan - March 18, 2013 at 09:58 AM



“ *A small snack*



Beard Family - March 18, 2013 at 08:34 AM



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Beard Family - March 18, 2013 at 08:30 AM

CE

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Carol Emerson - March 18, 2013 at 08:00 AM

RM

“ Jason was such a genuinely wonderful person. The world's loss is heaven's gain.

-Ruth Malick, MVCI co-worker

Ruth Malick - March 18, 2013 at 07:59 AM

BF

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Beaird Family - March 17, 2013 at 11:03 PM

Erin
Bush

“ Erin Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jason Daniel Beaird



Erin Bush - March 17, 2013 at 06:04 PM



Erin
Bush

“ Jenn,

We are so, so sorry for your loss. We came to know and love Jason as a great dad, a great coach, and a great guy. Please know that we are hear for you and the kids in any way that you may need.

*Love,
Erin and Tom Bush
Thomas and Jack*

Erin Bush - March 17, 2013 at 04:20 PM



LT

*Jenn,
We're so sorry to hear of Jason's untimely death. We have included Jason in our prayers since he was diagnosed and feel a real loss. I am Jason's Mom's cousin making me Jason's second cousin living in upstate NY.*

Larry and Chris Tierney

Larry Tierney - March 18, 2013 at 02:33 PM