



Jayson Michael Poluka

February 8, 1982 - August 25, 2024

With deep regret and great sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved pizzaman, Jayson Michael Poluka, 42, of Mooresville, North Carolina, on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Jayson was born in Harrisburg, PA, on February 8, 1982, and lived most of his childhood in Hazleton, PA. After graduating from high school, he moved to Tempe, AZ, where he earned a degree in construction management from Arizona State University.

Construction was his first passion; he loved knowing how things were built and seeing projects transition from dirt to a tower. Whenever he spoke about his work, it was often accompanied by a childlike giddiness and ear-to-ear smile.

Throughout his life, Jayson bravely battled a rare disease, VHL (Von Hippel-Lindau), which led to frequent medical challenges. What caused Jayson so much suffering was also the reason for his larger-than-life personality and drive. People gravitated toward him for his sense of humor, kindness, and easygoing nature, which built a lifelong, close-knit community that supported him through every life obstacle he encountered.

In keeping with his unwavering support for his wife's ambitions, Jayson moved to Arlington, VA, eventually settling in Mooresville, NC, where he pivoted his

career to focus on his second passion: food. He established a community in Mooresville that helped pave the way for him to co-found Meadow's Wood-fired restaurant, which featured a menu heavily influenced by Jayson's favorite childhood culinary experiences in the Northeast.

Jayson's family and friends, especially his two sons, were the center of his universe and the motivation behind his fight through so much pain, particularly in recent years. His life's mission was to provide for his children in any way possible against any challenge.

If we could rewrite the stars to bring him back, we would, as his absence leaves so much sorrow for those who deeply knew him. But knowing he is now free from earthly pain, we'll find some level of peace. We will accept "it is what it is" just as he would have told us to. Rest easy, beloved son, friend, father, partner, and eternal family. You're forever in our hearts.

Jayson is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Dominic Sacco; maternal grandmother, Adele Sacco; paternal grandfather, Michael Poluka; paternal grandmother, Dorothy Poluka; father, Dennis Poluka; and his dogs, Zeus and Rocco.

In addition to his mother, Angela Stasko, and bonus-father, Dave Stasko, he is survived by his wife, Kelly Connelly-Poluka, and two sons, Jameson and Callan Poluka. Jayson is also survived by many extended family members and friends he greatly cherished.

A public service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 249 W McLelland Ave, Mooresville, NC, on Saturday, September 7th, at 2 pm ET.

A private celebration of life for close family and friends of Jayson will be held at Meadow's Wood-Fired, 823 Oakridge Farm Hwy Suite 1-A, Mooresville, NC, on Sunday, September 8th, between 12 - 3 p.m. ET.

Following the North Carolina services, a committal service to honor Jayson's life will be held at R C Calvary Cemetery, 49 S Hunter Highway, Drums, PA, on Friday, September 20, at 10 a.m. at the gravesite or, in the event of rain, in the chapel. A luncheon will follow at Sandy Springs Country Club, 10 Clubhouse Dr, Drums, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Poluka Children's Education Fund, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/poluka-children-education-fund>.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Poluka family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
249 W. McLelland Ave.
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I miss you so much. You are forever my little brother, family favorite, “Baby Jayson.” From all the times in PA, to living in AZ, and so many visits that followed after you moved back east. Endless laughter and confiding in each other ... you were and always will be a light in my life. I will never forget the support and strength you provided during the most difficult of times. You are a unique soul and now an angel in heaven. Always in my heart ❤️

Leandra Gladysz - November 06, 2024 at 05:36 PM

AT

“ Jayson, my beloved godson and nephew my heart breaks with grief. I will remember you every day and all the joyful memories you gave our family. Love you - Aunt Andrea

Andrea Turley - November 06, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CC

“ Jayson, you will always be in my heart. I know we will all be together again in heaven someday. ❤️

Charissa Chiaravalloti - November 06, 2024 at 02:22 PM

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“ My Angel, my Son ... Forever in my heart ..Mom

Angela Stasko - November 06, 2024 at 02:07 PM

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“ Condolences

Angela Stasko - November 06, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JR

“ The flower ministry of First Presbyterian Church thanks you for donating the funeral flowers to us. We were able to make 15 arrangements from them which will be delivered to the residents of Summit Place.



June Robb - September 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jayson Michael Poluka.



September 07, 2024 at 08:27 AM

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“ The Schafer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jayson Michael Poluka.

The Schafer Family - September 07, 2024 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ Jim and Vicky Stachowski purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jayson Michael Poluka.



Jim and Vicky Stachowski - September 06, 2024 at 08:47 PM

JF

“ *Joan Gonzales and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jayson Michael Poluka.*



Joan Gonzales and family - September 05, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jayson Michael Poluka.*



September 04, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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“ *Turley and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jayson Michael Poluka.*



Turley and Family - September 03, 2024 at 02:50 PM