



Jason Jay Palka

November 12, 1980 - June 8, 2025

Jason "Jay" Palka, 44, of Manteno passed away Sunday, June 8, 2025. He was born November 12, 1980 in Blue Island, the son of Edward Donald and Lori Beth (Gertler) Palka. He married Natalie Benavides on December 18, 2010 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Manteno.

Jay coached little league and children's baseball, basketball, and football in Manteno over the past 15 years. He was a loan officer, business owner, attended Urban Prairie Community Church, enjoyed bowling and most of all spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving family, wife, Natalie Palka; four sons, Jason "JJ" Palka, Jr, Hayden Palka, Jaxon Palka and Jordan Palka; daughter, Alexis Kenworthy; parents, Edward and Lori Palka, Sr.; sisters, Kristy Palka (Jake Makaryk), Karly (Stephen) Granko, Kaitlyn (Nathan) Drewes; brothers, Michael (Stacy) Palka and Edward (Nicole) Palka, Jr; two grandchildren, Colton Kenworthy and Taytum Davis.

Jay is preceded in death by grandfathers, William "Bad Boy Bill" Gertler and Edward Palka; grandmother, Patricia Miller.

Visitation will be held at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 starting at 3pm until the service at 7pm officiated by Pastor Jason Nelson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Eddie and Lori,
We just heard of your dear son’s passing and are so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace in the arms of our loving Lord and Shepherd.
With sincere condolences,
Bob and Judy Troyer*

Judy Troyer - June 20, 2025 at 03:14 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Maurer and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jason Jay Palka.*



Brenda Maurer and family. - June 17, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JO

“ *I am so sorry. I have been praying for everyone for strength. Prayers to everyone for peace and healing. There are no amount of words, to express, that can take away the pain and sadness. I will miss Jay. I will miss those good moments and his smile.*



JOY - June 16, 2025 at 06:14 PM

LF

“ Love, The Levy family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jason Jay Palka.



Love, The Levy family - June 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM

LF

“ Love, The Levy family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jason Jay Palka.

Love, The Levy family - June 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jason Jay Palka.



June 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

LW

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.
Sending you all love & huge hugs and asking God to provide comfort throughout this tragedy.
I love you sister -Lori Palka
Lois and Jesse Wilson

Lois Wilson - June 13, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JH

J, j. Sorry for your lost buddy. Prayers and hugs here family. May god wrap his arms around you guys give you comfort

James Hartman - June 17, 2025 at 07:44 PM