



Jay B. Bass

May 5, 1954 - December 13, 2016

Jay B. Bass, 62, of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA went to be with his Lord on December 13, 2016 after battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis also known as ALS and Lou Gehrig's disease.

Jay grew up in Ft. Oglethorpe, where he was a key contributor of several sports accomplishments, of which included; member of the 1966 Dixie Youth World Series victors from Ft. Oglethorpe, two Lakeview High Baseball State titles, and coached the 1975 Ft. Oglethorpe Dixie Youth World Series Champs. As a standout running back and centerfielder/pitcher at Lakeview High School, Jay was a member of two State Champion baseball teams and All-State Honors in football his 1972 senior year; eventually signing a football scholarship with the University of Tennessee. Jay was a caring educator and coach at Rossville Middle School, Lakeview High School, Notre Dame High School and many recreation teams in North Georgia and Chattanooga areas. He left coaching in the mid 90's to pursue opportunities in the transportation business. Before receiving knowledge of his ALS disease he was a weight loss coach and personal trainer.

He is preceded by his father J.B. Bass and mother Dorothea Bass.

Jay is survived by his son Jason Bass; former wife and loving caretaker for two years, Teresa Bass; step-son Chris Harris; siblings: Barry Bass, Denise

Bass Gentry, Brent Bass, and Tracy Bass. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his hospice nurses - Joy, Megan, Natalie, Laurel, and Kristen of Caris Healthcare.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 17th, from 10am to 1pm at the Wilson's Funeral Home in Ft. Oglethorpe. A memorial service will be conducted immediately after conclusion of the visitation with Dr. Vincent Estill of Bible Way Baptist officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The ALS Foundation – Georgia Chapter www.alsaga.org Please mark donations in memory of Jay B. Bass.

Tribute Wall

MJ

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Marie jakob - February 03, 2023 at 03:53 AM

TA

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thato amelia - February 02, 2023 at 05:40 AM

BO

“ Dear Family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss; along with the pain come many questions; Job in the Bible asked, "If a man dies, can he live again"? (Job 14:14,15)The answer is yes!. We can have the hope of seeing our loved ones again, right here on earth. (Psalms 37:29)Please accept my deepest sympathies

bobbi - December 18, 2016 at 06:46 AM

KM

“ Coach Bass coached my son at Rossville Middle School. Jay was such a positive influence on Daniel and they became very close. Daniel was killed in November of 1990 and Jay took it very hard. He loved his kids and they loved him. He will truly be missed.

Kathy Williams (Peterman) Morris - December 17, 2016 at 03:44 PM

RM

“ Jay is now where he has looked SO forward to being----with our Heavenly Father for eternity. Even though we competed at arch-rival schools, Jay and I became close Brothers in Christ these past few years. Jay and his godly attitude inspired me so often. Jay lived his final years for THE only reason that matters in eternity---glorifying his Lord and Savior Jesus. We will miss Jay, but I am overjoyed for him today.

Rick Moore - December 17, 2016 at 10:39 AM

GC

“ One of the best friends I had. We had a lot of good times and some heart break. He will be missed very much. Gene Cowden

Gene Cowden - December 17, 2016 at 09:58 AM



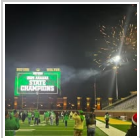
“ *Rest in peace Coach Bass . You was my favorite coach all those years ago at RMS . I remember seeing you a few years ago down town and talking with you and we had a drink . You touched so many lives during your short time here on earth . You will truly be missed coach.*

Adam Ford - December 17, 2016 at 06:36 AM

CG

Best coach i ever had

Chris gaylor - December 17, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Coach Bass.*



Ben Haynes - December 16, 2016 at 08:25 PM

LJ

“ *Learned a lot about coaching and even more about being happy in life from you, Jay. Rest in Peace dear friend!*

Layton Jackson - December 16, 2016 at 02:47 PM

CP

“ *Rest in peace Jay Bass. May your family rejoice in the knowledge that you are with Jesus. Carolyn Mason Price LFO class of 82.*



Carolyn Mason Price - December 16, 2016 at 10:42 AM

DT

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of a man who will be missed by many. Jay was a great man and great friend.

Ricky and Debby Townsend

Debra Townsend - December 16, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ Jay was a good man and will be missed. We will be praying for all of the family in the days ahead.

Tommy & Mary Mason

Tommy Mason - December 16, 2016 at 07:34 AM



CG

“ Great football coach

Chris gaylor - December 16, 2016 at 07:23 AM

LP

one of my favorite coaches and the last on to paddle me, much respect for him and prayers for his family

lesley plemons - December 16, 2016 at 02:25 PM

MG

“ Sorry to hear of this loss of Mr. Bass I went to school with his son and they lived up Shelby street where o grew up and went to elementary school with Tracy his youngest son. Prayers for the family. My wife lost her mother and brother to this disease in 2011 & 2012. It's a cruel unforgiving condition

M. Gilbreath - December 15, 2016 at 11:49 PM



VH

“ *Vivian Harness lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Vivian Harness - December 15, 2016 at 11:26 PM

CD

“ *Cathy Davis lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Cathy Davis - December 15, 2016 at 11:08 PM

SO

“ *Sheila Hayes Oldham lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Sheila Hayes Oldham - December 15, 2016 at 09:12 PM

SM

“ *Sherrie Deakins McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Sherrie Deakins McDaniel - December 15, 2016 at 09:07 PM

SM

Praying for all of Jay's family! There was joy in heaven as the Lord welcomed Jay home. No more tears, no more pain and a new body. What an amazing man of God!!!! Our hearts are broken.

Sherrie Deakins McDaniel - December 15, 2016 at 09:09 PM

JN

“ *Our prayers for the family. Jay was a well known and loved friend of many. Rip Janet & Jim Nance*



Janet Nance - December 15, 2016 at 07:08 PM

CT

“ *Charley Torbett lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



charley Torbett - December 15, 2016 at 06:40 PM

CT

“ I'll never forget coach Bass. My dad Ike Torbett loved coach Bass as well as the rest of the Torbett family.

I was the water boy for the Rossville Bulldogs when I was 9 years old. One day before practice. Coach Bass and another great coach and friend Mike Sholl TIED me up and TIED me in the back of his truck so I couldn't run around and harass them. Such a classic memory.

The other funny part of this story is the fact that Dad didn't realize I was missing until late into the practice.

I also played football with Jason at UTC in the early 2000's.

I am sorry for his passing. His legacy in this area will live on forever. May God bless your family and help you through this holiday season.

Charley Torbett

charley Torbett - December 15, 2016 at 06:39 PM

MB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. He was a person that enjoyed people and life. I watched so many baseball games in the summers and enjoy the memories. Prayers for his loved ones.

Margaret Turner Baldwin

Margaret Turner Baldwin - December 15, 2016 at 04:27 PM

TS

“ *Tricia Fleming Stancil lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Tricia Fleming Stancil - December 15, 2016 at 03:03 PM

 Karen Johnson

“ *Bro. Jay was a much loved member of our church. He always had a smile and remained positive. We love you Jay, and will miss you.*



Karen Johnson - December 15, 2016 at 02:55 PM

MS

“ *Mike Hartline Sr. lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Mike Hartline Sr. - December 15, 2016 at 02:41 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Fugate Borders lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



debbie fugate borders - December 15, 2016 at 02:34 PM

TM

“ Teresa McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass



Teresa McDaniel - December 15, 2016 at 02:05 PM

DG

“ My younger brother, Jay Bass, no longer in pain and your beautiful body is now whole again. He is now in the arms of Jesus rejoicing with all our family gone before him...Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Etc. We will see you again soon in Heaven. Miss you so much your Loving sister Denise Bass Gentry.



denise bass gentry - December 15, 2016 at 01:56 PM

SB

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jay's passing. I was on several baseball teams with Jay as a youngster growing up in Fort Oglethorpe. Even then he could run very fast so when UT came calling with a football scholarship, it did not surprise me. Jay was a good athlete and an even better person. My prayers go out to his family.

Steve Brown

Steve Brown - December 15, 2016 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



jerry hendricks - December 15, 2016 at 01:47 PM

 Shirley Tingle

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Jay. Although we haven't seen him since high school, we remember him as being a very fun-loving, athletic, friendly person whom everyone liked. To all his family, you are in our prayers. May the Lord be with you, and comfort you in this time of grief and loss.*

*Shirley and Jeff Tingle
Class of 1972, Lakeview High School*

Shirley Tingle - December 15, 2016 at 01:36 PM

MS

“ *Mike Sholl lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



mike sholl - December 15, 2016 at 01:26 PM

DN

“ *Denise Nichols lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Denise Nichols - December 15, 2016 at 01:18 PM

RP

“ *Robin Morris Purvis lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Robin Morris Purvis - December 15, 2016 at 12:42 PM

RP

Jay has always held a special place in my heart and I am so heartbroken to hear of his passing and his struggle with ALS. My prayers and thoughts go out his family. Sincerely Robin Morris-Purvis

Robin Morris Purvis - December 15, 2016 at 12:46 PM

CM

“ *Connie McGill lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Connie McGill - December 15, 2016 at 11:59 AM

CM

Jay was a wonderful man! My prayers for Teresa, Jason, Chris and other family members!

Connie McGill - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ *Connie Smith Dillon lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Connie Smith Dillon - December 15, 2016 at 11:54 AM

CD

*JAY WAS A KIND AND GENTLE GUY. PRAYERS FOR HIS FAMILY.
RIP JAY BASS*

Connie Smith Dillon - December 15, 2016 at 11:55 AM

RS

“ *Ramona Smith lit a candle in memory of Jay B. Bass*



Ramona Smith - December 15, 2016 at 11:36 AM