



Jason M. Gourley

December 31, 1983 - January 31, 2021

Jason M. Gourley, age 37 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, January 31, 2021, at his home in Highland, IL.

He was born on Saturday, December 31, 1983, in Grand Forks, ND, the son of Michael and Mary (nee Meffert) Gourley.

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, he married Rachael A. Gourley nee Lockett at Michael's Restaurant, Highland, IL, who survives.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; Consistory Board @ EvUCC; former board member of Community Link, Breese, IL and Friends Board at St. Joseph Hospital-Highland, IL.

He was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota and grew up in Highland, IL. He went to St. Paul Catholic School, Highland and graduated from Mater Dei Catholic High School, Breese, IL, in 2002. He later graduated from Southern Illinois Law School, Carbondale, IL, in 2009. He was an attorney and a partner with Donovan Rose Nester PC: Law Firm, Belleville, IL. He loved his children and enjoyed long distance biking, gardening, studying and learning to speak German. He ran a marathon in Kansas, was training for a triathlon and a goal was to climb all the Colorado 14ers.

Survivors include:

Wife - Rachael A. Gourley (nee Lockett), Highland, IL

Daughter - Madeleine Louise Gourley, Highland, IL

Son - Arthur Ray Gourley, Highland, IL

Father - Michael R. Gourley, Highland, IL

Mother - Mary Beth Gourley (nee Meffert), Highland, IL

Sister - Lauren Gourley, Saint Louis, MO

Sister - Erin (Jay) Fyalka, Springfield, IL

Maternal Grandmother - Mary Audeline Meffert (nee Payne), Louisville, KY.

He was preceded in death by:

Paternal Grandfather - Walter R. Gourley

Paternal Grandmother - Gertraude M. Gourley

Maternal Grandfather - Otis J. Meffert, Sr..

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private Funeral Service will be Wednesday, February 03, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Eric Quinney-Burnard, Pastor, Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Madeleine Louise and Arthur Ray Gourley College Fund or Community Link.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ We just saw this and wanted to send our prayers and condolences. We are praying for peace for all of you during this time. The Clayton's

Denise Clayton - February 22, 2021 at 11:11 AM

GH

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Greg Hartz

Greg Hartz - February 11, 2021 at 12:53 PM

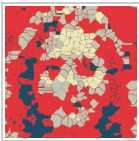


“ Jason was a great friend. From all of the races, road trips, 2 failed attempts at trying to start a band, etc, we've shared a lot together over the years. He was a brilliant sharp-witted guy that could always make you laugh. And if you were ever feeling down about something, he was the guy to talk to. No matter what the issue was. He always knew exactly the right things to say. He knew how to make you feel better about yourself.

Now, we didn't see eye-to-eye on everything, usually music. He only listened to the all Conor Oberst-Bob Dylan-Tom Petty radio station. I will never forget a ride home with him when he had Madeleine sing "Free Fallin'" for me. He had the biggest smile on his face & was as proud as could be. Or when he was talking about her 1st 2K. "I think she is pretty focused on winning her age group" is something along the lines of what Jason said:) That's the kind of humor he had. Although there was probably some seriousness to that too. I know he will be looking down from heaven anxious to see Madeleine help Arthur train for his 1st 2K.

Best friend I guy could have. Next to impossible to keep up with when running or on the bike (but still). Really gonna miss sharing those post race celebratory IPAs at 4 Hands.

Bill Venhaus - February 04, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ A gentleman.

GreyBob Chatsworth - February 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM

JG

“ Jason, Julie, Landon & Palmer Goodin purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Jason M. Gourley.



Jason, Julie, Landon & Palmer Goodin - February 03, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JM

“ I met Jason April 5, 2020 on Batman Road just north of I-270; I was stopped on my bike taking a phone call, he was on his bike and stopped to make sure I was okay. I was on a long ride, he was on a long ride, we rode together several miles that day and then several hundred miles on days after that. We talked about our kids, law, and triathlon, which is my primary sport. Jason was a much stronger rider than me and would pull me in his draft, I would try to give him tips on swimming in return (and he was getting much stronger at swimming!). I only got to know Jason for a short time but it didn't take long to learn he was a fantastic man, friendly, smart, caring and I will miss him very much. I never had the honor of meeting Jason's wife and children but I know he loved them very much and was very proud of them. I pray Jason and his family are at peace and look forward to the day we ride again.

Joe Millard - February 03, 2021 at 05:55 AM

JS

“ Jason you were a fun, strong, and fast cycling buddy and you were always willing to ride early like 5am 60-90 miles so you could get back home to spend the day with your wife and kids. You made it crystal clear to us (“Home is where the heart is!) Your family is in our prayers. May God Bless them!

Joe Switzer - February 02, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jason M. Gourley.*



February 02, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *The Mefferts, Simms and Klaphekes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jason M. Gourley.*



The Mefferts, Simms and Klaphekes - February 02, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Lynn Arnold purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jason M. Gourley.*



Lynn Arnold - February 02, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Rachel, I'm so sorry for your loss. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers.*
Lori Stocker

lori Stocker - February 02, 2021 at 12:55 PM

WH

“ I served with Jason on the Community Link Board of Directors, a nonprofit organization helping children and people with developmental disabilities. Jason impressed me with his passion, energy, and ideas to improve our participants' well-being and the future health of the organization. Jason was the voice of reason, compassion, and a powerful advocate for doing the right thing. He made a lasting impact, and he'll be missed. Prayers and comfort to his family and friends. *Bill Hibner*

William D Hibner - February 02, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jason M. Gourley.*



February 01, 2021 at 11:45 PM

PZ

“ *Rachael, My sympathy to you and your family. Jason was always so nice to me at church. We sat in the Nook a few times and watched church while he watched Arthur. He was a sweet man and will be missed by many.*

Pat Zobrist - February 01, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jason M. Gourley.*



February 01, 2021 at 09:02 PM