



Jason M Rodriguez

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Jason Manuel Rodriguez, resident of Dover, DE stationed at Naval Air Station Patuxent River Maryland, went home to his Lord on 21 September 2017.

Jason was born 5 May 1989 at Dover Air Force Base, DE to Manuel Rodriguez and Lois Helsdon. Jason graduated in 2008 from Milford High School. He was passionate about wrestling, starting at the age of 6 competing through his senior high school years and wrestling at the State Finals.

In 2009 Jason joined the Navy after being inspired by the movie “The Guardian”. He became a Search and Rescue Helicopter Swimmer with a desire to save lives. As part of his Navy career, he had two deployments to the Middle East saving many lives. Even in death he continued to save lives. Just three hours after he passed, his donated organs continued to live in two separate organ recipients.

Anyone who knew Jason knows how much he enjoyed spending time in the gym working out and lifting, which he did everyday. While at the gym he met his partner, Emily, who loved the gym like he did. He had a zest for life and gave 110% in everything he did. Jason had a charismatic personality and witty retort that he shared with everyone he met. Jason enjoyed time spent with his son Benjamin, playing ball or playing in the rain. His memory will live on for his family through his son. His family is proud of Jason and considers him a hero.

Jason was preceded in death by his “Pop Pop” Tom Shields and his “Big Pop” Jim Sanders. He is survived by parental Grandparents Manuel and Fermina Rodriguez of Palm Bay, FL. Maternal Grandmother Florena Shields of Milford, DE, his girlfriend Emily Hudson of Callaway, MD. His parents Manuel and Shawna Rodriguez of Dover, DE, his brother Michael Rodriguez, his wife Carrie of Milford DE, brother Tyler Rodriguez, his wife Melissa of Newark, DE. Brothers, Eric Smith III, of Dover, DE, Kyle Smith of Fort Stewart Georgia and Cory Smith of Dover DE. His son Benjamin Thomas Rodriguez and his mother Jessica Rodriguez both of Milford, DE and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and other family members.



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Services will be held at Trader Funeral Home in Dover DE on Sunday, 1 October 2017. Friends may call between 11:00am and 1:00pm. A Christian service will begin at 1:00pm. A full military funeral will be provided by the U.S Navy Honor Guard and will take place at Sharon Hill Memorial Park following the service.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations to either The Milford High School Wrestling Boosters- attention: Coach Parsley, 1019 North Walnut Street, Milford DE 19963 or to The Wounded Warrior Project in the name of Jason Rodriguez. Letters of condolences may be sent to www.traderfh.com




Events

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Cemetery Details

 **Sharon Hill Memorial Park**
Dover DE





Tribute Wall

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Sharon Daube lit a candle in honor of Jason.

October 6 at 12:43 PM



Jerry & Jaci Smith lit a candle in honor of Jason.

October 2 at 5:08 AM



Jerry October 2 at 5:12 AM

Manny & Shawna ... Jaci and I are so very sorry about this tragic and heartbreaking news. Having two sons, the news hits close to home and we want to help comfort you in any way we can. We want you to know that if you need anything, we are there for you. ANYTHING! And please accept our condolences.



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rodriguez family.

October 1 at 12:36 PM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Rodriguez family.

September 28 at 6:02 AM





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Julie Connelly posted:

This man was my first best friend. We got into so much trouble in the neighborhood I can still hear mom mom flo yelling at us 😂 Jason was so annoying and so mean but I wouldn't have had it any other way, so many sleep overs, and late night swimming. Riding bikes, skateboarding and walking around town, the ball park and all his crazy antics, throwin rocks at my window n making me sneak out bc he was bored. Too many to post all at once. Then I had Taytem on your birthday and you thought it was the greatest thing ever. You were a great man Jason and an even greater friend. Rest easy bro see you on the other side.

September 28 at 4:48 AM



Jake Fessler posted:

Floating the river in Blackwater National Forest near Pensacola. Some of the greatest times of 2010.

September 27 at 9:05 PM



Lulu Smith sent a virtual gift in honor of Jason.

Rest in paradise Jason -Hooyah-

September 27 at 8:06 PM



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We didn't have many memories together to share because I only knew Jason a short period of time while stationed in NAS Jax at a helicopter squadron. I was a PR and dealt with all the search and rescue equipment or anything Jason and the other aircrew members may have needed for missions. He always lit up the room when he walked in though. There's was never a day he didn't walk in being loud and with a huge smile on his face making everyone laugh lol it was short but he definitely made an impact on people's life whether it be 6 days 6 months or 6 years. I remember him and some of the other guys use to run late some times and would be rushing into the shop to get their flight gear and didn't have time to change so of course knowing Jason, he would just strip down real fast right there without thinking twice then go running out the door hahaha he was such a character. Definitely a great man and Sailor/shipmate. You'll really be missed 💙 rest in paradise



September 27 at 7:43 PM

AC

Amy Cortez posted:

So the past few days I have just been thinking about how goofy and funny he was and all the crazy things he did . You were my "big kid " and I'm going to miss all your crazy pants that you wore . I was cleaning out my garage one day and I came across my Wonder Woman costume and jason just so happened to be getting home . He took the costume and wore it for like three hours in front of the house and waiting on his girl friend to get home. He was so damn big for the costume but he made it fit. He was a big brother to my kids and I will make sure your memory stays alive. I love you kid and miss you so much.

September 27 at 7:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jason by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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