



## Jason Robert Rutledge

August 5, 1974 - September 12, 2021

Jason Robert Rutledge, age 47, of Pickford, Michigan, died Sunday, September 12, 2021, in Pickford. He was born August 5, 1974, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Ronald James and Margaret Ann (Spencer) Rutledge.

Jason grew up in Stalwart, Michigan, until 1988 when his family moved to Pickford at the beginning of his freshman year of high school. In both Stalwart and Pickford, he developed his love of his family as he was surrounded by extended family. After graduating from Pickford High School in 1992, he served in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Korea during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Following his military service, he returned to Pickford for a short time and then moved to Fenton, Michigan, where he performed maintenance on heavy road construction equipment and became a certified crane operator with the Operators Union. Later he worked for Shaendorf Custom Farming in Middleville, Michigan, as their Equipment Maintenance Manager. Jason moved back to the Pickford area and worked for Norris Construction, Tulgestka Trucking, and then Mertaugh Boat Works in Hessel where he was a certified mechanic for Mercury and Evinrude until 2017 when he was diagnosed with cancer. During his battle with cancer, he met Kaye Edington-VanLuven and they were married December 12, 2020.

Jason enjoyed farming and had a custom “salad” he fed to his cows. His

favorite pet cow was named Scarlet. He enjoyed all types of hunting and fishing. He enjoyed helping with and watching his own and other area children with their show animals at the fair. He also liked to build things and was a Detroit Lions fan. Jason was a member of the Dafter Lions Club.

Jason is survived by his wife, Kaye Marie (Edington-VanLuven) Rutledge; his children, Dakota (Amanda) Swinton of Olivia, Minnesota, Skylar (Duncan) Lowry of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jason Maverick Rutledge of Fenton, Reyanna Rutledge of Sault Ste. Marie, Levi VanLuven of Pickford, Elizabeth VanLuven of Pickford, and Lillian VanLuven of Pickford; and grandchildren, Eli Swinton and Evelyn Lowry. He is also survived by his parents, Ron and Margaret Rutledge of Pickford; brother, Scott (Annie) Rutledge of Pickford; grandfather, James Rutledge of Pickford; grandmother, Muriel Spencer of Stalwart; father-in-law, Daniel (JoAnn) Fick; mother-in-law, Sharon (Marty) LaJoie; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Stacy (Matt) Storey, Anthony (Heather) Pierce, Darryle LaJoie, Alicia (Steve) Heath, Austin Bruning, Natalie Shaw, Tiffany Shaw, and Alivia LaJoie; and nieces and nephews.

Jason was preceded in death by his grandfather, Ernie Spencer and his grandmother, Belva Rutledge.

Services will be held Friday, September 17, at Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM followed by the funeral service at 2:00 P.M. Please dress casually when attending the services as Jason would have wished.

Burial will be in Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township, Pickford, Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation  
24549 S M 129  
Pickford, MI 49774

## Funeral Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jason Robert Rutledge

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Jason Robert Rutledge

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Jason Robert Rutledge

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ My heart goes out to you all. Lots of memory's of the boys running around and growing up thru their school years. Take care, Gary and Susie Palmer

Susan Palmer - September 24, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



September 16, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.*



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September 16, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Jason was a kind and loving young man, who always showed his interest in the children and Kaye. He truly will be missed. - Gram , Audrey Fick*

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**Audrey J. Fick** - September 15, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.*



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September 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.*



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September 14, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



September 14, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



September 14, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



September 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



September 14, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



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September 13, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



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September 13, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



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September 13, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper* was purchased for the family of Jason Robert Rutledge.



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September 13, 2021 at 03:13 PM