



Jason W. Best

April 17, 1972 - December 26, 2019

Jason W. Best, 47, of New Bethlehem, passed away Thursday evening, December 26, 2019 at the Clarion Hospital.

He was born on April 17, 1972 in Brookville; son of Mike and Charlotte Kinney Best of Parker.

Jason graduated from Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School in 1990.

After high school, he enlisted in the Army and served with the 82nd Airborne and then joined the National Guard.

Jason graduated from Clarion University with a teaching degree.

He married Stacy Smathers on January 23, 2003, and she survives.

Jason was a Fourth Grade Science Teacher at the Union Elementary School.

He coached for numerous sports; including football, Junior High Basketball, YMCA Flag Football, T-Ball, and Softball.

Jason was a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Bethlehem.

He was also a lifetime member of the NRA.

Jason was an avid Steelers fan.

He enjoyed hunting, golfing, and most of all, spending time with his family.

Jason was known as a big sweet teddy bear and loved by so many.

He is survived by his parents; wife; a son: Gregory Nolf and his girlfriend,

Bisha, of Pittsburgh; his very special daughter: Marley Best of New

Bethlehem; two brothers: Gregory Best and Douglas Chambers, both of Ohio;

a nephew; Dylan Best; a niece; Megan Best; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jason is also survived by a special group of friends from high school; including his bestfriend: Shane Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his sister: Laurie Chambers Rankin.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on

Monday, December 30, 2019 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 in the funeral home with Rev. Dan Myers, pastor of the West Freedom United Methodist Church.

Interment will follow in the West Freedom Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

DEC 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jason W. Best*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - December 31, 2019 at 09:10 AM

LS

“ *Jason Was My Teacher In Rimersburg Elementary School That Closed Down A While Ago.*

Levi Smith - January 05, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all of Jason's family. May the many prayers sent your way help provide comfort and consolation. He was a great person.*

John and Sue Miloszewski - December 31, 2019 at 08:52 PM

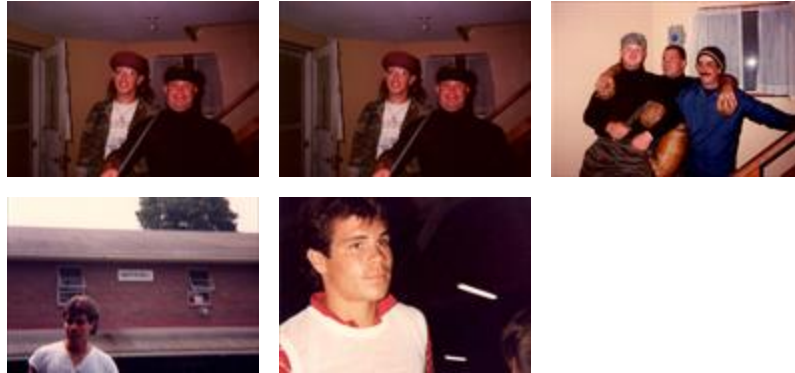
ME

“ *I knew Jason as a kid and from hanging out with his family. Always positive always smiling my heart goes out to his parents and family. I know that his parents and brothers will be taken care of in this time of need with one of the greatest close nit families I have ever meet. You have my sympathies mike Elliott*

mike elliott - December 31, 2019 at 12:56 PM

Lori Nagle

“ 6 files added to the album *Cherry Run Camp*



Lori Nagle - December 31, 2019 at 12:23 AM

DF

“ *Jason and myself went to college together he will be missed we had couple classes together I saw him this past summer he always had smile on his face and was always happy to Jason family prayers and deepest condolences*

desmond foringer - December 30, 2019 at 11:17 PM

RB

“ *Although it has been a long time since I last saw you I am so thankful that I got to call you my friend. May you rest in peace and I thank you for your service to our country! My condolences to the Best family*

Rob and Deb Barger

Rob Barger - December 30, 2019 at 06:45 PM

RG

“ Charlett, Mike, Greg and Doug, and his family, we are so very sorry for your pain and loss. Praying the angels surround you all with their wings and bring you comfort and peace and strength. His bless yous all 🙏💕
💕🙏 so so sorry.



Ron and Sue Gilbert Gindlesperger - December 30, 2019 at 12:24 PM

GC

“ Although it's been a while since we hung out, there is a profound sense of sadness in our house.

Whether they were the lighter times, like the Monday evening calls from Jason when he'd simply say "I'll bring pizza!" - which meant he was coming over for Monday Night Football or the serious times like when he volunteered to miss work to ride to the airport with Crystal and me to put me on a plane back to Iraq, just so she wouldn't have to drive home alone, Jason was around for a lot of significant times.

Jason, you'll be missed, but more importantly, you'll be remembered.

We hope his family finds peace in this difficult time.

Gabe and Crystal Coulter - December 30, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ 132 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - December 30, 2019 at 08:50 AM



“ *Jeanne Klein lit a candle in memory of Jason W. Best*



Jeanne Klein - December 30, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ *My son Logan had Mr Best his 4th grade year. He truly was the "Best". I always teased Logan because he would come home and tell me about all the football cards he traded in class. The kids loved it! He will be missed.*

Jenny Carr - December 29, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 29, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *I hope someone from Jason's family will read this. My name is Eric Robinson and I served with Jason in the 82nd Airborne Division back in the early 90s. He was as tough as they come and he had a heart as big as his head (sorry, Paratrooper sense of humor). That is to say he was a fantastic soldier and never hesitated to help folks where he could. Rest in peace Brother... don't forget to tell St Peter at the pearly gates to beat his boots if he gives you any sass.*

Eric Robinson - December 29, 2019 at 03:42 PM



hi! I'm very very late to reading this, but I wanted to thank you for sharing this. Jason is my dad, and I've been missing him even more during holidays. I decided to look at the tributes to my dad and I wanted to thank you for sharing this. My dad was always so proud of his service and fondly remembered those he served with. Thank you.

Marley Best - April 03, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *Charity Hannold lit a candle in memory of Jason W. Best*



Charity hannold - December 29, 2019 at 02:38 PM

CH

“ *RIP Mr. Best the hannold kids will miss u and never forget being in your class.....*

Charity hannold - December 29, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 29, 2019 at 02:36 PM

DB

“ *I never met Jason in person. He was in the same fantasy football league this year. We messaged each other during the season about players and potential trades, and I really got to like him. He knew his football...and he won the league in deserving fashion just days before his passing. We talked about meeting next year for a live draft for the league rather than online and I was really looking forward to meeting him. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.*

Dan Beichner - December 29, 2019 at 12:09 PM

SA

“ *Sara lit a candle in memory of Jason W. Best*



Sara - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Mr Best was an awesome !!!!!!! Teacher. I feel honored to have gotten the chance to work in his classroom.He truly was a great teacher. He treated each child as if they were his own. He encouraged each child to learn to thier full potential. The children are going to be very saddened by his passing. He bragged alot about his family ,and I am so sorry for your loss.*



Darla smith - December 28, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 28, 2019 at 01:27 PM

JF

“ *Rip. Thank you for your service. You will be sadly missed.*



James W. Shumaker and Family - December 28, 2019 at 10:48 AM

JS

“ Rip



James W. Shumaker - December 28, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.



December 28, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.



December 28, 2019 at 07:42 AM

KY

“ So sorry to hear of Jason's passing...What a wonderful person he was. Never will forget all the memories from Elementary clear to High School..Thoughts and Prayers to the family. RIP Jason.

Kelly Young - December 28, 2019 at 07:18 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 27, 2019 at 11:15 PM

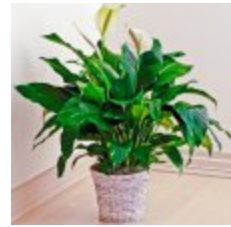


“ *Mr. Best's death is devastating to Quinn Aryk, Sandy, and myself. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Best's family. We are keeping his family, friends, fellow teachers, and numerous students whose lives were also impacted and enriched knowing Mr. Best, in our thoughts and in our prayers. Quinn Aryk, Sandy, and I would tell Mrs. Best and Mr. Best that they are "The Best." Mrs. Best taught Quinn Aryk @ Sligo Elementary School and Mr. Best taught Quinn Aryk @ Rimersburg Elementary School. Quinn wrote an essay about Mr. Best's character and integrity as a teacher and human being. Mr. Best was given an award for being an outstanding teacher. Our lives are forever changed because of Mr. Best's love for teaching, his patience, kindness, sense of humor, and loving nature. We are extremely saddened by Mr. Best's passing. We are so sorry for his family. We pray that Mr. Best's family keep his spirit alive through their memories of him. Quinn Aryk, Sandy, and I will keep our memories of Mr. Best close to our hearts, and share those memories with others to keep his spirit alive. We are grateful and blessed to have known Mr. Best. We pray that he rest in peace.*

Elaine M. Grabinski - December 27, 2019 at 10:36 PM

UO

“ *Union School District Central Office purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Jason W. Best.*



Union School District Central Office - December 27, 2019 at 08:02 PM

MG

“ *So sorry for your loss, I pray for healing and comfort in the coming days and months.*



Matt Green - December 27, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 27, 2019 at 06:55 PM

TF

“ *The Prociuous Family purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Jason W. Best.*



The Prociuous Family - December 27, 2019 at 06:24 PM

JW

“ Jason was a fantastic guy and will definitely be missed. My condolences to his family.

Justine Whyte - December 27, 2019 at 06:02 PM

SW

“ I was very saddened when I heard of this devastating event, Jason was a childhood friend to me and a beloved teacher to my grandchildren at Union Elementary, his presence will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him...my deepest condolences to his family for this tragic loss and continued prayers for peace during this very difficult time... Shelbi Myers Wolbert

Shelbi Myers Wolbert - December 27, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ Such a sweet guy. I'll miss him razzing me about the Patriots. God bless to the family.



Misti Arel - December 27, 2019 at 04:55 PM

GH

“ Gary Harp lit a candle in memory of Jason W. Best



Gary Harp - December 27, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Jason W. Best.*



December 27, 2019 at 03:58 PM