



## Jay Patterson Tokarz

December 8, 1958 - October 11, 2022

Jay Patterson Tokarz, 63, passed away unexpectedly due to heart complications in his home in Milton, Georgia, on October 11, 2022. Jay was born on December 8, 1958, in Ashtabula, Ohio, to the late Bernard and Mary Susan (Patterson) Tokarz. He was the third of four children, including his brother, Jeffrey (Laurie) Tokarz, brother, Joel (Denise) Tokarz and sister, Amy (Rick) Pardy.

In October 1984, he married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, MaryBeth Ripostella Tokarz. They settled in Pleasantville, New York, where they began a family of their own. In addition to his wife of 38 years, Jay is survived by 3 children: Bernie (Morgan), Emily, and Francesca. Jay and his family moved to Alpharetta, Georgia, in July 1998 and embraced all aspects of southern living. Jay quickly traded his beloved New York Giants and snow shovels for the Georgia Bulldogs and flip-flops in February. Jay enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves, golfing, listening to live country music, flaunting his radio-smooth voice, taking meticulous care of his lawn, gathering for family reunions, hosting backyard barbecues, and exercising (with his Jolly Ranchers, earbuds, and ESPN).

Jay was an entrepreneur and spent most of his career in healthcare recruiting; however, his first priority was always his family. Jay went the extra mile to care for his wife and children: coaching team sports, spearheading holiday meals

and creating new family traditions. Jay never withheld words of affirmation or helpful advice; he took pleasure in being Mr. Fix-It and the family problem solver. If his wife or children ever had a need, no matter how trivial, Jay was there. Jay made it his mission to make sure his children never showed up empty handed, listened more than they spoke, and left places better than they found them. Jay's home, and, most importantly, his table, was always open to those he loved and those in need. Jay had an incomparable impact on his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 21st (10:00 AM) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Alpharetta, Georgia (535 Rucker Road).

New Beginnings Ministry made a profound impact on the Tokarz Family, and Jay prioritized paying it forward. In lieu of flowers, the Family asks that donations be sent in Jay's name to New Beginnings: <https://www.newbeginningslife.net/donate/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
535 Rucker Rd  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
(770) 475-4501

# Tribute Wall



“ *A wonderful man who will be dearly missed.*

Pamela King - October 26, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Betsy White*



Nikki White - October 25, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *MaryBeth & Family – I am deeply saddened to learn of Jay’s recent sudden passing. It has been a long time, but I carry nothing but wonderful memories of Jay, his brothers Jeff & Joel, and the entire Tokarz family, going all the way back to Little League Baseball. A great guy, and a great family! Jay was also one of the funniest guys I have ever known, he even managed to make High School Wrestling practices fun, if that’s possible. I am thinking of you all, and I wish you peace, comfort, and the strength to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Jay’s bright light will shine forever.... Vinny Palmiotto*

Vin Palmiotto - October 25, 2022 at 01:07 PM

DL

“ When I think of Jay and Marybeth, I think of LOVE. So sorry to hear of this great loss. Prayers for family and friends.

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**donna lanzetta** - October 22, 2022 at 04:00 PM

RA

“ Mary Beth and family we are very sorry for your loss.

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**Rosalind Atkins** - October 21, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



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October 20, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



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October 20, 2022 at 11:56 AM

FA

“ From your loving Anesthesia ARs purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



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**From your loving Anesthesia ARs** - October 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



October 19, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



October 18, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *LocumTenens.com Radiology Team* purchased the *Sacred Duty Spray* for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



**LocumTenens.com Radiology Team** - October 18, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



October 18, 2022 at 12:04 PM

RK

“ *Mary Beth I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rebecca Kayati - October 17, 2022 at 03:53 PM

CP

“ *Dearest Mary Beth and family, your Forsyth Y is just heartbroken over your loss. Jay always greeted me with a smile on his face. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Carrie Pasquale*

Carrie Pasquale - October 17, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.*



October 17, 2022 at 11:47 AM

RR

“ *Dear Mary Beth and Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and our hearts are hurting for you for such a tremendous loss. Robin R.*

Robin Reid - October 17, 2022 at 11:40 AM

ST

*Sweet Emily, Mary Beth and all the Tokarz family. Jay was a very special and loving man. I know this is so hard on you all. He was so young and I know it was so unexpected. 🥹. Just know you are in my prayers and I love you. 🙏💕💕🕊️💕💕*

Sharon Thompson - October 20, 2022 at 05:54 AM

CC

“ Dear Marybeth: Jay was a longtime friend and I will miss trading messages of mutual support with him. My condolences and love to you and your family. Chris Cavanaugh

Chris Cavanaugh - October 17, 2022 at 10:01 AM

VP

“ MaryBeth and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Jay's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I haven't seen Jay since high school, but I still remember playing football with him. He was always willing to help anyone out and give a kind word. Jay epitomized the saying that people always remember how you make them feel, and he left everyone feeling good.  
Rest In Peace Jay.  
Vince Polletta

Vince Polletta - October 16, 2022 at 10:55 PM

KD

“ My deepest condolences to all of the Tokarz family. Jay's generosity of spirit and positivity back on high school are fondly remembered. His kindness, quick wit and empathy made an impact on everyone he touched. May the shared memories you have bring you solace during the sad days ahead. God bless.

Kelly Dwyer - October 16, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



October 16, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.*



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October 16, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *Mary Beth, my heart breaks for you!! Your husband Jay sounded like one in a million. Hold dear the great memories you shared and know that I'm praying for you and your family. Vicki K.*

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**Victoria M Kernstine** - October 16, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Marybeth and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. It has been a long time since we have seen each other, since the Ossining high school days. Jay was extremely fun and gracious guy and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.*

*Cousin Joe Salvati and family*

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**Joe Salvati** - October 15, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *Jay was a student of mine at OHS. Some ten years ago he wrote me a kind and touching letter of remembrance. We were in contact since. My sincerest condolences to his family . Jay will be deeply missed.*

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**Mary Anne Gaetti** - October 15, 2022 at 03:02 PM

TD

“ *My deepest condolences to MaryBeth and the entire Tokarz family. Jay and I were virtually inseparable back in High School - I'm privileged to carry so many memories of our friendship. RIP Jay, your old pal Tony D*

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**Tony Dolcimascolo** - October 15, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.*



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October 15, 2022 at 01:31 PM

AD

“ *So sorry to hear this. Although I haven't seen Jay since our Ossining high school days we did chat on Facebook occasionally. I remember Jay being a very outgoing and funny guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Angelo D'Uva & family.*

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**Angelo D'Uva** - October 15, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CZ

“ Jay was one of a kind. Jay became interested in Fantasy Football and joined our league. We also became huge Barstool Sports fans. We would send each other ratings of pizza. Jay was young at heart and few friends of mine and him had a running group chat on Facebook. He also helped me with business ideas and life in general. One thing I do know is he valued his family more than anything. Our random Facebook chats always ended up reverting back to family. My prayers go out to his entire family. ❤️



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Chris Zollman - October 15, 2022 at 10:53 AM

LA

“ So very sorry to hear about Jay. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I remember our golfing and golf trips together, one of my oldest friends. Wish everyone well. Kelly and Larry Montague

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larry - October 15, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay Patterson Tokarz.



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October 15, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JC

“ *MaryBeth and family- so sorry to hear of Jay's passing- you will be in my prayers and thoughts- God Bless - I will be in touch- take care- love cousin Jo and Ralph*

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**Josephine Connor** - October 14, 2022 at 03:21 PM