



## Jason Mark Arthur

November 2, 1974 - October 6, 2021

Jason Mark Arthur passed away peacefully in hospice care on October 6, 2021, following a period of rapidly declining health. Jason was born November 2, 1974, in Salisbury, NC. He was educated in the Rowan-Salisbury School system and received his certificate from Salisbury High School in 1996.

Jason experienced several challenges in life due to being born with autism spectrum disorder, ataxia cerebral palsy and an intellectual disability. Despite these obstacles, he was proud to work at the Vocational Workshop in Cleveland for many years. Although he had to rely on support staff at his group home residence, he had a level of independence for most of his life that many individuals with cerebral palsy never attain. Jason enjoyed participating in Special Olympics over the years. He particularly enjoyed attending dances and other activities sponsored by the ARC of Rowan.

Due to his cognitive limitations, Jason retained a child-like joy and trust in others throughout his life. What you saw with Jason was what you got! Although he was middle aged, his excitement for the holidays was quite contagious. Another gift he displayed was an unconditional acceptance of others. He simply was not capable of passing judgment based on race, SES, political or religious beliefs. Jason assessed people by the kindness of their actions. He enjoyed the simple things in life such as celebrating birthdays with family, listening to music, food from his favorite restaurants (including Diet

Cokes), game shows, car rides across town and trips to the beach. Without a doubt, his favorite vacation was a visit to the set of Price is Right in California where he was able to meet his favorite TV personality, Bob Barker.

Jason wanted to connect with people, but he frequently had a challenging time expressing his thoughts in words. That said, he was a great advocate for himself. He would take your hand or pat your arm repeatedly to make sure he was being heard. He also had several rituals and routines that gave him great comfort such as never leaving the house without his ball cap, wallet, and sunglasses. Jason had a true knack for being persistent in order to reach his goals. (There was not a chance that he would forget about that extra piece of birthday cake or a serving of Sue's Grahams.)

Those left to cherish his memory include his parents Brenda Arthur (Salisbury) and Mark Arthur (Carolina Beach), his sister April Lamanno (David) of Spencer, NC, stepfather, Parker Cristman (Salisbury, NC), stepsister, Michelle Creamer (John) of Carolina Beach, NC, niece Eva, nephew Harrison, as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal and paternal grandparents (Clara Gardner, Winston Salem and Harry and Catharine Arthur, Salisbury, NC) as well as stepmother, Martha Arthur.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to the Glenn Kiser Hospice House in memory of Jason.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks for the support and kindness shown by staff at the Glenn A Kiser Hospice House and Forsyth Hospital.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM Saturday - November 6th at Summersett Funeral Home. Everyone attending is asked to please wear a

mask.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Arthur family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was fortunate enough to meet Jason and his mom, Brenda, early in my career while working as a case manager. Jason and Brenda taught me the meaning of advocacy, and I will be forever grateful to them for sharing their life, their struggles, and their strength with me. Rest in eternal peace, Jason. ❤️

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**Judy Coble** - November 01, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DE

“ Jason was in my class at Knox and SHS. I was always amazed at how he memorized books. If I read a book, I had to read it word for word or he would correct me! I loved all his sayings and his quirky ways! I will miss him!❤️

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**Delores Elliott** - October 10, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JW

“ I met Jason when I started teaching special education at Overton Elementary in 1984. He was in the older class and I taught the younger students. Every Wednesday we would board the bus to go swimming at the YMCA and Jason would share the weather report that he had memorized that morning or entertain us with play by play of *The Price is Right*. His ability to memorize was amazing. I am a better person because my path crossed with Jason's. Just thinking of him always makes me smile. I'm so sorry for your loss. Jtan Whisenant

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**Jtan Whisenant** - October 09, 2021 at 09:10 AM

MS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your son, Jason. He was a very special young man. Thoughts and Prayers for Jason's family for comfort and peace! Margie Kirk Sides*

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**Margie Kirk Sides** - October 08, 2021 at 06:18 PM

JS

*Oh Jason....I just heard and my heart is broken. You were full of joy and surprise! You kept us on our toes with your attention to each and every detail!!! I remember your total love of the Holidays....especially Christmas! I miss you, my friend. Very much.  
Jeanne Stein*

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**Jeanne Stein** - October 19, 2021 at 05:04 PM

EH

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of this beautiful young man. My thoughts are with April, David, Eva, Harrison and all of Jason's family. May the memories of your times together give you peace.  
Eileen Hanson-Kelly*

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**Eileen E Hanson-Kelly** - October 08, 2021 at 01:06 PM