



## Jason Cirone

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It is with broken hearts that we share the news that our beloved Jason has passed away after a courageous fight for his life. Jason Gerardo Cirone departed this world on October 2, 2024, after a long illness; he was 53 years old.

Jason faced this journey with unimaginable strength, determination, and courage, and his will to live surpassed every timeline the doctors gave him. The loss of Jason has forever changed our family, leaving a void that words cannot express.

Jason was born and raised in Toronto, and at age 15, he left home to begin his hockey career. He played in the NHL and in many professional hockey leagues internationally.

As a member of the Italian National Ice and Inline Hockey Teams, he proudly competed in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, scoring the first goal of the Olympic Games. He also competed in the World Championships from 2004 to 2008 (ice hockey) and 2003-2004 (inline hockey), winning the bronze

medal in 2004.

His post-playing career included coaching and scouting positions for the Asiago Vipers, Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees, Flint Generals, Motor City Metal Jackets, Metro Jets, Erie Otters, and Midland University.

As a player, Jason's dedication and resilience helped energize and elevate many teams. Later, Coach Jason applied his lifelong love for hockey to the development of young players, fostering their growth, skill, and passion for the sport. Many of his players went on to achieve remarkable success both on and off the ice, showcasing the skills and values they developed under his guidance, acknowledging his pivotal role in their success.

Off the ice, Jason loved shooting guns, spending time with his dogs, enjoying Italian and barbecue delicacies, shopping on Temu and driving his Cadillac. Jason was a dual citizen of Canada and Italy and loved the best of both countries.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gianbatista "John" Cirone; father-in-law, L. William (Bill) Meyer; and niece, Maygen Bell-Cirone.

He is survived by his loving family: his wife of 30 years, Kristen (Meyer); daughter, Brooke Cirone; son, Mason Cirone; brothers, David (Linda Bell) and Michael (Nicole); mother-in-law, Bonnie Meyer; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Meyer and Julie McFarland (Patrick), many nieces and nephews, his dogs Gigi and Teddy Bear and his grand dog, Blu.

Jason's legacy transcends borders, touching the lives of friends, teammates, and fans alike. His long-standing friendships showcased his loyalty and strength, especially during the challenging times of his illness. The hockey community-spanning the U.S., Italy, Canada, and beyond-remembers him not

just as a player, but as a source of inspiration and camaraderie. His spirit will continue to resonate in the hearts of those who had the privilege to know him, on and off the ice.

Friends and family will gather on Saturday October 26, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm with tributes and a sharing of memories at 1:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W Eleven Mile Road (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak 48067.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local youth hockey program, your local animal shelter or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Sharing of Memories

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Adam & Erica Wilk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jason Cirone.



Adam & Erica Wilk - October 25, 2024 at 11:04 PM

LS

“ Lydia, Kam, Mark, & Sharla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jason Cirone.

Lydia, Kam, Mark, & Sharla - October 25, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LS

“ Lydia, Kam, Mark, & Sharla purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jason Cirone.



Lydia, Kam, Mark, & Sharla - October 25, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SK

“ Shonda K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jason Cirone.

Shonda K. - October 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Jason Cirone.



October 19, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ I got the honor to know Coach Cirone in Fremont, NE. We had several conversations at hockey games over the years. A few would lead to talks about some of his health challenges. He was as tough as they come. His big personality and passion will be missed. He won't be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his kids and entire family.

Todd Eberle

Todd Eberle - October 12, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Cirone



Elizabeth Meyer - October 09, 2024 at 11:13 PM



Torino Olympics 2006

Elizabeth Meyer - October 10, 2024 at 03:16 AM

DL

“ Jason & I played in Corwall for a few years. I was very shocked to hear of his passing...my deepest condolences to his family. Denis

Denis Léger - October 09, 2024 at 08:49 PM

MG

“ Michel G. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Jason Cirone.



Michel G. - October 09, 2024 at 05:27 PM

JK

“ I met Jason when he moved to McAllen Texas to play for the Killer Bees. Our kids played with his kids and we have great memories of hanging out with the Cirone's. My husband Jay became a huge fan instantly of Jason and has spent the last 2 decades talking about his friend Jason. We have his jerseys hanging in our shop and several pictures on our wall of fame, even one of the hamster cage he assembled for our daughter. Kristen you are in our hearts, for 30 years you have built a life with Jason. What a beautiful life you have shared. Your family legacy is a wonderful one still growing through your children. Please accept my sincerest sympathies. Bless his soul and prayers for peace.



jenny kure - October 09, 2024 at 01:43 PM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jason's family at this time.  
Cosmo and Brenda Romeo

Cosmo Romeo - October 09, 2024 at 09:18 AM

KR

“ Kelly Rowe purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of Jason Cirone.



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**Kelly Rowe** - October 08, 2024 at 05:37 PM

CP

“ My most sincerest heartfelt condolences to the Cirone family. I had the pleasure of meeting Jason many years ago and was so enamored by his talent in hockey, and I remember what a down to earth friendly person he was upon first meeting him. My heart goes out to his wife, and children and to Michael, Nikki, David and Linda and their families. Such a huge loss. May he rest peacefully now. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Cheryl Penney-Causevski** - October 08, 2024 at 04:10 PM