



## Jason J. Baumann

*October 3, 1961 - February 22, 2021*

Jason Baumann, 59, passed away unexpectedly on February 21, 2021 at his home in Frisco, Texas (a suburb of Dallas). He was born on October 3, 1961 to Melvin and Marcella Baumann in Ashley, North Dakota. Jason attended Ashley public schools where he played football, basketball and was crowned homecoming king. He graduated from high school in 1980. Jason attended North Dakota State University. He was united in marriage to Rita Howard on April 4, 1987. The couple resided in Phoenix and Dallas and had two children, Leah and Jacob, during Jason's lifelong career in electronics, marketing, and sales. Jason's greatest joy was his children and grandchildren. He loved going to the movies with his kids, getting pedicures with his daughter, and he was always searching for the perfect pizza. Jason also enjoyed going for walks and exploring new hiking trails with his kids.

He is survived by his daughter, Leah Lovecchio and husband, Eddie Lovecchio of McKinney, Texas; son, Jacob Baumann and girlfriend, Kiki of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Jaxson, Juliette, and Jason; sister, Yvonne Weisz of Los Angeles, California; and brother, Rodney Baumann of Omaha, Nebraska.

Jason was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home at 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by sending cards or letters to: 3604 Rand Creek Trail, McKinney, TX 75070.

CELEBRATIONOFLIFE.TV Livestream for service <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/jason-j-baumann>

## Memorials

*Leah & Jake & Family, I am sending my deepest condolences to all of you. I just found out at 5pm today. Your Dad and I had an extraordinary friendship. It was based around laughter, great conversation, mutual respect and most importantly, love. It was, at times, complicated and timing never seemed on our side but I feel the affection we had for each other was enduring. Our conversations were varied but almost always circled back to family and children (the 2 of you). There were tumultuous times, worrisome ones and joyous times too that your Dad would relay to me. I have fond memories of visiting all of you and you coming to me - I was touched to see the pictures from your visit so many years ago. I have another giant dog now. We travelled for work quite a bit together, he would come to Toronto often, I was in Dallas, Nashville and St. Louis with him. We had a special connection that was unmistakable to those in our company. I'm happy we were able to reconnect years later when I had a Child of my own and he a Grandson (just Jaxson at the time). Still the conversations were full of laughter and revolved around Family. He was a family man at his core. So proud of all of you. I have spent a good deal of time missing him over the years, it doesn't at all compare to your loss, it seems unimaginable ...and while this seems a simplistic thing to say, at the end this is all there is; he loved all of you and you him - that lives on. I loved him too. Julie*

**JULIE PEECH, MARCH 4, 2021**

*Jason was so easy to talk to and a wonderful co worker, he was a rarity to be sure. My heart goes out to his family for such a tremendous loss. I hope the heavens are ready to hear lots of music with exquisite sound. You'll be missed.*

**SHEILA FIKE, MARCH 4, 2021**

*I wanted to share this article I wrote in a trade newsletter in order to share Jason's passing with the industry he loved so much. I will miss him greatly. God Bless all of you. <https://www.strata-gee.com/yamaha-executive-jason-baumann-dies-unexpectedly/#comments>*

**PAUL TAMBERELLI, MARCH 4, 2021**

*It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye for now to one of my best friends*

*ever. We all have an allotted time here on earth and should live it for our place in eternity. I believe Jason J lived it the right way.*

**ROB SACKMANN, MARCH 3, 2021**

*Jason was living proof of how fine a person can be. Not only was he my colleague at Yamaha, he was my friend. We spoke daily about work and life and he always had a way of making the small stuff seem so trivial and the good things seem like we won the lottery. Jason was professional, honest, well respected and simply a kind human being. His smile, sense of humor and willingness to always help will be missed by many. I already miss you my friend, and thank you for the privilege of having known you. Till we meet again. My deepest condolences to the family. Erika Gonzalez*

**ERIKA GONZALEZ, MARCH 3, 2021**

*OMG! I just saw this and am completely heart broken. Jason was such a tremendous person and advocate in this industry. I HAD JUST traded voice mails with him two weeks ago and owed him a call back. Jason and I met in the mid 90s when he was at API. He was one of the first factory people that I hot to go on the road with. As a young rep, I had no idea what I was doing, but we had SO many fun times together. Jason introduced me to sushi, which I love to this day, and we spent hours talking about how we should take things (e.g. Smoothie King) that was working in larger markets and bring them to smaller markets (which people did and made tons of money off of). Jason had a HUGE heart and always gave me a bear hug every time we saw each other. Later in life, we spent time talking about our kids and reliving memories made on the road together. I would consider Jason one of the best people I had the pleasure to meet in this industry. The world is sadder place without him, but Heaven just got a boost for sure. I love you brother, Godspeed.*

**MARK P. DIPIETRO, MARCH 3, 2021**

*Jason was salt of the earth! I first met Jason 14+ years ago while working at TigerDirect in Miami. He was one of the kindest, funniest, and most honest people in business. I will miss our weekly conversations when we typically laughed from the second we got on the phone till we hung up. I will also miss*

*our lunches when I visited our Dallas office. Jason and I loved going to Babe's Chicken in Dallas. Lastly, I remember Jason frequently telling me how much he loved his grandkids and family. I know we will all celebrate the time we spent with him.. Godspeed my friend! My deepest condolences to Jason's family and friends! He will be missed!*

**KEVIN HAMANN, MARCH 2, 2021**

*Jason was always kind, upbeat, light-hearted, and very professional. He never failed to put a smile on my face. Not only did I love his passion and spirit, but I also admired and respected his dedication & love for our industry and customers. Although it was brief, I am thankful that I got to know and see Jason in action. Sending love and good thoughts to Jason's family, relatives, and friends. He will always be a legend.*

**MARK FISHER, MARCH 2, 2021**

*What a great guy. On behalf of those that had the good fortune to work with Jason at CHIEF, our memories with him will live on. Rest in peace. Our condolences and prayers are shared with friends and family.*

**STEPHEN FRAZEE, MARCH 1, 2021**

*Godspeed Jason. I'll miss our conversations. My condolences to the family.*

**ROBERT KEELER, MARCH 1, 2021**

*While we only knew Jason a few short years as a business partner, we really valued his caring and professional attitude. Always a positive influence, it was very apparent he had love for his family and really cared about helping people. We already miss him, but will carry his spirit with us forever. RIP Jason. -Your LRG, inc Family.*

**CHRIS LANIER, MARCH 1, 2021**

*After attending and graduating high school together, I've wondered how classmates' lives - like Jason's - unfolded, especially as our life paths have rarely crossed over the years. It is such an inspiration to read the many comments and hear how full and impactful Jason lived his life. Well done, Jason. What you carried forward to become your life has made such a noticeable difference and blessed many. Rest in peace, friend. Our thoughts*

*and prayers are with the Baumann family.*

**JOHN KIEMELE, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

*My condolences to Family of Jason J. Baumann. I have known the family -- Melvin & Marcella Baumann for many years -- Melvin was my 8th grade teacher at our rural school; Melvin was also the McIntosh County for several years. We owned the ASH THEATRE in Ashley, ND for 29 years and remember the family attending movies there. Sorry about your loss -- he will be missed by all of you. May he rest in peace, Sincerely, Janice (Pfeifle) Schnabel, Ashley, ND*

**JANICE J. SCHNABEL, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**

*Jason was a great friend, mentor and human being. I spent a lot of time on the road with Jason doing sales calls, trainings, customer events and trade shows. Our "windshield" time in the car going from one event to the next was priceless. We talked and laughed about so many things, and Jason always talked about how much he loved Jake and Leah, and his grandkids. He was quick to laugh, quick to help, and was such a genuine person. I know he made me a better person in so many ways. Rest in Peace my friend.*

**MARK LEY , FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*My heartfelt condolences to the Baumann Family... Jason was the daily light in my workday; He always made me Smile, very hard to stay mad or frustrated with him I was truly blessed to have had him in my life for the last 4 years as a unique co-worker who became a close friend over time... Rest Easy J-Dog...*

**PAM WOOD, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*We met Jason when he worked at Polk with my husband and remained good friends throughout the years. Jason would stay with us when he was in Baltimore and then Atlanta for business. We shared good meals, good wine, and good stories throughout the years. I will miss his laugh, sense of humor, and kindness. Rest in peace, my friend. And heartfelt prayers for Jason's family. I know he will be missed.*

**MARYANN LOZANO, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*Jason was a good friend of mine. A very good friend. We meet over 30 years*

*ago when I took his place at Polk Audio. Even though he was no longer at Polk, we kept in contact because he was still in the industry, and we just hit it off. I liked him, and I know, he liked me. We would meet and hang out at all the shows, CES, CEDIA, and many others. As we both lived in Dallas, we meet many, many times for lunch. I will miss Jason very much, and the happy times we spent together. He was a unique and wonderful person. I loved him. RIP Jason.*

**STEVE ODENHEIMER, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*I am grateful to have had Jason in my life. He was an exceptional guy who left a lasting impression on everyone that had the pleasure to know him. I wish you peace. You left us all too soon.*

**LARRY TUCKER, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*I only met this sweet man once but it was truly epic and astounding how his sweet and playful character jumped out at me. I understood right then I was in the presence of someone special. I feel truly lucky to have been graced with the opportunity to meet such an incredible person. The imprint he has left will not go unnoticed and will sorely be missed. My love and blessings are reaching out to the whole family in reverence of your loss.*

**LORENA MEYERS, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*To say that I was shocked to learn of Jason's passing is an understatement. I've known Jason for over 25 years, first as the regional manager at Audio Products Int., then we became close friends during our time together at Audio Etc. After we both left Audio Etc. and went on to other jobs, I made it a point to make sure that Jason would be in town when I would make appointments in St. Louis so we could get together for a few beers and many laughs. I admired him to no end as he raised Leah and Jake as a single parent. He was proud of his kids and he'd laughingly tell me some of the shenanigans they would pull. After he moved to Dallas, we still stayed in touch via phone and at trade shows and conferences where we would have obligatory "meetings" to catch up over more beers and more laughs. Jason was the one guy who taught me that we are in an industry where we sell fun, that we should have fun and to not take*

*ourselves so seriously. Our industry is a little less fun without Jason. See you on the other side, man.*

**WILL VEBER, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*I am shocked and saddened by Jason's sudden passing. I worked with him at various places and he was an exceptional pro who was a pleasure to work with. Jason was a man of integrity who enjoyed our industry, and loved his kids more than anything. Via con dios amigo. Rest well.*

**GREG HUGHES , FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

*Jason was a classmate of mine and a high school friend. We had a great visit the last time he was back in Ashley and it was just like it had only be a few weeks since we had visited last. May you find comfort and peace as you celebrate Jason's life and always feel blessed that you were part of it. Prayers for time to turn your tears of sadness in to happy memories. Faye*

**FAYE HELFENSTEIN SALZER, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*I had the pleasure of working with Jason for a short period of time and then was friends ever since. He was a great mentor, friend and drinking buddy. He always spoke proudly of his children, even with Jacob was driving him nuts as a teenager. The last time Jason and I hung out it was at CEDIA, we had a great time catching up and had lots of laughs. The world is going to miss a guy like Jason. Kids, look me up, I would love to tell you some great stories about your dad.. My thoughts and prayers are with you Dennis Hickman Saint Charles MO*

**DENNIS HICKMAN , FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*We were all shocked and saddened here at Prosource with this unexpected and tragic news. Jason was a part of the team here and even after moving on to the opportunity at Yamaha it always felt like he never completely left us. Our condolences and prayers are with the family during the difficult time. I think all of us will hold onto the amazing memories of Jason's quick smile and his soft hearted demeanor that made him who he was. Rest in peace Jason and know you will always be remembered by your family here at Prosource.*

**DAVE WORKMAN, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*I was very saddened to hear the news today of Jason's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing him for more than 20 years. He was truly one-of-a-kind, always cheerful, spoke of his kids often and we always liked talking shop and sharing stories at trade shows or events. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Jason.*

**SHAWN DIXON, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*Jason was an amazing human being, he had the ability to lighten up anyone he came in contact with. His spirit and laughter was contagious anytime you interacted with him, you felt better just by having a conversation with him. We talked before Thanksgiving and some in January and planned to get together for lunch. In honor of Jason, please call up that friend that you've been meaning to get together with and have a toast to a good man with a life well lived. Gonna miss you!*

**JASON DOMINIQUE, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*Jason and I met in Chicago at a Zenith rep meeting. We stayed friends ever since. He was always fun to be around. I will miss him greatly.*

**TOM HART, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*Jason always was a bright spot in my day whenever I had the opportunity to visit with him. Trade shows, meetings, and visits to Houston he always was happy and smiling. He carried a good number of humorous jokes in his portfolio and used them regularly. His political views were often shared and brought me many laughs. He will be missed for his kind friendship as well as all his business support. Our prayers are with his family.*

**CJ PROVENZANO, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*This world was a better place for Jason's being in it. I am grateful to God for being lucky enough to meet and befriend Jason back in 1988, as he attended one of our B&O training seminars. I can only hope to emulate his laughter and spread good cheer to others, the way he did. Prayers are going out this evening to you, Jason's family. We will all miss him. Best regards, Joe*

**JOSEPH W FINN, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*Unfortunately I only had the pleasure of knowing Jason for 4 years through*

*Yamaha. Jason and I worked closely together and spoke with each other 4-5 times every day. He recommended some great new TV series to watch and of course we disagreed about the NY Giants and the Dallas Cowboys. Jason was my colleague, my friend and I will miss his him and his jokes very very much. I am praying for the family for peace during this troubled time. Jason's world revolved around his family, he was so proud of all. God Bless.*

**PAUL TAMBERELLI, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*It is with heavy heart to hear about the passing of my friend & former co-worker Jason. He was truly "one of a kind". From the 1st time we met we hit it off and I was blessed to have worked with him over the past 17 years. We had alot of wild & crazy times working in the CE industry, Memories that I will treasure forever. Jason was a big ole teddy bear of a guy, always smiling and would fill the room with his great laugh. He loved his kids & we would talk about them often. Its always hard to say good-bye, so for now, rest in peace my friend, know you will be missed by many. You touched many lives and left your mark on the world & its a better place because of YOU!*

**KEN VANEMON, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

*Jason was a true friend for life. We worked together at Chief. Even though we were not on the same team or region we connected and stayed in touch getting together at sales meeting and trade shows. He was a presence in a room as the gentle giant. I always enjoyed a Jason greeting as I prepared for a heartfelt hug. I'll miss that the most. My sincere condolences to his family.*

**STEVE SCORZETTI, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

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