

Jason Woolery

Jason Matias Woolery, 42, of St. Joseph passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, Mich.



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A celebration of life service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, at First Church of God, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Bob Confer officiating. Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jaier Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 216, St. Joseph, MI 49085, and the Raiden Woolery Scholarship Fund at Fifth Third Bank, 2913 S. State St., St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for Jason may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jason was born June 17, 1973, in Tempe, Ariz., to Wood III and Maria (Ojeda) Woolery. In 1996, Jason earned his bachelor's degree in history from Calvin College. On Feb. 2, 2014, Jason married Karen Spoelman at First Church of God. Jason's passion in life was soccer, especially teaching soccer to the youth of Southwest Michigan. He was one of the founders and the training director for Jaier Athletic Futbol Club and also the soccer coach for Lake Michigan College. Jason was a proud enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. He loved art, drawing, calligraphy and reggae music. Jason was a great inspiration and leader in our community and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Jason is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Raiden Woolery; parents, Woody and Maria; brother, Jeremy (Kelly O'Brien) Woolery of St. Joseph; sister, Victoria (Jeffery) Makries of Austin, Texas; niece and nephew, Isabella and Zayden Makries; and many other close family and friends.

Jason was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wood Jr. and Helen Woolery, and Warren and Victoria Steele, and Maria Luisa Luna Navarro; aunt, Beatrice Mary Maldonado; and both sets of great-grand-