



## Jared Romano Pastega

March 23, 1982 - February 8, 2022

Jared Romano Pastega was born to Ken and Barbara Pastega on March 23, 1982, joining his siblings Gina, Joe, and Mieka to complete the family.

Jared passed away February 8th while running in Bend. He was preparing for his first marathon in Rome, Italy, to celebrate his 40th birthday. Jared, his father, Ken, and sister, Gina, were all training for the Rome marathon together – a family dream.

Jared grew up in Corvallis, attending Wilson Elementary, Cheldelin Middle School, and Crescent Valley High School. While at Crescent Valley he was on the ski team, golf team and played soccer. He graduated from Oregon State University, cum laude, majoring in Business Marketing. He then took an internship in Chicago, working for PepsiCo. After Chicago, he wanted to return to Oregon to be close to family and nature, and settled in Bend, Oregon, where he could ski, hike, camp, bike, and fish; all the things he loved. Jared worked for R.E.I. where he met lifelong friends. He worked for his family's businesses as well, including Pepsi Corvallis and Romano's Italian Soda. He then took a job working for American Licorice as director of Marketing. During this time, Jared followed his dream of becoming a helicopter pilot and received his pilot and instructor's license. His business experience took him to San Francisco for a career at Clif Bar & Company. He loved Clif and his Clif Family, receiving several promotions over almost six years, just last week receiving a promotion to Director of Sales- Grocery & Natural. When Covid hit in 2020 he relocated back to Bend, where he bought a home, happy to be back near the mountains and his many friends - his Bend Family. In recent years Jared took up running and was proud to say, "I am a runner."

Jared loved to travel, exploring the world over from Europe to Japan to Columbia. He lived his life with an adventurous spirit, keen to explore other cultures and to see a world outside of his own, always making connections with others along his journey.

Jared found success in all aspects of his life through dedication, resilience, and determination. To know Jared was to know an intense energy that powered his devotion to

family and friends, inspired others, and radiated a loving kindness that shone like a beacon to all those around him.

Jared loved his family. He loved spending time with his nieces and nephews and was known as the Funchle – the fun uncle. Jared brought love and happiness to each family member and made long lasting friendships throughout his life. Jared has been described as sweet, sincere, dedicated, loving, smart, loyal, and hard working. And oh yes, handsome and kind.

Jared is survived by his parents, Ken Pastega (Gale) and Barb Holt-Moore (Gary), siblings Gina Pastega, Joe Pastega (Harmony Weihs), Mieka Barte (Carter), nieces and nephews, Mariella, Paola, Emilie Jo, Jaron, Holden, Emma, Everett, and Viviana.

Jared, we will miss you dearly.

A rosary will be held at DeMoss-Durdan Chapel 815 NW Buchanan Avenue, Corvallis on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 7:00pm.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, Oregon on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 11:00am. Masks are REQUIRED inside the church. An outdoor courtyard reception will be held immediately following the service, so please dress warmly.

A celebration of life will be held in Bend, Oregon on Monday, February 21st, 2022. The celebration of Jared will begin at Mt. Bachelor at 9:00 am in the West Village (NW Corner) parking lot, for ski/ride, togetherness. From there family and friends will join at Widgi Creek to share Jared stories– White Aspen Building from 3:00pm-6:00pm – 18707 Century Drive, Bend, OR 97702.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to:

Mario & Alma Pastega Family Foundation, PO box 1560, Corvallis, OR 97339

or Caldera Arts Youth Program Central Oregon, <https://www.calderaarts.org/donate-1>

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at [www.demosssurdan.com](http://www.demosssurdan.com)

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB 18. 7:00 PM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory  
815 NW Buchanan Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97330

## Funeral Mass

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
501 NW 25th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

## Ski/ride

FEB 21. 9:00 AM (PT)

Mt. Bachelor  
West Village, North West Corner  
Bend, OR

## Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Widgi Creek- White Aspen Building  
18707 Century Drive  
Bend, OR 97702

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Dear Barb and the Pastega family,  
Our deepest sympathy to you for your loss of your beloved son Jared.  
Sending our thoughts and prayers,  
Paula, Conrad, Dominique, Trevor, and Ethan Jenssen



Paula and Conrad - February 19, 2022 at 02:40 PM

CB

“ Pastega family - Our hearts are absolutely broken for your loss. You're in our prayers as you mourn Jared's passing and celebrate his life.  
Love,  
Chris, Jennifer, Claire, and Asher Bates

Chris Bates - February 18, 2022 at 09:47 AM

KO

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Pastega family. Jared was an incredible man, among his numerous natural talents he was so very kind. Sending loving energy your way as are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Obray

Kathy Obray - February 18, 2022 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ Debbie Begin lit a candle in memory of Jared Romano Pastega



Debbie Begin - February 16, 2022 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ Dear Ken & Barbara,  
We are so sorry to hear about Jared. Please accept our sympathies .  
Sending love to all of you.  
Love,  
Roberta, Chris, Ted, Dan & Angela & Patrick Fox

Roberta Fox - February 15, 2022 at 09:30 AM

GA

*Kenny, Barbara and family. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Mike & Cindi Gardner*

**gardner** - February 15, 2022 at 07:35 PM

DB

*Ken and Barb, So - so sorry to hear of Jared's passing. Your family is truly in our thoughts and prayers. I am positive that Jared has a very special place in Heaven, where there are oceans, trails & family to greet him.*

*God Bless you,  
Dan & Debbie Begin*

**Debbie Begin** - February 16, 2022 at 02:38 PM

VB

*Barb and family, No words can express to you how so sorry I am that this tragic event has happened to you. I know what a loving family you are. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. With our love, Aaron and Vikki Ballou*

**Vikki Ballou** - February 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Dwayne and Joanne Gatchet*

**Joanne Gatchet** - February 17, 2022 at 12:41 PM

JV

*Barb, I am so deeply sorry for you and your family, at the loss of your son. Praying for you, and all that loved him.*

**Joyce Vachter** - February 18, 2022 at 03:00 PM

SC

*Praying for you today. Such pain, but God is with you, loving you and helping you to find peace.*

**Susan Case** - February 20, 2022 at 05:26 PM