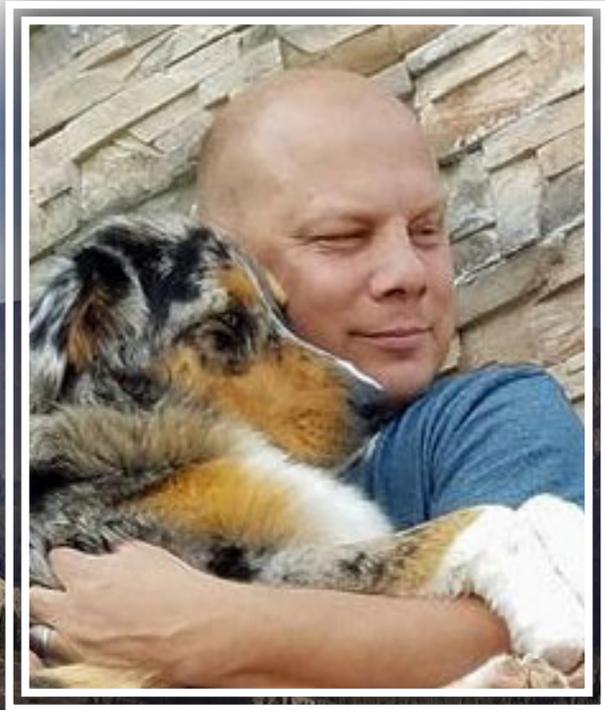


# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



**JASON J. KRAUS**  
September 20, 1964 – July 19, 2025

**Jason J. Kraus, 60**, of Nashua, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, July 19, 2025, surrounded by his family and closest friends. He was preceded in death just two days prior by his beloved dog, Jack, who was his sidekick on the acreage and was always by his side. Both passed away from heart conditions they were unable to beat.

Born on September 20, 1964, in Mason City, Iowa, Jason was the son of Calvin and Sharon (Zech) Kraus. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner. He grew up on a farm south of Garner where he developed a love for dogs and horses. He had many horses with one of his favorites being Pegasus, his barrel racer. Jason graduated from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1983. He received an associate's degree in Mechanical Design from NIACC in Mason City and continued his education in Mechanical Engineering Technology at Metropolitan State College of Denver. While living in Denver, he co-founded Quest Product Development Corporation, where he was the Operations Manager as well as a Board member for several years. He led the Engineering department on many projects while directly developing the products on others.

In 2002, he moved back to Iowa to be closer to his family and soon after met his wife, Janell. In 2006, Jason and Janell moved to Nashua and were married on June 30, 2007, at the Little Brown Church. They made their home on an acreage just off the lake where they enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with their dogs. Jason had many passions, the greatest being related to dogs whether it be his own, those being transported from kill shelters or dogs at the local humane society who needed socialization. This passion ultimately led to the beginning of a dog boarding business in their home.

Following several positions in the design engineering and operations fields, Jason ended his career as a consultant for John Deere in Waterloo, Iowa. During this time as well as prior, Jason was responsible for five separate patents and various trade secrets throughout his career in the medical, on-road and agriculture industries.

Jason's many other passions included mountain biking in Moab, UT, as well as skiing and hiking in the mountains of Colorado. One of his greatest achievements was climbing five of the 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado with friends and his cocker spaniel, BJ. He also enjoyed participating in mountain search and rescue as well as visiting hospitals with his beloved dog, Kenya. Most recently, another great passion has been as a member of the pit crew during his nephew Ben's racing career. Many weekends have been spent at racetracks around Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Jason is survived by his wife, Janell of Nashua; his mother, Sharon Kraus of Garner; his siblings, Tom (Lisa) Kraus of Garner, Brian (Sherri) Kraus of Le Mars and Ellen (Dan) Halley of Kona, HI; his brothers-in-law, Jeff Mitchell and James (May) Mitchell; his nieces and nephews, Andrea, Ben, Kaitlyn, Jena, Jesse, Breanne, Alexandra, Haleigh, Jayden and Kaila as well as several great nieces and nephews and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Calvin in 2007; and parents-in-law, John and Jean Mitchell both in 2017.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church  
Garner, Iowa  
11 a.m., Saturday  
July 26, 2025

## OFFICIATING

Pastor Brian Lund

## MUSIC

Margaret Jass, Organist  
Mary Etherington, Pianist  
*Congregational Hymn*  
*"Amazing Grace" #288*  
*Special Music*  
*"Outskirts of Heaven"*

## USHERS

Kevin Stromer

Joel Goll

## HONORARY BEARERS

Jesse Kraus

Ben Beier

## URN BEARERS

Ben Kraus  
Kent Olsen

Jason True  
Jeremy Day

*All are invited to a luncheon in the  
church basement immediately  
following the memorial service.*

*Cafaldo*  
FUNERAL HOMES