



Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola

March 1, 1950 - September 7, 2018

Jaakko 'Jaska' Kaarlo Kytola, 68, Grayslake, passed away peacefully the evening of Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Warren Barr rehabilitation center in Lincolnshire. His youngest daughter, Susan Kytola and her husband, Jason Wylie, were with him before he transitioned.

Jaska, son of Matti and Sanni Kytola, was born on March 1, 1950. After graduating high school in Karijoki, Finland, he lived in Sweden for four years before serving a year in the Finnish Army. He married his life-long partner, Terttu Tellervo Kytola (née Mikkola) in 1973. Soon after giving birth to their first daughter, Mia Kytola, the family immigrated to Gurnee, Illinois, USA. Later, the family moved to Lindenhurst where they welcomed their second daughter, Susan Kytola in 1979.

Jaska worked for most of his life as a painter and owner of his own business, Jaska's Painting and Decorating. A fiercely loving father and devoted husband, Jaska was his daughters' number one cheerleader and led by example when it came to working hard and being a good, kind man.

Jaska never met a person who wasn't already his friend and who didn't have a seat at his table. He had an uncanny ability to set and serve jokes in a way that never was at the expense of others. The mischievous twinkle in his eyes and hearty belly laugh were often a pre-cursor for a newcomer to be initiated

into the Kytola clan and the best seat in the house was always next to wherever Jaska was.

A speed aficionado, Jaska loved cars, boats and a good game of chance (he had a mean poker face). A true Finn at heart, he loved the winter season, being outdoors and celebrating Christmas with his loved ones. Jaska leaves behind a group of friends and family from near and far who are devastated by this gentle giant's parting.

Jaska is survived by his wife Terttu, his children Mia (married to Amir Khan, grandpup Oscar) and Susan (married to Jason Wylie, step-grandchildren Michael and James) and his loyal pup Gizmo. He is also survived by his mother Sanni, brothers Antti (Tuula) Kytola, Sauli (Raija) Kytola and sisters Leena Laine, Kaisa (Rob) Smit, Elissa Kytola, Tiina Kytola, his sister-in-law Seija, and his deeply beloved nieces, nephews and extended family.

With his parting, Jaska joins his father, Matti, brothers Matti (Sinikka), Heikki, Esa, and Seppo Kytola, brothers-in-law Veikko Laine, Aimo Mikkola, Leo Mikkola, and his father-in-law Yrjo Mikkola.

The family invites those who loved and laughed with Jaska to pay their respects on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046. Visitation will be from 1-5 pm, with the memorial service starting at 4pm.

Expressions of sympathy as desired by friends and family may be sent to Ringa Funeral Home (122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046 USA) or in the form of a charitable donation in Jaska's name to the National Stroke Association (www.stroke.org).

Special thanks

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the multiple caregivers and staff who lovingly helped care for Jaska during the final chapter of his life. The relationships that developed during the last years of Jaska's life brought him joy and laughter, even through times of physical pain.

With the wind I surround and hug you.

With the sun I comfort you.

With the moon I catch dreams with you.

With the stars I shine with you.

And in the water I ebb and flow with you.

-Mia Kytola

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - November 28, 2019 at 03:42 AM



“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - September 10, 2019 at 08:11 PM

MK

“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - February 02, 2019 at 02:03 AM



“ *Rauni Eränen sytyttää kynttilän Jaakon muistolle. Lämmin osanottoni!*



Rauni Eränen - December 26, 2018 at 03:03 PM

MK

“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - December 19, 2018 at 02:27 AM

MK

“ *Mia Kytola sent a virtual gift in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - November 23, 2018 at 12:29 AM

MK

“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



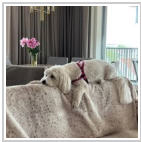
Mia Kytola - November 13, 2018 at 03:03 AM

MK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mia Kytola - October 15, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ *Sad news reached us. We express our sincere sympathy to you and your family*

Anne and Jukka Kohtala



Anne Kohtala - October 11, 2018 at 01:46 PM

MK

“ *Mia Kytola lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Mia Kytola - September 26, 2018 at 05:19 PM

TK

“ *Tarja And Keijo sent a virtual gift in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



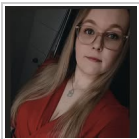
Tarja and Keijo - September 23, 2018 at 12:52 PM

AK

“ *Our thoughts are prayers are with you. Much love - the Hjelts*



Amy Hjelt Korn - September 23, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ *Susanna Salonpää lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Susanna Salonpää - September 23, 2018 at 02:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 22, 2018 at 12:10 PM



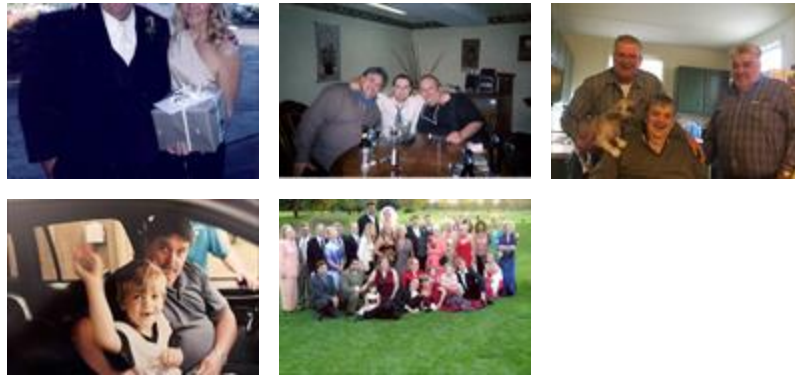
“ *Justine Berta lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola* ”



Justine Berta - September 21, 2018 at 09:33 PM



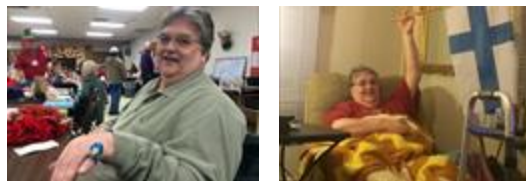
“ *8 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Susan Marie - September 21, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Susan Marie - September 21, 2018 at 03:25 PM

EE

“ *Erkki, Karin, Peter, Lisa, Mark and Evelina purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



Erkki, Karin, Peter, Lisa, Mark and Evelina - September 21, 2018 at 12:19 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mia Kytola - September 21, 2018 at 01:50 AM

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Mia Kytola - September 21, 2018 at 01:49 AM

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Mia Kytola - September 21, 2018 at 01:49 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mia Kytola - September 21, 2018 at 01:48 AM

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Mia Kytola - September 21, 2018 at 01:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.



September 20, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 20, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 20, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 20, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Good and love memories never die.*

Seija ja Rauno Nieminen

Seija Neminen - September 17, 2018 at 04:57 AM

SN

“ *Seija And Rauno Neminen lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Seija and Rauno Neminen - September 17, 2018 at 04:53 AM

MI

“ *Mia lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



mia - September 15, 2018 at 12:13 AM



“ *The tide recedes but leaves behind
bright seashells on the sand.
The sun goes down, but gentle
warmth still lingers on the land.
The music stops, and yet it echoes
on in sweet refrains.....
For every joy that passes,
something beautiful remains.*



Love to you all, now and always. RIP Jaakko 💙

Holly Ann - September 14, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 14, 2018 at 06:37 AM



“ *Risto Ja Eeva Velin lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Risto ja Eeva Velin - September 13, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *Keijo Huhtamella lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Keijo Huhtamella - September 13, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Tarja Huhtamella lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola*



Tarja Huhtamella - September 13, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.



September 13, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ You're the light of my life and that light will burn for an eternity. I love and miss you soooo very much 🥺💙



susan kytola - September 11, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ 💕 Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day
Unseen unheard, but always near,
Still loved ,still missed and very dear.
💕 Terttu, Mia and Susan
Thinking of you xxooPia 🙏

pia Corder - September 11, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Maria Pifke lit a candle in memory of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola



Maria Pifke - September 11, 2018 at 04:17 PM

LP

“ *May eternal light shine upon him. Rest in peace Mr.Kytola.*



Lina Punzi - September 11, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jaakko 'Jaska' Kytola.*



September 11, 2018 at 03:02 PM