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Jason Donald Carl Hilton

MERRIMACK -- **Jason Donald Carl Hilton**, 39, formerly of Merrimack, died Jan. 22, 2010, at Lowell Health Care Center, Lowell, Mass., from complications associated with Huntington's Disease.

He was born in Nashua, to Raymond G. Hilton and Gail (Hebert) Sprague of Merrimack. He moved to Merrimack in 1974 and graduated from Merrimack High School in 1988.

While growing up, he played football, baseball, soccer and basketball through the MYA in Merrimack and was also on the Merrimack High School wrestling and football teams. After graduating, he attended University of New Hampshire at Manchester before transferring to Plymouth State College, where he earned a degree in business. He was one of the founding fathers of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Plymouth State and was also a member of the wrestling team.

He was predeceased by his father, grandfather, Raymond Hebert, and his stepfather, Jonathan Sprague.

IN HIS LIFE: He is survived by his mother, of Merrimack; his brother, John R, Hilton of Weare; his grandparents, Donald and Irene Sawyer of Milford; niece, Devan M. Hilton of Weare; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his nephew, Randy Lamont.

Jason was also the inspiration for **United We Stand For Jason**, a nonprofit organization with a goal to raise money for research and raise awareness of Huntington's Disease, and also to improve the quality of life for those living with HD at the Lowell Health Care Center. The organization was started by his former high school football teammates, and Jason was so proud to be a part of it.

Jason was all about sports, football being his favorite. One of his favorite things was going to New England Patriots games with friends and his nephew, Randy. He enjoyed all the New England sports teams and attended home games whenever possible. Through **United We Stand for Jason** and the New England Handicapped Sports Association at Mt. Sunapee, he was introduced to the sport of skiing and enjoyed his trips up there to ski with his brother, John, his friends and fellow residents of the Lowell Health Care Center.

SERVICES: Calling hours are Monday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the George R. Rivet Funeral Home, 425 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack. The funeral is Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home. A spring committal of his cremated remains will be at Last Rest Cemetery, Merrimack.

Donations may be made to **United We Stand for Jason**, c/o Laure Gannon CPA, Sullivan & Gannon, 22 Central Square, Chelmsford, Mass. 01824.

For more information or to sign an online guest book, go to www.rivetfuneralhome.com.