



Mr. Jake Adam Hescocock

December 27, 1996 - December 11, 2022

"There are some individuals whose positive energy and friendliness stay with you. That's Jake Hescocock"

Recent football star and magnetic young personality Jake Adam Hescocock's promising future was last week shockingly cut short at age 25. On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, while jogging in his new Boston neighborhood, Jake was felled by cardiac arrest. He died at Mass General on Sunday, December 11.

Jake, who was born in Pittsfield on December 27, 1996, is survived by his parents, Jeffrey Hescocock and Carey Blake Hescocock, his brother Luke, his beloved dog Snoop; maternal grandparents, Howard Blake, Jr. and his wife Doreen, of Dalton; paternal grandmother Nancy Sheridan, Marco Island, Florida; aunts and uncles Donna Hescocock Walz, Keith, Jack, Kellie, and Michael Hescocock; Kimberly Blake Harrington, Curt and Craig Blake. He is also survived by numerous cousins, other aunts and uncles. He was predeceased by his beloved paternal grandfather, Raymond Hescocock.

Jake attended Pittsfield schools. After his sophomore year at Taconic, he completed his undergraduate education at Salisbury Preparatory School in Connecticut. There he played basketball, baseball, and football, where he was captain of the team. His passion clearly became football. Playing tight end and defensive end, Jake helped the 2016 Salisbury team to attain the Class A

Football Championship from the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council. Personal awards he won include: #2 Prep School Football Player in the state of Connecticut; First-Team All New England Lineman of the Year; All New England Offensive/Defensive Lineman of the Year.

He played football at the University of Wisconsin Madison for one year, transferring to the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business; he was continuing his education at UCF for another BS in Economics. Jake appeared in 49 games for the UCF Knights.

Besides starring in football, Jake also starred as Sir Lancelot in Salisbury's production of Monty Python and the Holy Grail, and served as 2016 class president at the school.

This month, Hescocock had just started his first job, selling medical equipment for Stryker in Boston, persistently pursuing his would-be employer until they finally saw his worth and hired him.

Other passions in the life of Jake Hescocock were many: the outdoors in general, specifically hunting, fishing, and hiking; he was a die-hard fan of the Cowboys, Celtics, Red Sox, and Bruins, and preferred watching games at home with his family; he loved cheering on his brother Luke, most recently as a football player at Hobart College.

As many would confirm, Jake had a larger-than-life personality, which was apparent to anyone who met him, if only for a brief moment. Philadelphia photographer Roger Barone, writing on Facebook about his meeting Jake at two UCF-vs-Temple games, said it all:

“There are some individuals whose positive energy and friendliness stay with you. That’s Jake Hescocock.

“During pregame drills, I saw this player smiling, laughing, and playing air

guitar in the rain. You felt happy just watching him... Later, Jake caught a touchdown. UCF won against Temple 62 – 21. A couple years later the match was repeated in Philly. I spoke with Jake about the photos I had taken earlier, and he was laughing and as friendly as ever, saying he was listening to AC/DC while playing the air guitar.

“Jake was 25 years old and had a whole life ahead of him --- so we thought. Blessings to the Hescock family, friends, teammates. He was a kind soul. May seem odd, but I will miss this person.”

“Jake was the glue that held us all together as his core group of friends,” says Hannah Barbarotta, and Jake’s parents express their gratitude to Hannah for her unwavering presence during this crisis.

His parents also want to thank their son’s amazing medical team at Mass General in Boston, and all the other friends and family who have extended their loving support.

Funeral Notice:

Jake’s loss is being mourned not only in his Pittsfield hometown but far beyond. Memorial services begin with a viewing at St Charles Catholic Church, 89 Briggs Avenue, Pittsfield, on Sunday, December 18, 2022, from 1 pm - 4 pm. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 1 pm, celebrated by the Rev. Daniel Cymer, Administrator, followed by a Celebration of Life at Proprietor's Lodge, 22 Waubeek Road, Pittsfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jake Hescock’s honor may be made to The Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

DEC 19. 2:00 PM.

Proprietor's Lodge

Tribute Wall

KA

“ It is with great sadness that I write this note. We are so deeply sorry for the loss of Jake. What a wonderful young man he was. I so enjoyed being able to meet him at Salisbury and grateful for his friendship with Matthew. I am praying for your family and that you will hold the precious memories close to your heart. My deepest condolences...Warm thoughts and lots of love to you ...Karen Dugan

Karen - December 29, 2022 at 07:19 AM

JO

“ Nancy and family, we are very sorry for your loss and keep you in our thoughts and prayers
Joan and Les

joan - December 27, 2022 at 10:57 AM

LA

“ Bette and I would like to send are condolences to you both and your family, Louie and Bette Adorno.

louie adorno - December 22, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescoock.



December 20, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescock.*



December 18, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescock.*



December 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Carey & Jeff,*

Thank you for the beautiful gift that you gave to this World, Jake. It never makes sense to lose someone like Jake. Please find some comfort in the joy that he brought to everyone whose lives he touched. Thoughts and prayers to the both of you, Luke and your entire family.

Tom Grady - December 18, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Jeff, Carey, Luke - so terribly sorry.*



Bob Bossio - December 18, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescocock.*



December 18, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescocock.*



December 17, 2022 at 03:51 PM



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December 17, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescocock.*



December 17, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescock.*



December 16, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ *I just wanted to send my condolences to Carey luke and Jeff I'm so sorry for your loss Jake was such a great football player and basketball I remember watching him play rest in peice jake also Carey luke and Jeff sending you all big huge hugs*

sarah - December 16, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sally Niks lit a candle in memory of Jake Hescock*



Sally A Niks - December 16, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescock.*



December 16, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescocock.*



December 16, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *Nancy and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Carol Nykorchuck Mazza*

Carol Mazza - December 16, 2022 at 06:32 AM



“ *Carey, Jeff & Luke,
I am so sorry & heartbroken for you & your family. I am at a loss for words of comfort. I know your family & friends are there for you & are wrapping their arms & love around you.*

Please know I am thinking of you & sending continued Prayers for strength in these days ahead.

My sincere condolences & biggest hugs & much Love to you all. 🙏



Sally Griffin

sally - December 16, 2022 at 05:52 AM

SC

“ *Doreen, Howard, and family,*

We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this extremely difficult time.

*Sandy and Craig Crosier
Sarasota, FL*

Sandy Crosier - December 16, 2022 at 05:18 AM

VC

“ I was lucky enough to have Jake stay with me in Gainesville when he tried out for the Gators. My memories of that weekend are of him laughing when I begged him not to even think about playing for the dawgs (arch-rival UGA); cracking up when he told me the story about the time his dad mistakenly ate a habanero pepper; talking on the phone with his Salisbury pals about the offers in their exciting futures; and now, after having experienced mine and Caroline's driving, texting Jeff about how "bad driving just runs in the family".

At Jake's high school graduation he spoke about honor; He took it to heart and lived by his values. Jake knew how to get up after being knocked down again and again and we saw him put lessons learned on the field into play when he pursued the job with Stryker--getting shot down regrouping, training and attacking until he was offered the job he wanted in the company he wanted to work for. And, his biggest fans, Carey and Jeff were always cheering and biting nails throughout this time just as they did since he was a little boy on the playing field always having his back.

I have posted my favorite picture of Jake after scoring a touchdown at UCF with the sun shining, a glorious moment in his all to short life.

Thank you Jake for all you gave us. Ginger Renzi Claus



Virginia Claus - December 15, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jake Adam Hescoock.*



December 15, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ *I did not know Jake however I knew his aunt. She shared all his accomplishments on Facebook which I read. He was quite an athlete from my reading. Sending our condolences to the family.*



Cindy Thomson - December 15, 2022 at 08:46 PM