



## Adam J. Orebaugh

May 12, 1978 - February 1, 2024

Adam Johnston Orebaugh of Worthington, Ohio passed away the evening of Thursday, February 1st surrounded by loved ones. Adam was born and raised in Worthington, Ohio and recently moved to his dream property in Centerburg, Ohio where he lived for the last year with his wife and three beautiful beagle boys, Cooper, Grover, and Cash. Adam had the biggest heart to match his big smile. He was always available to lend a hand, provide a shoulder to cry on or just be there to listen. He packed a lot into his short life, from his drumming days playing with some of his best friends and working at Columbus Pro Percussion, to his days working in the animal welfare community and serving as the practice manager for Lifetime Pet Wellness. Adam made lifelong friends wherever he went. If you were lucky enough to meet him, you could guarantee you would have a friend for life. After adopting their first dog, Hailey, Adam and his wife became active in the animal welfare community. Adam was instrumental in helping end breed specific legislation in Whitehall and he worked to help other communities to do the same. Adam was a big part of starting a shelter diversion program at Franklin County Dog Shelter to help owners obtain the resources to keep their dogs and also to be an advocate for dogs to make it out of the shelter into loving homes. Adam was also a founding member of Worthington Organized Offleash Friends, a group formed to create the Worthington Dog Park. He loved spending his vacations with his wife in Kanab, Utah volunteering at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. It was a home away from home and he made some amazing friends during his

time there. Adam is preceded in death by his grandparents William and Mildred Orebaugh and John and Genevieve Bartos, his mother-in-law Marsha Mathews, and a brother-in-law, Otto Berk. He also met several canine companions at the rainbow bridge including Max, Hailey, Wendel, and Zack. He is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Jamie (Mathews) Orebaugh, his parents Cheryl and Carlton Orebaugh, his sister Elizabeth (Dan) Beck, his Father-in-Law James Mathews, sister-in-law Janice Mathews, brothers- in-law Chris, JP (Sarah) Mathews and Alex (Heidi) Berk. He is also survived by his amazing nephews Aidan, Brendan, and Colby Beck; Charlie Mathews and Kade Berk.

Adam also leaves behind several aunts, uncles and cousins as well as an enormous community of friends.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff of the OSU MICU, especially those who had a direct line of care to Adam over these last several days of his life. Their caring and compassion is unmatched and helped his family and friends navigate an extremely difficult time. In lieu of flowers, Adam's family would like donations to be made in his memory to two local animal organizations that were close to his heart, Hospets and CHA Animal Shelter. Family and friends are all welcome to come and say farewell to Adam on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 2:00pm-5:00pm at Rutherford Funeral Home in Worthington, 515 High Street. A short service will immediately follow calling hours.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Memorial Service

FEB 10. 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
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Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall

LG

“*Jamie - I am so sorry to hear of Adams passing. Adam was an amazing man and his love for dogs was immeasurable. I was blessed to work with him at Mutts & Co. and he was a wealth of knowledge on everything dogs. My heart breaks for you Jamie. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your boys.*

*Lori Guercio*



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**Lori Guercio** - February 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

DT

“*Dr. Carlson, Laurie & Adam's team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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**Dr. Carlson, Laurie & Adam's team** - February 10, 2024 at 11:29 AM

TF

“*Adam was the most interesting man in the world, a true gentleman. No matter the subject, he would have an interesting take, or at least fun ideas about said subject without being judgmental. Adam positively touched many lives (human and animal), with a smile and quiet polite honesty.*

*Where ever he is, it is now a better place and I will miss him.*



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**Teri Jaymes and Jeanne Fogarty** - February 09, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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February 08, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Your Friends, COVE Emergency Hospital purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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**Your Friends, COVE Emergency Hospital** - February 08, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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February 08, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Joe . planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.*

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**Joe .** - February 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JB

“ *Jen, Brady and Evan Baringhaus purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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**Jen, Brady and Evan Baringhaus** - February 07, 2024 at 12:16 PM

AG

“ *My sincere condolences to Adam’s family. I visit the Godown Rd Dog Park frequently with my dog, Willow. Each time I’m there I think of Adam and his tireless effort to develop this wonderful oasis. The world has lost a compassionate, top tier person and animal advocate. AI Gutin DVM*

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**AI Gutin** - February 07, 2024 at 09:55 AM

SB

“ *I’m deep saddened to learn of Adam’s passing. It was an honor to know such an amazing person with such compassion for the well-being of animals and I am honored to have served alongside side him, saving lives as members of COPS-Central Ohio Pit Savers. My deepest condolences to Jamie and his entire family.*



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**Sarah Burke** - February 07, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.



February 06, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Carie Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.

Carie Adams - February 06, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.



February 06, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.



February 06, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LA

“ To Adam’s family (and all other AP kids)

*Adam was a great kid! (I’m retired and 74, but still remember all my students - they’re family)) I smile as I remember Adam. What a joy. I remember his Senior Walkabout a Columbus Percussion. I remember him in class, in the Big Room, in the halls. He just made me smile. He will always remain in my thoughts. Everybody who knew him should feel blessed.*

*Larry  
Linworth AP*

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**larry** - February 05, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MB

“ Mark & Peg Bingham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.

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**Mark & Peg Bingham** - February 05, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.



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February 05, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ Jamie and family/friends.....I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. May you find some sort of peace in the wonderful memories you shared. Praying amazing grace over you and your entire family today and in the days to come.

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**Jody Spriggs** - February 05, 2024 at 10:10 AM

ME

“ Moriah E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.

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**Moriah E.** - February 05, 2024 at 09:34 AM

PM

“ I loved talking to Adam. I remember one of our favorite topics was talking about moving out West (probably Utah) and living off the grid. He would tell me about some of the videos he would watch detailing others who had done that. And, of course, I loved our trip to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. I know how much you and Adam loved that place Jamie. You two will always be in my heart. May that wonderful man Rest in Peace.



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**Paula May** - February 05, 2024 at 07:24 AM

AG

“ We will remember Adam as always being a great guy. We send our thoughts and prayers daily. Much love, the Boston Goddards

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**Alex Goddard** - February 04, 2024 at 10:14 PM

DR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Adam was an incredible man and will be dearly missed. Will always remember his love and compassion for animals and our great trip to Best Friends. He is now in the arms of Jesus.* ”

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**Diana Reed** - February 04, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family. We met Adam at Mutts and Co where he worked. I enjoyed every visit to the store and talking with Adam.* ”

*Brian and Susan Nonno*

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**Brian Nonno** - February 04, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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“ *I feel so blessed to have known Adam and call him "friend". His joy, enthusiasm and compassion to humans and animals alike will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to everyone who knew and loved Adam.* ”

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**Lisa Zimmerman (Hospets)** - February 04, 2024 at 01:55 PM

YC

“ *Your friends from book club purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.* ”



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**Your friends from book club** - February 04, 2024 at 11:13 AM

TE

“*Jamie, I am so very sorry for your loss. This earth lost a great man and heaven gained an incredible angel. Adam was a beautiful person in every way. Praying for peace for you and all those he held dear. Trish and Michael Elkind*”

Trish Elkind - February 03, 2024 at 10:04 PM

PH

*Adam made the world a better place.*

Pete Hulse - February 04, 2024 at 04:03 PM

AG

“*Amy, Tyler, Hendrix, Milena Greene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.*”

Amy, Tyler, Hendrix, Milena Greene - February 03, 2024 at 09:21 PM

AG

“*Amy, Tyler, Hendrix, Milena Greene purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*”



Amy, Tyler, Hendrix, Milena Greene - February 03, 2024 at 09:21 PM

MM

“*Adam was a beautiful and caring human being. Selfless and genuine. Jamie, I cannot imagine your grief. He taught me so much and I am privileged to have been a part of his life.*”

Melissa Meinhart - February 03, 2024 at 07:59 PM

AS

“ *Amy Jewett -Sadler and Todd Sadler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Adam J. Orebaugh.*



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**Amy Jewett -Sadler and Todd Sadler** - February 03, 2024 at  
06:35 PM

NR

“ Adam was my best friend on the planet from when I was a skinny little teenager through when I tuned into a skinny little man. I just heard the news and can't believe it. Adam was the funniest person I've ever known. The most supportive friend I had during the time I truly grew up. He welcomed my now-wife, Colleen into our circle when we were seniors, even though he knew it would mean less time together. We drove through Taco Bell more times than I can count, permanently damaged our hearing listening to metal (until I introduced him to Bob Marley which he tolerated just for me), and did absolutely everything together. Adam introduced me to my love of pets with his iguana, endless fish tanks, yappy dog Sneakers (who he secretly adored even when pestering), and Jacques - a giant white poodle that I think belonged to his grandparents and I know wanted to make puppies with my leg. From rolling with Chris Gillette, Meg Leach, Willie Homan, Mel/Chuck/Maggie/Lacy Childers, Keith Rutherford, Cisco Arbona, Jake Schubert, and the massive list of students and teachers Adam loved...Adam was my rock. Pretty sure I was Beavis and he was Butthead. Every day after school and every weekend, I was happiest burning my mouth on Taquitos and Hot Pockets in Adam's basement while MTV was on... we had the audio on for good stuff (Beavis & Butthead, Headbangers Ball) and switched the audio to Metallica when the shows were dumb. Adam loved music, played drums like no one I'd ever met, and respected musicians who gave it their all. Adam accepted me when I didn't know who I was, when he rocked head-to-toe Carhartt with me the first time it was (almost) cool, and never batted an eye when I evolved into a peace-loving, tie-dyed-overall-wearing dude who ended up loving metal, Marley, and just about every other music I met. Adam was that friend who introduced me to stuff that became my core - love of animals, love of music, and love of laughter. Wayne Harvey, you dodged it when we were students at your high school (probably a good idea), but we are definitely getting you to that Gwar show Adam always wanted. I'm not on Facebook, but if a mutual friend is, please post this in honor of Adam on my behalf. I love you, Adam. RIP  
-Nate Rogers

**Nate Rogers** - February 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM

KS

*I met Adam and Jamie when we worked together to establish the Godown Dog Park. They are 2 of the wonderful people I've ever met. Adam was kind and gentle and his love of animals went far and beyond. I remember going to Pet People to have my then lab puppy's Christmas picture taken. She was a little scared of Santa and Adam encouraged her that it was okay. I could go on and on with lots of stories that demonstrate his kindness and caring. I am just stunned. Jamie my thoughts and prayers are with you. Please reach out if there's anything at all I can do. He was such a wonderful, rare man and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. Heaven now has a special person who I'm sure is spending his time with all of the animals, especially his, just across the Rainbow Bridge. I'm just so very sorry.*



**Kay Schofield** - February 04, 2024 at 08:27 PM

TF

“ *The Rutherford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adam J. Orebaugh.*

**The Rutherford Family** - February 03, 2024 at 12:14 PM



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February 03, 2024 at 12:14 PM