

Teammates Cross Finish Line Together



Jason McKissock (1973-2021) and Andy Hipkind (1972-2021)

Two IU Track and Field teammates and training partners, Jason McKissock and Andy Hipkind, passed away within 24 hours of each other this weekend. Cancer was the cause of death for both of these 400M hurdlers, who remained lifelong friends after lettering together in 1994 and 1995. Their passing has affected all of Hoosier Nation, especially the very tight-knit group of track and field alumni from the early to mid-1990s.

Andy and Jason were remembered to be very close training partners along with Russ Pernus and Glenn Terry. Coach Greg Wilson remembered them this way, "both Andy and Jason had a great sense of humor, and were constantly telling jokes. They were both very popular and the type of athlete who busted their butts every day practice. I think both were extremely proud to be on those IU teams."

Andy of course is remembered as IU's famous and extremely likeable head of IU Sports Medicine. Jason was equally likeable as a manager for a large real estate development company.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
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