



Brian Betts

April 29, 1967 - April 15, 2010

BRIAN KEITH BETTS, age 42 of Silver Spring, Maryland, formerly of Manassas, Virginia died unexpectedly Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Brian was a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Manassas; a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and received his Masters Degree from Hood College. He was currently the Principal of Shaw Middle School, Washington, DC and was previously employed by Montgomery County Schools.

Survivors include his parents, Delbert and Doris Betts of Winter Haven, Florida; one sister, Jennifer Altomare of St. Leonard, Maryland; two nieces, Nicole and Emily Altomare and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-9:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Private services will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010 followed by burial at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas.

Expressions of sympathy are accepted in lieu of flowers. Go to DC Public Schools web site and click the donation icon to the left. Make a donation then to DC Public Education Fund and include a note saying this donation is in memory of Principal Brian Betts.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ Jen~

It's so hard to try to find the right words to express the sadness that I feel for you, your family and all of the children who Brian was so very special to.

I can't help but smile when I remember some of the "brother-stories" that you shared when we worked together. You were so lucky to have such a close and loving bond with your brother.

Sending much love your way. You all will remain in my prayers.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Kim Tennyson*

Kim Tennyson - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

SB

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I had never met Brian but I feel like I knew him a little bit through the stories that Jen used to tell at work. May you forever hold on to those memories and may they give you comfort and peace.*

- Sherry Baker (Mehl)

Sherry Baker - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MJ

“ *Uncle Del, Aunt Dorris and Jenifer:*

We wish to express our deepest sympathy during this time. Please remember we love you.

Mike and Carrie Jolley - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JS

“ Brian had such a huge impact on my daughter's life. Brian agreed to take her into Loiederman MS in its first year, which changed her life. He told her, "I will not allow you to be average or ordinary." I know her success in her life is largely due to Brian's influence. He will be greatly missed. The world has lost a wonderful human being, but Heaven has gained a new angel.

Judi Sheffer - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JL

“ Mr.&Mrs.Betts,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian was a great guy. I work at The Woodside Deli and I use to see him every morning always with a smile on his face. He was a wonderful person. My sympathy goes out to you and your family and hope that you can find some peace with God to get you all through this troubled time. I pray everyday that the person that done this to Brian be found and prosecuted to the fullest. He will always be in my thoughts. I knew him for about 5 years and he made an impression on everyone he came into contact with. May God Bless you and your family.

Janice Lucia - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

JH

“ Del and Doris I am deeply saddened by the news about Brian. My heart goes out to you. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. You raised a great man by being a wonderful example of service and love.
Jean Hancey

Jean Hancey - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

TK

“ *My deepest sympathy to Brian's Family. I've known Betts for a long time. I met Brian at volleyball in DC. We played in several tournaments together and I loved his energy and team spirit. I wasn't in his inner circle, but considered him a good friend. He always had a smile and was a very funny guy. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will missed. Thom Kirk*

Thom Kirk - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

GB

“ *Delbert, Doris, Jennifer & girls - our hearts go out to you for the loss of your son, brother and uncle. Although we never met him, and havent seen you in such a long while, we are so proud to have had such a great young man in the family. Our greatest sympathies and love, George & Carol Betts*

George Betts - March 29, 2013 at 02:01 PM

MP

“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. I had the pleasure of working with Brian for several years at Neelsville Middle School. He was a superb teacher, a great mentor and a good friend. He will be missed by so many people on so many levels.*

Michele Prokopchak - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My favorite memory of Brian occurred at Summit Lake on one of our many Outdoor Education trips with Redland Middle School.

*Brian and I were in charge of kids snow tubing down a very steep hill. One student, who was physically challenged, wanted to tube. Brian told him that if he could make it up the hill he could slide down on a tube. With a tremendous effort(a lot of encouragement from Brian) he made it to the top. And, since he was a pretty big kid, Brian and I both gave him a big push to get him started down the hill. As the student slid faster and faster with arms and legs flailing wildly, Brian looked over at me and said, "There goes my *@&? career in education!"*

Well, obviously, it wasn't the end of his career. It was just another example of why he had such a good career and why he meant so much to so many of us.

Joe George - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM