



## Sean King Jones

August 5, 1971 - January 30, 2016

Sean King Jones passed away on January 30, 2016 at his childhood home. He was 45. He was born in Alexandria, VA on August 5, 1971. He was the best son a mother could have, and a fantastic brother. He was always there for his family whenever they needed anything at all. He graduated from Manassas Park High School in 1989 and Savannah College of Art and Design in 1993. He was a graphic designer, first for the Journal in Fairfax, and later for the Washington Post, where he worked for the past 14 years. Sean was an avid comic book and gaming enthusiast and loved to play cards with his friends and family. He enjoyed driving to Maryland to play cards with his friends at the Historic Savage Mills Mall Family Game store. He adored his nieces and nephews and spent hours playing with Bailey, Trey, Autumn, and Charles. He never missed their birthday parties and loved to send cards to his family on every holiday. Sean was diagnosed with a glioblastoma multiforme brain tumor in August 2014 and underwent his first surgery to remove the tumor on his 44th birthday. Sean was the best patient, never complaining about anything other than no longer being able to drive his new car. Sean loved all the visits, care packages, and food that his family, friends, and coworkers sent over the past 18 months. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, February 13 at the Life Church where Sean was baptized, 11234 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20109, with lunch to follow. His mom Marti, and his sisters Phoebe and Erin would love to see ya'll there.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Life Church  
11234 Balls Ford Road  
Manassas, VA 20109

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. In the name of Sean Jones, we send a donation to The Life Church in Manassas, Virginia.

Mr. & Mrs. Moore - February 13, 2016 at 10:16 AM

HV

“ Wishing your family peace, comfort and courage to face the days ahead and loving memories of Sean to hold forever in your heart. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. We at H&R Block Premium, in Centreville, Virginia are sending a donation in the name of Sean Jones to The Life Church of Manassas, Virginia.

H&R Block, Centreville, VA - February 13, 2016 at 10:06 AM

CC

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss your family bears, just know that you are very close in my thoughts and prayers.

Cathy Chapell - February 13, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sean King Jones.



February 13, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sean King Jones.*



February 08, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Your DLA Document Services Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Sean King Jones.*



**Your DLA Document Services Family** - February 06, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sean King Jones.*



February 05, 2016 at 06:03 PM



“ *The Quad State H&R Block Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sean King Jones.*



**The Quad State H&R Block Family** - February 05, 2016 at 11:11 AM

TS

“ Troy and Heather Stiltner purchased the Florist C  
hoice Bouquet for the family of Sean King Jones.



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**Troy and Heather Stiltner** - February 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

SS

“ I have known the Jones family for over 20 years. Listening to my  
best friend Marti talk about her children I was able to share in the  
joys and sorrows of them growing up. Sean was indeed someone  
you could count on to be there when he was needed. I am thankful  
for his bringing Marti to see me last year. May he rest in peace.

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**Sherry Sullivan** - February 03, 2016 at 08:13 PM

HB

“ I met Sean when he visited Iowa for our big Weekend O' Buffy  
tournament. He kept coming back and I feel lucky to have counted  
him as a friend.

*It was so wonderful to find someone who loved playing Buffy as  
much as I did! It was always such fun to see what new deck or tricky  
combo he would come up with. His love of the game, and gaming in  
general, was just such a good thing. Win or lose, he always had fun  
and made playing more fun for everyone else.*

*I will miss you my friend.*

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**Holly Boehmer** - February 03, 2016 at 07:06 PM

SK

“ *The summer I was 16, I went to Virginia from NH to help my sister, Marti, by babysitting Sean's oldest sister Phoebe, age 2, during the time Sean was born. I felt lucky to be one of the first family members to see baby Sean! Over the years, I loved playing with Sean and his sisters whenever they came to NH to visit their King family. One summer, Sean and his sisters even stayed with me in Cornish, NH and had fun helping on my sheep farm. Sean's special job was mowing the lawn! It wasn't long before Sean was taller than me and off to college. I was impressed that he majored in art - a new career path in our family. Then when he got his job at the Washington Post, I bragged to all my friends - this was very cool to us NH folks! A few years back, when my teenage sons, Seth and Byron, and I drove down to spend April vacation with my sister, Marti, Sean showed me his new cell phone - the novel technology I hadn't seen yet - and explained how it worked...very cool I thought, yet when he told me he had to plug it in everyday to keep it charged, I told him that was too much to remember to do and he laughed in his special Sean way! Since those days, I have enjoyed watching Sean be a loving uncle to his four nieces and nephews. I have also loved his visits to NH to see his grandparents and the rest of us King relatives. Sean, easy going, with a ready smile, and great sense of humor, was always ready to join in our King family card games... where no one took the games too seriously and everyone had a good time! These memories of Sean are only the tip of the iceberg of the many special times we had together. I have been truly blessed to be his aunt - to know and love him. He will be forever in my heart. Aunt Sue*

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**Sue King** - February 03, 2016 at 06:33 PM

CO

*Thanks, Sue - so well-written and true of Sean and his easy going and fun nature.*

*-Aunt Colleen*

**Colleen** - February 07, 2016 at 02:50 PM

 Sally Spigt

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family*

**Sally Spigt** - February 03, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BL

“ *Brian, Nikki and Hunter Lacey purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sean King Jones.*



**Brian, Nikki and Hunter Lacey** - February 03, 2016 at 04:02 PM

KD

“ *Krista, Bill, Moira and Liam Donnelly purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Sean King Jones.*



**Krista, Bill, Moira and Liam Donnelly** - February 03, 2016 at 01:29 PM

“ I first met Sean in January 2003. I'd driven up to Dundalk, Maryland to play in my first Buffy: The Vampire Slayer card game tournament. He knew the game better and beat me handily, but it was the beginning of a friendship that lasted until the end of his life. For years, we got together on weekends to play Buffy. We traveled together to Iowa to the Weekend O' Buffy to play all weekend long, surrounded by friends. Over the years, we also played in roleplaying campaigns together, meeting and playing at my house. For the last 5 years or so, we also gamed together every Saturday night at the Family Game Store, playing all kinds of board games. I remember back when we were still just playing Buffy at the store in Dundalk, Sean was studying the adventure game, A Touch of Evil. I told him, "If you buy that game, I will play it with you!" He did, and we did - but it was a hard game to win!

Sean was a great friend. It was a joy to game with him because he was always so enthusiastic about the game. He was also always very welcoming to new players, explaining rules and offering such good strategy suggestions that the new person stood a good chance of winning.

Though our friendship centered on gaming, we also got to know each other's lives. He watched my children grow, and I heard about the scary times when everyone around him was getting laid off at the Post. My oldest daughter was born just a week or two after one of his nephews. I remember that not long after, he had to miss a session because he'd dropped everything to go on a business trip with his sister and provide child care for her. I was really impressed because I couldn't see one of my brothers doing that for me.

I really thought that we'd still be planning gaming sessions together when we were old and retired, and our biggest concerns were fitting our game collections into our houses.

I'm thankful for the time we had together, but sad that it had to end too soon this way.

**Krista Donnelly** - February 03, 2016 at 12:19 PM

CO

*Thank you for sharing this, Krista. I changed my nephew's diapers and took him to a circus, but I never got to know him via "gaming". I can picture his enthusiasm for the games as I watched when he and his Grampa play cards. There was a lot of laughter between them. I am so thankful that he had friends like you. Aunt Colleen, NH*

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**Colleen** - February 03, 2016 at 05:28 PM

EM

*I wish I could have lived closer to my cousin to play board games with him too! Sounds like you guys had a blast! I do cherish memories of good times playing cards and Sequence with our Grampa!*

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**Emily** - February 03, 2016 at 07:03 PM