



Nathan Shea

September 6, 1976 - August 23, 2014

Nathan A. Shea

37 years, suddenly on Sat., Aug. 23, 2014. Beloved son of Cecilia and the late Albert Johnson; loving grandson of Rose Shea; dear nephew, cousin and friend to many.

Services: Memorial Visitation 1-7 p.m. with service at 2 p.m., Sat., Sept. 6 at HUTCHENS Mortuary.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ See Nathan's tribute slideshow at <http://vimeo.com/user23356841/nathanshea>

Ted Toczylowski - September 09, 2014 at 01:05 AM

“*"I will be there in spirit" This was the last message I received from Nathan. This message was sent in regards to a funeral he thought I might attend. He told me he decided it would be best if he was present Monday morning for the students who showed up but if I decided to go he wanted me to know he would be there in spirit. I smiled when I received that message; it was Friday and school was out and Nathan was already preparing himself for Monday! Nathan didn't return to SLLIS Monday morning but his heart was already there. I believe he is with us all in spirit.*

Nathan touched so many in ways. For my boys Khaleb and Khareek he was a mentor, a father figure, a teacher, a friend....as they called him "Big Dawg" He meant the world to all of his students.

For me he was an Angel. I will miss him dearly and he will always have a place in my heart. My last message to Nathan was regarding the loss of a child. I told him I believe there is a purpose for every pain and a reason for every struggle..I told him I believe that in regards to the loss of my own beloved son. He was my sanctuary and I ask God why but I know God needed him more. When I first met Nathan I was on breaking but I smiled and told everyone around me that I was alright. His smile and ability to connect with everyone he came in contact saved me. And when my daughter was diagnosed with cancer I told him how scared I was and he told me to hold on to Faith.

Faith.

To Ms. Shea I know all too well what it is to lose a first born a son a child. It doesn't matter whether that child is 19, 37, or 1 day old. But you will not break. This will bend you but the spirit of Nathan will keep you. I thank you for the gift you gave all us 38 years ago this day. I thank you for the man you raised who has touched the heart of many. We love him and We miss him. God bless you.

Stacey Gouse - September 06, 2014 at 05:19 PM

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LS

“ *LenEll Kelley, mother of Amélie his student. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Nathan Shea.*



LenEll Kelley, mother of Amélie his student. - September 06, 2014 at 02:36 PM

SD

“ *I was so terribly sorry to hear of Nate's passing. He was in a cohort of Career Transition students at UMSL. I had the pleasure of having him as a student in several classes. He was always prepared and motivated. Nate wanted to be a special education teacher and I was so proud when he completed the program and was hired by St. Louis Public Schools. After the program we kept in touch. He would email or call with questions and we would spend hours chatting. He truly cared about his students and wanted to be the best teacher he could possibly be. Blessings and sympathy to his family. Dr. Sheryl Davenport*

Sheryl Davenport - September 05, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathan Shea.*



September 05, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nathan Shea.*



September 05, 2014 at 01:16 PM



“ *Louis Montgomery on behalf of the CBC BAS purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nathan Shea.*



Louis Montgomery on behalf of the CBC BAS - September 05, 2014 at 08:29 AM



“Nathan was a truly kind and generous spirit. We worked very closely together in the special education program at Saint Louis Language Immersion Schools, and he always joked that he knew I was cut out for the job because we both shared "the Beaumont connection", having both previously worked at SLPS at Beaumont High School. We shared many laughs! Nathan had the best smile and laugh!

Nathan's greatest gift was his ability to make connections with young people and families. He went above and beyond the call of duty to make students and families feel comfortable and at home at The French School. Nathan's words, actions, and demeanor always demonstrated the goodness and purity of his heart; being kind and virtuous was his nature.

I will always fondly remember the way that "Mr. Nathan" shared lunch in his classroom at The French School with his students. In fact, he would even invite students that were NOT his students, but just kids that he thought would appreciate the attention. When a parent of a new student met Mr. Nathan, he would pull lunch meat out of his fridge and hot fries out of the file cabinet and ask the parent, "Do you have any objection to your child eating these at lunch with me? I like to have the kids eat lunch with me." It made me laugh...he was such a great guy!

Nathan's passing is an incredible loss for this earthly world. I pray that his family takes comfort in knowing that his life, while too short, was incredibly meaningful. Nathan was a good man who made a difference to so many people...so many! I am proud and honored to have known him.

Nathan, I really do miss you. I will do my best to fulfill all of the hopes and wishes that you had for the students at SLLIS. Rest in peace, my friend.

Katie Uldall-Welch

Katie Uldall - September 04, 2014 at 08:12 PM

TE

“ 3 files added to the album *Old Pics*



Ted - September 04, 2014 at 08:11 AM

FS

“ *Friends, Students, Parents, and Staff at Mann School purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Nathan Shea.*



Friends, Students, Parents, and Staff at Mann School -
September 02, 2014 at 09:54 PM

JL

“ *Nate,
The news of your passing was so unexpected. I kept expecting to see you after service so we could catch up. Life is so short and fragile. Although I am grieving, I do so with the hope of glory. I am praying for you, Nathans family, for peace and hope. Thank you Nate for leaving an impact on the world around you. I appreciate the passion and openness in which you lived your life. I will miss you friend.*

*Sincerely,
Joshua Linkous*

Joshua Linkous - August 31, 2014 at 03:54 PM

KH

“ I would like to offer prayers and condolences to Nathan's family, on the loss of our brother. Nate was a friend, a teammate, and just an overall good dude that was willing to give and do whatever he could to help someone out. Nate was always there to offer a quick-witted joke, or candid comment, which typically ended up with you all smiling and him letting out his signature chuckle and laugh. I am thankful to have known Nate for as long as I have, and he will be truly missed. From him giving me rides home from b-ball games in his Bronco (with the booming speakers:), to him later encouraging us to get back involved at CBC as alumni, Nate has no doubt had a positive influence on my life. Nate was truly passionate about helping young people, and I have no doubt that he has helped to turn some lives around.

From his smile and laugh...to coming in on Fridays reciting the lines from the Martin show the night before, to his last second teardrop shot at Meramac Tournament - Nate will always be remembered and missed. Love you bro!

Keith Hibbler

Keith Hibbler - August 31, 2014 at 01:40 PM

KB

“ Nate, you will now have the best seat in the house for all the Cowboy, Sooner, and CBC games. Thanks for all the encouragement you provided to my son. As his Jr. Cadet basketball coach, you prepared him well and have played a big part in helping him reach his goals.

We will miss you and you will never be forgotten. God Bless.

The Buske Family

Keith Buske - August 30, 2014 at 02:19 PM

AR

“ *M. Nathan had such a friendly presence at The French School. He will be missed by our whole community. I feel very grateful that our family had the chance to know him. Our sincerest condolences from our family to yours.*

-The Rehbein Family

Aryn Rehbein - August 30, 2014 at 11:55 AM

PL

“ *I am watching Martin reruns from 1994 this evening in honor of Nathan. First thing we also used to do senior year in Spanish...discuss what took place on Martin that week. Damn you will be missed. Thanks for making my life better, and definitely making me a better person, Nate. You are loved.*

Sincerely,

P Lawler

Patrick Lawler - August 29, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ *Shea was a great friend. watching these video's of him speak about the kids he mentored on his off hour's really shows how selfless and thoughtful he was. I'm really going to miss him. I met Shea back in 2004 we were working at the Post Dispatch and from 2006 to 2009 we worked nights together, Shea and I instantly became more than just co-workers but best friends and union brother's. There was nothing he loved more than OU and the Dallas Cowboys. We talked about football for hours and hours, but even after our working for newspaper days ended we remained very close. He talked about his students a lot and how much he wanted to help them, sometimes I just didn't understand. He was just that kind of man though, he would do everything he could. Shea was so funny he always made you laugh, just listening to these old voicemails makes me miss him so much already. See you soon my friend Love you.*

B - August 29, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan Shea.*



August 29, 2014 at 06:08 PM

TT

“ 9 files added to the album Old Pics



Ted Toczylowski - August 29, 2014 at 05:51 PM

TT

“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to Nate's family. I pray that God brings you strength and healing at this trying time. There are no words that can explain how much I'll miss "Nate Dogg", but in his honor, I would like to try and share some of the things that I will remember most about him. Nate was one of the most down to earth people I will ever have the pleasure of being around. He was a super friend and an incredibly loyal teammate. Nate was always, always, always cracking his jokes, giving people trouble, sharing his sarcastic sense of humor, and displaying what I would describe as a deep belly, shoulder-shakin' laugh. The guy loved to laugh and he loved making others laugh, as if it was his job. At CBC, Nate could make teachers and coaches crack a smile at points in time when teachers and coaches were furious with us. Nate connected with so many fellow classmates, older and younger, based upon his good nature and outgoing personality. I will always have a vision of Nate walking down the halls of CBC on Clayton Rd with a big smile and his arm and hand raised up high, ready to give someone yet another HIGH FIVE. Everyone knew Nate. Post-CBC, Nate received a degree in Christianity from St. Louis Christian College, amongst other studies he pursued. Nate played basketball for St. Louis Christian College and I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to see him play. He went on to be a teacher and basketball coach at the elementary level...and for Nate, it was much more than just being a coach or a teacher. Nate's passion for teaching young ones and for being a mentor to the kids who needed it will be remembered by so many. He's touched more lives than we'll ever realize. I know in my heart that he is already this same type of leader and mentor in heaven.

Thank you for everything, Nate, you will never be forgotten.

Ted Toczylowski - August 29, 2014 at 05:24 PM

AN

“Nathan my dear friend, the master of love letters, the best friend anyone could ask for..That contagious smile will never be forgotten nor will you. Prayers to those you left behind.
Angela

Angela - August 29, 2014 at 04:41 PM

BS

“I'll always remember Natedog for his constant smile, his jokes and quick wit. He was always showing up with the soccer team at CBC making comments about he should be starting Striker for the Varsity team because he's the leading goal scorer for Liebe FC. Just typing this make me smile and laugh to myself a little. I can hear him saying it now.

Nate had a way of making light of every situation. He was a friend to everyone and just had a way of picking you up when you were down.

With our 20 yr high school reunion approaching next weekend, things won't be the same for the class of '94.

Natedog, you will be sorely missed next weekend, but certainly never forgotten, and not far from thought.

RIP my good friend.

Bobby S.
CBC '94

Bobby S. - August 29, 2014 at 04:18 PM

LA

“ I had just met Mr. Nate at the French school! Had seen him around but never had the pleasure of introducing myself! He was very pleasant and had an unforgettable smile! I will say a prayer for the family! My condolences! ?

Iana - August 29, 2014 at 03:16 PM

MI

“ Many prayers and condolences go to the family of Nate. He was an all around terrific guy. Had the great pleasure of playing ball with him at CBC, and can still remember him roaming the halls on Clayton Rd. He was always smiling or trying to make somebody laugh. What a tragic loss. You'll be missed buddy.

God Bless
MF '95

Mike - August 29, 2014 at 03:07 PM

JE

“ Mr. Nathan was my son's special education teacher at The French School and he was very kind to our family. He and our son did not work together for more than a few months but during that time they established a special rapport and had a few jokes that they liked to share. Our family sends our condolences to Nathan's entire family. He will be missed by all at TFS and especially by our son Sam. So sorry for your loss.

-Jennifer Carroll

Jennifer - August 29, 2014 at 12:28 PM

KG

“Nathan was a great coach and a good friend. I'm going to miss seeing him and talking high school basketball. He made Miles believe in himself ... that's about the best any coach can do. - KG

Kevin Gagnepain - August 29, 2014 at 12:03 PM

ND

“It was always a pleasure to see Mr. Shea when dropping my daughter off at the French School. Each day, he addressed my daughter by name, said good morning and maintained that beautiful smile. Mr. Shea will truly be missed.

*The Daniels Family
French School*

Necole Johnson Daniels - August 29, 2014 at 11:45 AM

MS

“During my two years at Sherman Elementary, Mr. Shea would always tell me that I was a good teacher. He would say don't ever let anyone tell you that you're not. He would say that he could tell that I loved my students, but I was very strict on them. He use to call me the female "Joe Clark." At that time I didn't know who he was referring to, so he brought in the CD "Lean On Me." I took it home and I was moved by it. We laughed so hard about it. I'll never forget how he told me that I was one of the few people he could really open up to about anything. I'm so glad that God allowed our paths to cross. Mr. Shea, I will truly miss our talks. We really encouraged one another. God Bless. May you rest in peace now.

*Ms. Millicent Smith
4th & 2nd Grade Teacher
Sherman Elementary
3942 Flad Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110*

M. Smith - August 29, 2014 at 08:24 AM



So sorry to hear the news. Nate played basketball for me at St. Louis Christian College. He could really catch fire sometimes! What a great smile and such a good guy.

Scott Womble - August 29, 2014 at 12:25 PM