



Brian James Barnes

June 10, 1993 - May 1, 2021

Brian James Barnes, 27, passed away May 1, 2021. Beloved son of Mary “Fran” and Bruce Barnes. Devoted partner and father of Shani Swigart and son, Abel Swigart. Dear brother of Jay “Drew” Clevenger (Kelly). Uncle of Keelin, Evelyn, and Finnigan Clevenger. Nephew of Gary (deceased) and Suzanne Barnes, Eileen Barnes, Maurie Luna (Allen), Patrice Mattox (Steve), Mary Holland (Randy), Beth Dehner (David), Chris Hawk (Mary), and Sue Demeter (Jeff). Cousin of Britney Young, Carley Barnes, Michael Barnes, Michele Thigpen, Chris Thigpen, Jim Mattox, Jennifer Royal, Laura Novotny, Suzanne Reed, Rachel Dehner, Jacob Hawk, Jessica Hawk, Jordan Cole, and Hannah Harley.

Brian went to Sts. Joseph & John School in Strongsville, OH. His love of basketball started there where he played with the Vikings.

He went to Benedictine High School in Cleveland following in his father’s and uncle’s footsteps to be a “Man of Benedictine”. He ran Cross Country for 4 years under Coach Lev. His love of basketball continued, but the 2 sports overlapped so he became Rob Stircula’s manager, stat and video coordinator for the basketball team. He continued that course when he became the Student Manager at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, MI. and was part of the MAC Western Conference Division Champions in 2015. He graduated from CMU with a Sports Management Degree and a minor in Coaching.

After he graduated from CMU he was welcomed to the Kent State Men’s Basketball Program by Rob Senderoff and staff. He got his Master’s Degree from Kent State while he worked as the Video Coordinator and Assistant to the Coaching Staff. He was also part of the 2017 MAC Tournament Winners and was with the team when they went to the NCAA Tournament.

He became the Director of Basketball Operations where he continued to work until the time of his death.

He LOVED Basketball. He LIVED Basketball. He was nicknamed Shadow by one of his

coaches at CMU because Brian was content to be in the “Shadows” to help do whatever the team needed to become successful.

His newest LOVE was his girlfriend Shani and he ADORED his new son, Abel. His life choices were changing and he was looking forward to the next chapter in his life of having more children and teaching his children to be loving, caring and fun loving in life.

Brian loved to joke and kid around with his nieces and nephews. He truly loved kids!

Brian was always working to do his best in anything he did. It might not have been the best for other people, but it was the best he could do.

Brian had Attention Deficit Disorder. He didn't use it as an excuse for not being able to do things. He was in National Honor Society and took AP classes in High School.

He was a loving, soft spoken, wonderful man who knew what he wanted and put his full efforts into achieving what his goals were. He will be missed by so many, but in our hearts, thoughts and dreams for the rest of our lives. Starting his new life in heaven we are sure he got the job of Director of Video Events and has already gotten the ball rolling with his videos of loved ones here on earth. We can't wait to see him again when we arrive in heaven. He will meet us with a greeting, handshake, smile and his personal introduction to God.

We are establishing the Brian James Barnes Memorial Basketball Fund to help inner city youth be able to attend youth basketball camps during the summer. Donations can be made to the Fund via any Huntington National Bank.

VISITATION THURSDAY 3-7PM at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, 15822 PEARL RD, STRONGSVILLE. Mass of Christian Burial FRIDAY 10AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Strongsville. Interment private. NO FLOWERS PLEASE.

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Events

PRIVATE

OH,

MAY **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Jardine Funeral Home

15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH, US, 44136

MAY **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. John Neumann

16271 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH, US

Comments



“ My sincere condolences to Brian's entire family. I did not know Brian personally but, did hear all the wonderful stories about him from his Aunt Eileen. He was a very special person that will be dearly missed. My love and prayers are being sent your way.

Donna Malik



Donna Malik - May 08 at 02:32 PM



“ On behalf of the Wilhite family, I would like to express my most heartfelt condolences to Brian's parents and the rest of his family. Brian and I ran Cross Country together at Benedictine for 2 years, and his competitive nature and hard work ethic shined through in every practice and meet and we always pushed each other to be better runners. I will continue to keep him and the Barnes family in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Jarred Wilhite - May 08 at 12:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian James Barnes.



May 06 at 10:08 PM



“ A lyric in a popular song titled “If I Die Young” says:
Lord make me a rainbow, I’ll shine down on my Mother. She’ll know I’m safe when she stands under my colors.
As a very young but willing freshman student volunteer for me at CMU basketball Brian was always behind me like a Shadow wanting his next assignment. There is no doubt that approach is serving him well now in his new life. RIP Shadow!
Coach Pat Miller
CMU 11-12

Pat Miller - May 06 at 07:06 AM



“ Bonnie Cox lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



Bonnie Cox - May 05 at 05:07 PM



“ Brian was in my third grade class at Sts. Joseph and John School. I remember him as a sweet, caring and loving boy. He worked very hard and tried his best. May he rest in the loving hands of our Lord Jesus. Rest In Peace Brian. Love, Mrs. Diana Capek

Diana Capek - May 04 at 09:38 PM



“ Oh Brian (aka coups or coupon). Thanks for being a part of my life and being my 2nd son and little brother to Hannah and Jordan. We didn’t see each other often enough but it was a joy to spend time with you. I’m glad we had the chance to catch up at Easter this year and it was so obvious how happy you were. Your life was full of promise and your heart was always full of love. My heart is broken. Sadness doesn’t describe it. We will miss you. I’ll take care of your Mom and Dad and Drew as best I can. Tell Da hello and we’ll see you on the other side. I love you Brian

Susan Demeter - May 03 at 09:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian James Barnes.



May 03 at 07:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian James Barnes.



May 03 at 04:34 PM