



Bradley James Ventura

September 18, 1987 - June 23, 2009

Brad Ventura loved life and did everything he could to make life full and wondrous. As a son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend, Brad was one of those special people who brought light and joy into every relationship. Brad died at home after a lengthy battle with cancer on June 23rd. He was surrounded by his family.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be sent to:

Oregon City High School

19761 S. Beaver Creek Rd.

Oregon City Or, 97045

Make checks out to: Brad Ventura OCHS drama fund

On the envelope write attn:accountant

or

Oregon City Evangelical Church

1024 Linn Avenue

Oregon City Or 97045

Make checks out to OCEC

In the comments write The Inn/Brad Ventura

Brad was very involved with theater in High School and I know, especially with all the budget cuts, he would like to help support this program. Also, Brad was on leadership with the young adults group at our church (The Inn). He was dedicated to this group and helping it grow. Please support one or both of these causes in memory of Brad.

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Comments



“ I am the mother of one of Karena Dokken's friends, and have found this site through links from Karena's family. I know how important getting to know Brad was to Karena, and in reading this site and the Dancing with Brad site, I have discovered what a lovable and entertaining young man Brad was. You are blessed to have had him in your lives for the short time that he was with you. He certainly must be dancing in heaven now!

Erin Stone - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dyan, Jim and Family, Our prayers and best wishes are with you. We can't begin to imagine your pain and only hope that your good memories of Brad will somehow help you in this difficult time. May his light continue to shine in the hearts and the minds of those he has touched.

Mike and Fran Sciaraffo - July 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Brad's death. Our thoughts are with you.

Love, Dra and Jim

Sandy and Jim Mckee - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dyan, Jim & Kristin - I know what a joy Brad has always been to you, and I know how much he relied on you this last year and a half. We're so glad we were able to spend time with you and know you together as a family. What a courageous battle you all have fought. We've been so sad that he's no longer in this world, but know that he's at home with the Lord. We love you so much.

Page, Keith, Cheryl, & Lauren

Lynne Page and Keith Rasmussen - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dyan, Jim and Family,

There is absolutely nothing sadder than the loss of a child and I can only imagine how your heart aches for Brad. He is now at peace and will be there in your hearts forever! Wish we could be there for you during this time, but our thoughts and prayers are!

Your friend,

Doris and Family

Doris Dirks - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Brad- you have always been looked upon as one of our own. (Brandon's twin brother). I will always remember your humor and your zest for life. We will miss you but you will never be forgotten. Keep dancing! We love you!

Jennifer Snook - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was able to follow Brad's story from the start thanks to his openness (and the Internet) and was always impressed by his attitude. I was absolutely certain Brad was going to defeat cancer. In many ways he did and I admire him for his determination and positive outlook. There is not one memory I have of Brad but the collection of time spent during summers growing up will not be forgotten. My prayers are with the entire family and I will be wearing bright colors tomorrow!

Joel Smith - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so terribly sorry for your loss. Following Brad's journal the last few months, I was amazed at his determination and constant faith. His inspiration will not be forgotten. My prayers are with you.

Terri Hammond - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Brad Ventura is an exceptional star. It is easy to notice that Brad shined brightly among us. He is a standout for numerous reasons. His megawatt smile and genuine friendliness would always lighten up a room. Because of his personality, our daughter, Laura, became best friends with him. As a result, we had the wonderful opportunity of seeing an adolescent boy develop into an incredible young man. We will remember Brad as our daughter's best friend, who remained steadfast and supportive when friendships at this age can be sometimes fickle. We will recall him as the fun loving teenager at her birthday parties, school dances and weekend adventures. The crazy snapshots they took together of their friends around town will be priceless. His performances on stage at OCHS were always entertaining and as good as any Broadway star because of his enthusiasm and effort. Even when faced with the ultimate challenge of all, he brought laughter into our lives with his videos on YouTube. As he danced and hammed it up in the hallways of OHSU, he demonstrated to us lessons of grace and hope as he faced this adversity. Through Brad, my friendship with Dyan became stronger and as mothers, we enjoyed swapping stories about what are kids were up to together. I know from our talks that Brad is a son, who makes his parents beam with pride and joy and the brother, who Kristin truly adores. Brad will always shine in our memories and bring much warmth to our hearts for being such an extraordinary human being. We will miss him immensely in our lives. Our heartfelt sympathies are with his family.

Fondly,

Susan Sadzikowski and Steve Powell

Susan Sadzikowski - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dyan and Jim-

Our hearts are heavy to hear

you have lost your darling son, Bradley. You are in our

deepest thoughts and prayers.

Eloise and Joe Poole - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Brad at the beach with my son and Kristen, and horseback riding in the mountains. He enjoyed whatever he was doing and whomever he was with- a great kid. Our hearts go out to the family. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Bradford Price - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Brad was one of my best friends. We dated for fourteen months, and even though I had to end that relationship, he didn't cut me off from his life. We remained good friends, which is something that I am unbelievably grateful for. It's hard for me to put my feelings into words. I have countless amazing memories of being with Brad when he was doing what he did best- goofing off. One of my favorite memories was when I had an 'end-of-the-summer' party at my house, and we made margaritas with Rockstar instead of alcohol. Brad was so hyped up on sugar and energy drinks that he grabbed my camera and started running around the house taking pictures of himself. The end result was hilarious, and that's the Brad that I'm always going to remember. I miss him terribly.

Sharayah Dutton-Pranger - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ As Brad's 8th grade Language Arts teacher, I found Brad to be a kind, caring, very exacting student who took school and life seriously, but always with a smile. I still have a picture of Brad with friends on my bulletin board - a happy memory. Brad had very nice penmanship. I'm sure he's making heavenly music and reciting angelic poems. He will remain an inspiration and hero to all of us. I feel honored to have had him in my classroom.

Joan Pacewic - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM