



Phillip Brian Simmons

May 20, 2016

Obituary of Phillip Simmons

Phillip Brian Simmons, 46, of Center Hill, Florida passed away on Friday, May 20, 2016 at Gainesville, Florida. He played baseball beginning at age five and continued playing baseball and football throughout high school. He played baseball for Central Florida College and the University of Tampa as a pitcher. Brian was the District 6 Dixie Boys Baseball director and he coached baseball, football, and weightlifting for over 25 years in Sumter County. He enjoyed fishing, weightlifting, and especially loved coaching youth of all ages in Sumter County. He had a passion for mentoring and giving back to the community. Brian was the first Game Leader of AWANA's at First Baptist Church of Bushnell. He loved participating in activities that his children were involved in and encouraged them in everything they were passionate about. He was the most wonderful husband, father, son, and friend anyone could ask for. His children were his pride and joy and he will live on through them.

Brian is survived by his wife of 24 years, Melissa Simmons, of Center Hill, FL, sons: Cody Simmons (Cindy), of Bushnell, FL, Clay Simmons, of Center Hill, FL, and Caleb Simmons, of Center Hill, FL; daughter, Brianne Simmons, of Center Hill, FL; parents, James "Guy" Simmons and Lois Simmons, of Bushnell, FL; mother and father-in-law, Teresa and Greg Stewart, of Williston, FL; brother, Mike (Vicki) Simmons, of Ashburn, GA; maternal grandfather,

William "Billy" Ward, of Williston, FL; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marianne Norton (Todd), of Ocala, FL, and Mallory Buchyn (Phil), of McIntosh, FL; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins and a large extended family. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Bernice Simmons Cundiff; paternal grandparents, Guy Simmons and Lois Katherine Carter; aunt, Linda James; and cousin, Shelley James.

Visitation and Service

A time of Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Bushnell. Services will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Bushnell with Pastor Casey Ferguson presiding. Interment to follow at Center Hill Cemetery.

In Lieu of

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Coach Brian Simmons Scholarship Fund. Please contact Cody Simmons for information regarding donation at (352) 303-5977.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ To the entire Simmons Family I am so sorry to hear about Brian and want you to know that I am thinking of you all through this most difficult time. Brian was a good friend....really cared about his Family. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are always with you. Regards...Paul

Paul Mirocke - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Son, just wanted to let you know this isn't the final chapter! I know you were there to see the number of people here on earth, who paid their respect to you and your family. You will always be with us in Spirit and in our hearts because we loved you so much. No Father could ask for a better Son! You know I will always be there for Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb and our Brianne. You would have been proud of Mike and Eddie's presentation about your life, love and the impact you made on this community. I told Clay, look back at the line of cars following us to Center Hill, were your earthly body now lay, at the line of cars with folks showing their last respect to a man who has made a great impact on this community. Sports was an important part of "our" lives but there is no metaphor to describe the accomplishments you made in the time you were with us. As Casey said, "we can't have you back but we can go to you" and your Daddy will see you soon, but as you know, the greatest chapters of your life are yet to be written through the legacy in your kids. See you soon, love you!

Guy Simmons - May 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

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TF

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The Muse Family - May 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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JF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Brian is such an inspiration to us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, always. With our sympathy, John & Carol Farfaglia*

John & Carol Farfaglia - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Want be the same at Anytime Fitness without hearing and seeing you, so from me one last "Grunttttt" . Playing Ball in Heaven with the Angels*

Stella - May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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CA

“ *Fly high Mr. Simmons you're forever loved down here*

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Chief Deputies/Asst. Property Appraiser's Group - County Property Appraisers
- May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *To The Family*

*Brian was such a great man! He was our first friend when we moved
to Bushnell! He never knew a stranger! Always there to help! He will
be missed! Our prayer go out to your family!*

Fred & Kathy Shafer - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Fred & Kathy Shafer - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To Guy and Lois, Mike, Melissa and all this family and all of Brians friends I want to say the words of Ecclesiastes 3-8. A time to love and a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace. We won't let Brian go without saying thank you Brian for being a peacemaker. God bless you all.

Bill and Darnell Willoughby - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ May God give you strength during this difficult time. You are in our prayers.

Strickland Family - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences. Was always a pleasure to see Brian at the ball field. -HYL Brooksville Baseball Board

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LO

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Lin Wilhelm & the Orlando Staff at Property Tax Oversight - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

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Michael Prestridge - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Michael Prestridge - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ May the good Lord provide for the needs and bring Peace, Strength and Courage to his family and all his loved ones. May his memory be eternally within them.

Vince Rahal - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Melissa, I am sending you a hug and peace and healing through this note. Special thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

Sadie Law Ash - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Simmons Family, I, along with everyone in Sumter County, am in shock over Brian's sudden passing. At this time, no words can ease your sorrow. Brian is one of the most respected men in Sumter County, and will be missed by many people especially during baseball season. I am very proud to have had the chance to know him. With Deepest Sympathy, Mike and Peggy Wood*

Mike Wood - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Terry Kalbaugh - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Tammi Jacobs - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff and Anna Rae Miller - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb and Brianne, Bonnie and I would like to send our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of Brian. I only met Brian once but from all the great things that Mike has said about him I felt that I knew him. I saw a great close wonderful family when I visited this past weekend and that is a sign of great love within the family. Mr. Guy and Miss Lois, We are so sorry for your loss and want you to know if we can do anything for you, just let us know, I also want to thank you for your hospitality over the weekend. Mike my friend if I could do anything to take your pain away you know I would. Let the good memories of Brian fill your heart and mind and I pray you find peace. I will always be here for you my friend. With Love Eddie and Bonnie

Eddie Augusta - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Condolences to your family. Mr. Simmons was a much respected man. So sorry for your loss.

Sue Linginfelter - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ We have lost a great person. My heart goes out to his family! Rest in peace Brian Simmons! May god bless you and your family!

Nick Canale Sr. - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our sincerest condolences to all the family members, friends and co-workers. May you find comfort in the coming days and support for one another. God Bless.

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Sharon Strobel - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb & Brianne I love all of you very much. Thank you for making my brother's time on this earth so awesome. He loved you so very much. You don't know how thankful I am that he was loved more than any man on this earth by his family and friends. I love you Brian.

Mike Simmons - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Simmons family, Joyce and I are so sorry for your loss. God Bless you during this time of loss. Mike & Joyce King

Mike King - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Melissa, We are so sorry for your lose but, in Heaven they've gained an Angel. May the Lord always comfort you in your time of need. I will continue to Pray for your family.

Tim & Becky Knight - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Melissa, There are no adequate words to express at a time like this as they all seem so cliché. Especially from someone like me, who has not seen you since Brianne was a baby. All those years ago, you and Brian were such a source of encouragement to me in helping start the AWANA program at First Baptist of Linden. Your genuine love for young people is evident in the way Brian and you have always actively involved yourselves in their lives. The investment Brian made in the lives of his own family, and in the community will not be forgotten. His exemplary life is a legacy of faith and family that will pass on for generations. My sincere prayer for you and your family is that God will lovingly hold and comfort you in your grief. Much Love and Prayers, Sherrie Westberry Anderson

Sherrie Anderson - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sad for the family and community left behind. Brian will be fondly remembered for an indefinite time.

Kat Hodges - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb and Brianne, All our love and prayers to you all during this unexpected time of grief... Our family wishes you comfort in the knowledge that Brian will live in your hearts forever...*

NENA & Kirk Barley and family - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Eddie Duskow - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Prayers for your family*

Dina Mason Martinez - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *love you man*

ray taylor c/o bushnell tire - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *We are so saddened to hear the tragic news of Brian's passing. May GOD send his love and comfort to Melissa and children..I knew Brian from working at Sumter County and he was always such a caring man in his job and community ..but he lit up when speaking of his wife and kids...He will be sadly missed by all. He will make Heaven a better place....*

Laurie Stowell - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Sherry Daugherty - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Bill & Karen Stewart - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb, and Brianne my dear friends I am so sorry for your lost. Dear Heavenly Father, Please shine your light upon Melissa and her family. Give them strength to overcome all of the difficulties that they are dealing with now and protect them against any and all problems they may encounter in the future. O Lord, please place your loving arms around them ,I pray that your loving kindness would comfort them. I pray that your love will fill their hearts. May the love that binds them together only grow stronger as they fulfill the destiny you have laid out for them. Dear Lord bless them and keep them, In your name I pray, Amen.

Gwendolyn Bullock Stange - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Jeanne - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Jeanne - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

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robert vasquez - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ TO A GENTLE GIANT AND A FUNNY MAN MAY THE PEACE OF ALL THE COMEDIC TIMES WE ALL HAD SHARED AND MAY THE PEACE OF ALL HIS FUNNY STORIES BE WITH YALL AT THIS TIME . LOVE AND BLESSINGS TO YALL AT THIS TIME AND ALWAYS !

PHILIP LAMAR - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of this beautiful man. He was a positive, great influence for kids. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for his family as well as the hundreds of kids who looked up to him.

Carla Griffin - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Brian was a wonderful and caring person and friend. He will be greatly missed. My heart hurts for his passing. I pray that the Almighty makes his calming and healing presence known to the family.

Robert Reynolds - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My deepest sympathies go out to your family. I, too, lost my father suddenly at the age of 20. There are not enough words to console, but please know that you are surrounded by a limitless amount of love and support. Your dad and husband will be greatly missed by the entire community. We all grieve with you and hope that the loss you feel now will be filled in time with the wonderful memories of Brian, a very special person.

Christine Burk - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

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BF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. "What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." -Helen Keller*

Brian Adams and Family - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our sincerest of condolences and prayers are with you.*

Jennifer and DJ Mears - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Phillip Brian Simmons*

Eleine Chin-Shue - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ From the first day we moved here the first friendly County face we were greeted with was Brian's. For some reason he happen to be at our property looking at the newly built house and trying to figure out whether or not our property was still to be considered agricultural. Having a title company at the time Brian became a great acquaintance to have not just an asset but a friend. Brian and his dad, Guy helped me tremendously when I moved here from South Florida (Broward County). Brian said "DON'T WORRY YOU WILL HAVE THE COUNTRY RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS IN NO TIME". He went out of his way to help and make me feel like I belonged here. His kids went to school with my nieces and nephews and his wife (what a wonderful woman). Sorry for this book but memories are comforting. I felt the need to share how wonderful this man was and still is up above. I send all of my families prayers to Guy and Brian's family.

Eleine Chin-Shue - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Brian was a true inspiration always had a smile for everyone. Prayers of understanding and peace for his family. Brian will be missed by all that knew him.

Myra Paxton - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ We are so very sorry for the sudden loss of this great man. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

Gilley and Tod Spaude - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ He was a wonderful man and a great coach. I grew up playing baseball with his boys and he was always encouraging each team to do their best but to always have fun. So sad to see him go. My heart goes to his family.

Heather Dobson-Gaines - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We are extremely sorry for your loss.

Chris and Michelle Mask - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. Your loss is heartfelt and Brian will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

Terri & Steve Rogers - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Brian was an awesome man. Not only being friends in school I had the privilege of working with Brian on Bushnell Dixie Youth League Board for many years. He coached my sons and they thought the world of him. We will definitely miss him.

Gennie Jones - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ He will be greatly missed. I'm so very sorry. I've been praying for your sweet family Brian. Rest in peace.

Pat Skipper Preyer - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry praying for entire family

Mary macomber - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Thoughts and prayers. So very sorry for your loss.

Merilyn Johnson - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Prayers to Brian's family. I didn't keep in touch after high school, but it sounds like he turned into a great guy all around. I am glad to of known him. I will keep his family in my prayers. God Bless.
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Mary Nally - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mr. And Mrs. Simmons so sorry . May the lord give you grace and comfort during this time. Will be praying for y'all daily. Love from Festus Missouri.*”

Earl Denby - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

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robert vasquez - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“*With heartfelt sympathy, I wish you the gift of a memory whenever you need to know, the one you love still walks with you wherever you may go. I pray your sorrow will be replaced with the loving memories of a wonderful husband, father and friend. May he rest in peace.*”

Susan Noell - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

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James and Amanda Taylor - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Brian was an amazing person and he loved his family very much. We are praying for all of you.

James and Amanda Taylor - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My deepest heartfelt go out to the entire Simmons Family. While I have not remained in close contact with Brian over the years I am still very saddened by his passing. I have known him since a young boy as we played baseball together in little league and high school. I know he is playing sports in heaven right now. He will be missed by many. I hope in this time the Simmons Family knows what an impact Brian had on his community. I hope that brings you all some comfort.

Jerry Andrews - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ Sending prayers to your family! May God give you strength to get through this difficult time!

Tamara Quilling - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Melissa and kids, so very sorry to hear about your loss of Brian. He was a great man and I know will be greatly missed.

Doug and Kelli Craft - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My heart is breaking for your family. He was a great man! Praying for all!

Delene Howard - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *May you all find comfort in the days ahead. Cherish your memories and hug each other. Prayers for you all!*

Kimberly Moffitt - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Mary Coldsnow - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Brian was a wonderful guy. He was a friend, brother n law, and uncle to me and my son. He will be greatly missed. We will continue to pray for you Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb, Briann, Guy, Lois, and Mike. We will be missed by all! Love You, April*

April Norris - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Michelle Wilkinson Anderson - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My deepest condolences to his family . My prayers are with you and may he RIP .*

Donna Tolbert Francia - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I didn't know him but I knew Guy from High School...and I just want to tell you both...from a MOMS HEART how VERY VERY SORRY I AM! My 3 children are all in their 40s now and I do know that something could happen..anytime. My baby sister..Debbie..died Sat. JAN . 8..1983...anytime only 27 and I don't think there is any greater devastation than that of losing your child....that part of you cannot be filled with or by anyone else...God just carries us until we can hold them again..FOREVER. So I just wanted to let you know my heart is truly with you.as I lift you up to our FATHER'S THRONE.

Lovie. Jo Branch..Parker - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to all of you. I will always remember Brian as a outstanding and caring individual. What a legacy he left.... raising a fine family to carry on his good will and character!
Love, Aunt Lydia

lydia howard - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Eddie Doskow - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss!! The Bronson's send Love and Prayers

Clint and Carrie Bronson - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Brian was the best friend and a brother to me for the past 28 years. He is truly gonna be one heck of an Angel in The sky above. I am sure his heavenly baseball team will be well prepared and well loved like he is. Brian keep a close eye on all of us down here as we will always have you close to our hearts! You did a wonderful job while you were with us my friend as your boys are a classy group of young men, your Princess Brianna had a great role model of what a man is suppose to be in you! Rest assured Melissa and the kids are gonna be just great. Stay safe up there and love you man!

Eddie Doskow - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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HENRY TODD - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Melissa, Cody, Clay, Caleb and Brianna. Brian was a good man and a great father the community of Bushnell will miss him.

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RI

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Coach Simmons family. I had the pleasure to work with Brian for 17 years, he was a class act as well as a great role model for the athletes he coached. Like myself Brian was drawn to the sport of weightlifting and became my most dedicated training partner during my time in Sumter County. We made several long trips across America to attend competitions and became close friends during the time we spent together. As impressive as he was as an athlete he was most impressive as a person. He was a man of great faith, he loved Sumter County, the RAIDERS and the success of Bama's football team. However in all the trips we took as well as the thousands of hours we spent in the SSHS weight room his favorite topic of discussion was his wife and their children. Like them I know we are all in shock and we will miss him.

Rusty Irby - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ I am so saddened by this news!! I am praying for peace and healing to this family!!

Tasha Quilling-Hofer - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My heart hurts for and goes out to the family of Brian. I will never forget the time I had just moved back to FL and Brian showed up to talk and just catch up.

Darryl Rodgers - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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Mary Nally - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ A young life taken to soon, yet Heaven rejoices at the homecoming of a Saint. Prayers for family & friends, as they strive to find peace & comfort during this difficult time. Rest in peace, my friend in the arms of the Lord.

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RJ

“ Brian and I shared the love of competitive sports growing up at South Sumter. I met Melissa when Brian and myself were enrolled in a sign language class at CFCC in Ocala. Cody I believe that was when your mom was carrying you. Your dad was so proud and could not wait for you to be born. I remember him always being very attentive to your mom when you would move and kick her during class. We would laugh and remark that he was going to be a ball player like his daddy. When my dad passed away Brian was there to help me with some business affairs in the property appraiser office. He was a very thoughtful and caring person and I will never forget how he took the time to help our family in our time of need. To Melissa and his children please keep Brian's legacy alive, focus on the wonderful memories and continue to make him proud. He would want all of you to be happy and pursue your dreams. He will always be looking down on all of you and want the best for each of you. We will all miss him.

Radean Johnson - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Danny and I are so sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts go with you. I know these next few months will be difficult. I met Brian when he was playing baseball at College. Guy was my supervisor at at Hernando Co. Property Appraiser. He was always talking about Brian & his games. I hope all the family can hold their bond of love through these times, I know they can be rough. Brian was the same age as my daughter Donna Tacey. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the service, we live in wicksburg,Al (10 mi from Dothan). We were down for Cassie Maes funeral, but just couldn't come back that soon. I know it will be rough at times, but hold tight & love each other, I know I lost Gail my sister when we moved up here. She was the last of my family. Love and prayers for everyone. I believe Guy will remember us.

Jackie and Danny Manga - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM