



Bryan Brenner

July 11, 1980 - February 19, 2021

On Friday, February 19, 2021, Bryan Brenner, loving son, brother, and friend to people and animals alike, passed away at the age of 40. Bryan was born on July 11, 1980 in Barnegat, NJ to Donna Brenner (Knoblauch) and Jon Brenner. While Bryan lived in New Jersey and Texas, he recently was living in Keansburg, NJ.

Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting Bryan was awed by his peaceful energy, charisma, genuineness, gentleness and strength. From day one, he was filled with an amazement for all that life had to offer and soaked up every new experience in front of him. As a child, he loved being outdoors, biking with his friends through the Pine Barrens and saving stray animals, many of whom became life-long pets. While his teenage years were full of difficult trials and tribulations, he carried them upon himself without self pity.

His love of people, animals and the outdoors carried with him into adulthood. Bryan would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need, and was always looking to help all those around him whether by providing shelter, doing chores for the seniors, giving money to those in need, or just being a shoulder to lean on. Bryan loved all creatures great and small, from his own pets, to stray and wild animals. He volunteered to help abandoned pets by capturing, finding medical care for, and then releasing them.

Bryan was extraordinarily smart, creative and innovative. He had a natural artistic talent, particularly sculpting and carving. At an early age Bryan proved himself in a profession he came to love, working as a heavy construction welder for companies including Coastal Steel of New Jersey. He quickly became known for his precise expertise, and coupled with his interpersonal skills, worked as a foreman overseeing both junior and senior tradesmen.

Bryan is survived by his beloved family, including his mother Donna Brenner and step-father Gerald Mahaffey of St. Augustine, FL and New Egypt, NJ; father Jon Brenner and step-mother Kerry Brenner of Lake Dallas, TX; brother Jonathon Brenner and his wife Christine Brenner of Raleigh, NC; brother Justin Brenner and his wife Sasha Brenner of Ormond Beach, FL; nephews, Alec, Luke, Jake and Ethan and niece Autumn; Uncle James Knoblauch of Whiting, NJ and Uncle Robert Knoblauch and his wife Michele Lesoine of Basking Ridge, NJ; Grandfather Clarence Knoblauch of Jackson, NJ; cousins Ryan Knoblauch of Milford, NJ; Dustin Lynn Knoblauch and her husband Christopher Kalinski of Farmingdale, NJ; extended family Gerald Mahaffey Jr. and his wife Rachel Mahaffey, Mindi, Maddy and Brad Mahaffey; his dear friend Kimberly Halpin; his dog Jackie; and his many, many friends that were truly a part of his family.

We will always remember Bryan's loyalty, generosity, caring free spirit and love. His laugh and smile could fill any room with charm. His struggles with addiction were a part of his battle and ours. Our hearts will hold him close. His love was a gift and joy to us all.

In lieu of cards and flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to an

animal shelter or food pantry of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MU

“ *Bryan was a good friend when we lived in Montclair. My heart was broken upon hearing this news. Rest well buddy.* ”

Mike Utley - April 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CB

“ *Christopher Boehm lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner* ”



Christopher Boehm - March 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

ST

“ *Steven lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner* ”



Steven - March 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM

ST

“ Bryan was my best friend. I'm deeply grateful 🙏 and disappointed in the loss of a man who was grateful and happy 😊 and alive in so much of my life. He is my daughter Ashley's godfather she will always carry his name. So I know he will always be here and loved. My family sends its regards to his family and friends. As the new day comes and yesterday leaves you my brother will always be in the light that keeps us warm and reminds us that we are loved and need to remember to let those we love know it. I'll always remember. Hang and bang the iron won't stand by it's self.



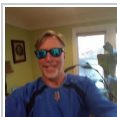
Steven - March 02, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KH

“ Bryan will always hold a special place in just mine, but all of our hearts. He helped me through many rough times in my life, and I tried my best to be there during his tough times. He will never be forgotten. My family is heartbroken as they always considered him a member of our family and we now have Jackie. Rest easy ❤️



Kimberly Halpin - March 02, 2021 at 11:18 AM



Thanks Kim

Robert Knoblauch - March 06, 2021 at 07:59 AM

RK

“ Robert Knoblauch lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



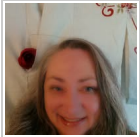
Robert Knoblauch - February 26, 2021 at 06:57 PM

RK

“ I remember when Bryan while holding a bottle of beer did a back flip off the roof of my Dads shed without spilling a drop of beer.....



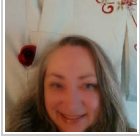
Robert Knoblauch - February 26, 2021 at 06:57 PM



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Kerry Brenner - February 26, 2021 at 05:18 PM



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Kerry Brenner - February 26, 2021 at 05:14 PM



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Michele LeSoine - February 26, 2021 at 01:17 PM



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Michele LeSoine - February 26, 2021 at 01:14 PM

ML

“ Michele LeSoine lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



Michele LeSoine - February 26, 2021 at 01:07 PM

TB

“ Toni & Garry Barnett lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



Toni & Garry Barnett - February 26, 2021 at 10:15 AM

SB

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sasha brenner - February 26, 2021 at 09:10 AM

SB

“ Sasha B lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



sasha b - February 26, 2021 at 09:06 AM

RS

“ Robert Sake lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



Robert Sake - February 23, 2021 at 11:55 PM

KC

“ I met Bryan about 15 years ago on a job working with Conti construction. We have been friends ever since getting together every so often. He had a good heart he was a great guy we had a lot of fun together. I have so many .great memories with him. I'll miss him I'll miss his infectious laugh is good nature His smiling face. Kevin Clark



kevin clark - February 23, 2021 at 07:58 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Halpin lit a candle in memory of Bryan Brenner



Kimberly Halpin - February 22, 2021 at 10:46 PM

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Kimberly Halpin - February 22, 2021 at 10:38 PM