



Nathan Beard

March 3, 1980 - November 1, 2010

Visitation for Nathan A. "Nate" Beard, 30, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at noon Friday. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. The Rev. Joan Dean will officiate. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died of natural causes Monday (Nov. 1, 2010) at his home. Mr. Beard was an industrial engineer. He was born March 3, 1980, in Kankakee, the son of Joseph and Sally Campbell Beard. He was a graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Northern Illinois University, and he received a master's degree in business administration from Olivet Nazarene University. He loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Sally and Dr. James Martell, of Bourbonnais; father and stepmother, Joseph and Sheila Beard, of Bourbonnais; one sister, Sonia Martell, of Bourbonnais; two brothers, Chris Beard, of Bourbonnais, and Sam Beard, of San Diego, Calif.; one aunt, Jill Lewis, of Augusta, Ga.; two uncles, Mike Campbell, of Springfield, and Tony Campbell, of Lexington, Ky.; and his paternal grandmother, Marilyn "Joj" Beard, of Springfield. His maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather are deceased. Nathan was a best friend to his two brothers, adored his little sister and loved the outdoors.

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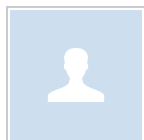
“ Dear Joe, Sally, Marilyn and family: We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your son and grandson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Lesley & Jason Grothe##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May the Lord keep you safe and give you peace.##imported-begin##Pamela Salamanca##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Nate was a great person and friend. I am still in disbelief that such a tragic thing could happen to such an amazing person. If I can help with anything, please do not hesitate to ask. It would be an honor. My deepest condolences to your family.

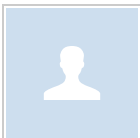
Kindest Regards,
Kristin Throw##imported-begin##Kristin Throw##imported-end##

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“ Precious Sally and family, OH how my heart and prayers go out to all of you. I am so sorry and sad for i;½each and everyone of you. Know that the Lord of peace and strength is with you. I believe that your mother was there welcoming him home. Grab a hold of the Lord and don't let Him go. He won't let you go. I love you all and praying that His peace and comfort will infold you in his arms. Aunt Betty###imported-begin###Betty Kingsley###imported-end##

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“ Joe and Sheila - our condolences go out to you and your family. Were it not for Jean's Dad also having passed away, and his service times being the same time as it is for Nate, we would be there. Please know you are in our hearts and our prayers.

Frank and Jean Koehler###imported-begin###Frank###imported-end##

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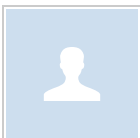


“ Joe and family,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. We will be praying for your family.

###imported-begin###Rick Montgomery###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. i;½My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Lisa Monferdini###imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally and family,

I'm not sure if you remember me,but I had to write to send my sympathy to all of you. Gina Mason had let me know of your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember you as a kind and thoughtful person and I'm sure your son was a wonderful man. I hope your many beautiful memories of him will give you comfort during this very difficult time. God Bless you & your family.

Loretta Krutsinger##imported-begin##Loretta (Moore) Krutsinger##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss words cannot express my sympathy to all of you. People are not built to deal with things such as this,we will be praying for you##imported-begin##Dennis Bossinger##imported-end##

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“ Chris & Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Mary "Dotson" Nugent##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Nate and family,

Our thoughts and blessings go out to you and your family.

Now you have found peace and rest.

We will miss a hunting buddy.

With love always,

The Serafinis

##imported-begin##Rory & Sue & Joe Serafini##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally, Jim, Chris, Sam and Sonia:

We are sorry for your loss and sorry that we can't be with you in person; however our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you all.

We wish we could take away the terrible pain Nate's departure is causing you, but we all know that is impossible. Know that He who knows it all and loves us beyond comprehension is carrying you in the palm of His loving and comforting Hand, hang on to Him and believe that He will give you peace and will continue carrying you for as long as you need to be carried.

With all our love,

Dick and Alicia###imported-begin###Dick and Alicia###imported-end###

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“ The Loss Of A Cousin

Collette N. Alaniz

My eyes filled up with tears as I heard the news

It never occurred to me, how much I could lose

I find myself wishing that it wasn't real

Every time I think about it, pain is all I feel

Tears fall from my eyes, I can barely see

But my heart tells me that he'll always be with me

I'm glad he feels no pain now-he lives in a perfect land

I can still feel the touch on my shoulder of his hand

I lie in bed and cry at night

I don't feel better in morning light

I will love and miss him forever

Until the day we are again together

Together in that perfect place above,

Filled with caring, sharing and love

But until that day comes-

I will wipe my tears away

waiting best I can til I see him again someday

###imported-begin###Beth###imported-end###

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“ RIP Nathan Beard ... The memories of us being friends growing up will always be remembered. I'm glad I knew you, You were a good guy with a big heart and a funny chuckle. You will be missed, Nate.##imported-begin##Brad Coyer##imported-end##

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“ Sally, My prayers go out to you and your entire family. ĩ½This has been a crushing shock to all who ever met Nathan. ĩ½He will be missed forever.##imported-begin##Steve Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Nate was sweetheart. ĩ½He will be missed by all. ĩ½##imported-begin##Lisa (Martin) Ortman##imported-end##

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“ Thoughts and prayers to all who were blessed to know him. May you find comfort in the Lord in this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Laura Martin##imported-end##

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“ Sally, My heart is breaking for you and your family. I wish there was something I could do to ease your pain. Remember that you are in my thoughts and prayers now and for a long time to come. I am so sorry for your loss. Love Debbie Neibert-Shanle##imported-begin##Debbie Neibert-Shanle##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and heart goes out to Nathan's family. May God give you peace & comfort in this time of grief. Continue to uplift each other and know that Nathan is in a better place.

##imported-begin##Carla Norton-Brown##imported-end##

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“ I never got to know Nathan but if he was anything like his father, he was a fine man. I hate to see this type of tragedy strike a family, and to see a man so young leave us in the prime of his life. My thoughts and love are with you, Joe, and your family.##imported-begin##Diane Beard Bell##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally and family,

I was so shocked to hear of your loss. Please know that the Arseneau family is praying for you.##imported-begin##Michelle Arseneau Gilhooly##imported-end##

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“ Although it has been years since I've seen Nathan, he is a part of many special childhood memories. My heart breaks for the Martell and Beard families at this tragic time. May the peace and love of Christ help to guide you through this. Much love from our family to yours.

Michael, Sarah (Raiche), Ellie and Carson Callis###imported-begin##Sarah Raiche Callis###imported-end##

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“ Sally and family,

 It is still unbelievable what tragedy was waiting for you just as we said goodbye to you on Monday evening. Our hearts ache for your loss and sadness at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. ĩ½We love you.###imported-begin##Jo Smalter###imported-end##

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“ Sally, dear - No one was ever a more loving mother. ĩ½You adore your children and they all feel it. ĩ½I wish I could take some of the pain and heaviness you, and all who deeply loved Nate, have to carry. ĩ½While I cannot, you know One who can and will.

You and yours are constantly on our prayers and I know God will give you His "Peace which surpasses all understanding."
ĩ½Much love, Pam###imported-begin##Pam Kingsley###imported-end##

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“ Chief: ĩ½I am so sorry for your loss and want you to know my prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Gallois###imported-begin###Marilyn Gallois###imported-end###

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“ I am heartbroken to hear of Nate's passing, and send my condolences to family and friends. ĩ½You are in my prayers.

I worked with Nate at Toys R Us. ĩ½I am privileged to have known him and to have spent many hours with him.

We had many interesting and often hilarious conversations about anything from politics to his grandma's farm to his old dog Schlamp. ĩ½His wit always brightened my day. ĩ½He was a good man with a big heart who loved his family greatly.

May God bless you and bring you peace.###imported-begin###Mike Senuta###imported-end###

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“ Dear Sally and Jim, Joe and Shelia, and Beard family.

The tragic loss you have suffered is sad beyond words. ĩ½We pray the Lord will be your comforter as you walk through the days ahead. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Brian and Sharon Milone###imported-end###

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“ Our hearts go out to the family of Nathan in this time of great loss. What can be worse than losing a child? Let your strength and faith carry you through. You are in our thoughts and prayers...*##imported-begin##Dan and Mary Ann Kirsch##imported-end##*

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“ Nate was a true friend that cannot be replaced. I am truly sorry for the loss of a great man. To Nate's family, I am sorry for your great loss. Take comfort in knowing that Nate was a great man that was destined for many great things. Our lord called for him because he had served his purpose. Maybe that was to touch the lives of the friends and family he touched.*##imported-begin##Lee Williams##imported-end##*

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“ My thoughts and prayers will be with the entire family. I had not seen Nate in quite a while but all of my memories were absolutely positive. He was the kind of person you just wanted to be around because of his outstanding personality. This world truly lost a great person.*##imported-begin##Nate McCue##imported-end##*

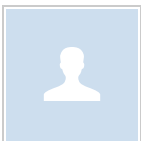
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“ It deeply saddens my heart to know that Nate has been taken from all who love him. I had the pleasure of getting to know him and his highly infectious laugh once you got him going and I will remember him this way. He was a man who truly loved his family and my prayers are with you as I know the pain you are feeling. May God Bless you all.

Jimmy Ramirez
##imported-begin##Jim Ramirez##imported-end##

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“ We are heart broken over your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you ALL.

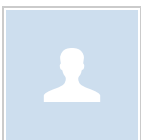
May God give you the comfort you'll need in the days to come.##imported-begin##Gina and Warren Mason##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Clark Erickson##imported-end##

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“ Please take solace in knowing that Nate was loved by all. His easy smile and quick wit will be missed by all of us. I am thankful to have known him and that he and my son were best friends.##imported-begin##Tina Haigh##imported-end##

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“ Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,

bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk

through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid,

for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff

protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me

in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me

all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the Lord

forever.

###imported-begin###Kimberly Williams###imported-end###

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“ I want you to know how very sorry I am about your loss. Though I know that words of sympathy may not help to ease your pain right now, please know that I care. I so appreciated Nate. I couldn't have asked for a better next-door neighbor. The kindness he showed me will never be forgotten. ###imported-begin###Sharon Milnes###imported-end###

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“ Dear Sally, Jim, & family, Please know that we are thinking of you and holding you in our prayers. Let your precious memories sustain you through your grief. May you find comfort in knowing Nathan is with the Lord, your mother, and many dear loved ones. Nathan was blessed with a beautiful family. We are so sorry for your loss & always here for you.##imported-begin##Glen & Linda Fox##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! You will be missed...##imported-begin##Amanda Barrett##imported-end##

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“ Dear Joe and family, Sally and family, Marilyn and Jill and extended family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

With very fond thoughts and memories of you all.

Your old friend Craig Davis.##imported-begin##Craig Davis##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Beard family. We are deeply saddened to hear the news. Nate was an incredible person, friend, classmate and fraternity brother. Nate will definitely be missed.

Delta Chi Fraternity Alumni
Northern Illinois University
##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally - We were so saddened to hear the news about your terrible loss.

My heart breaks for you and your family. i¿½Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days.

God be with and hold you in his loving arms.##imported-begin##Don and Mary Lou Pallissard##imported-end##

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“ Chief & family,

 i¿½My thoughts and pryers are with you during this time of grief.##imported-begin##Brian Allen##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Coyer Family##imported-end##

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“ Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to you and your family for the loss of your Son & Brother. i¿½Nate will be remembered by many. i¿½His fondest memories will be with you always, in your hearts and minds forever. i¿½Talk about him often and remember his laughter and your special times together.

I am so sorry and sad that you have to endure this heartache. i¿½

God Be With You,

##imported-begin##Betty & Hoagy Akerman##imported-end##

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“ *My prayers are with you for peace and comfort in this tragic loss. May God hold you close and comfort you and may your fond memories bring you some solace.##imported-begin##Mary Thomson##imported-end##*

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