



Bryan Stephen Smith

March 22, 2016

Bryan Stephen Smith, 54, of Fort Mill, SC died Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Bryan was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2008. His strength shown following the diagnoses was an inspiration.

Born October 7, 1961, Bryan was raised in Fort Mill, SC. He was the son of Joyce Howey Smith Griffin and the late Mason Baker Smith. Bryan was only 2 years old when he lost his father and was raised by his mother, a single parent, until she remarried in 1969. At that time they moved to Spartanburg, SC where he attended Dorman High School. Following high school Bryan attended Spartanburg Technical College earning an associates degree in business.

Bryan had a love for animals. His passion for working with animals combined with his background and interest in business developed into a lifelong career. His work began as a veterinarian technician in Jacksonville, FL. After relocating to Fort Mill in 1992, Bryan continued his work as a veterinarian technician eventually leading him to employment with the Humane Society of Charlotte where he worked for over 15 years advancing to a management position. One of Bryan's favorite hobbies was to attend, participate and enter local and regional dog shows. His dog Jade was an award winning Lasa Apso. His pets were a big part of his life. Other pets included Sapphire a Siamese cat and two other Lasa Apsos Onyx and Wrigley. Bryan was devoted to his pets but the companionship which they provided him through the last years of his life was truly a gift to him.

Bryan was an avid reader and activist. He was deeply involved with environmental, political and local concerns which led him to run for Fort Mill Town Council in 2007 and 2008 as the Green Party Candidate. More information about Bryan can be found at www.greenpartywatch.org. He was a regular contributor for the "Politics" column in the YC Magazine from approximately 2008-2012.

Bryan is survived by his mother, Joyce Griffin; his sister, Allison Griffin and his brother, Dr. Christopher Griffin of Fort Mill.

The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2016, at the Chapel of Wolfe Funeral Home, with the Rev. Sally Franklin officiating. Burial will be at Unity Cemetery. Visitation will be held at 3 p.m. one hour prior to the funeral service.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Wolfe Funeral Home

314 Spratt Street, Fort Mill, SC, US, 29715

MAR **Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Bryan was a good man. He was a man of principle and courage. When he told me about his diagnosis I was honestly afraid to ask more. I didn't want to hear that things wouldn't go well, that he might pass too early. I should not have worried.

Bryan never focused exclusively on his health, instead asking me about mine and telling me about other things. It wasn't his fear, but mine he was concerned about.

I only learned today about Bryan's passing and I am so sorry for you all. We are better people for knowing Bryan.

Gregg Jocoy - March 31, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ The funeral was beautifully done thanks to the incredible kindness of family and friends. The sun was brightly shining and a wonderful breeze accompanied us by the grave side. Bryan would have been amused by the annoyance of hundreds of little green inch worms. Bryan loved warm weather. Mom said he would count the days until spring. Spring arrived just in time for Bryan to say good bye.

Christopher Griffin - March 26, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart. For as long there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts. - Author Unknown
May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

With heartfelt condolences.

Kiesa - March 25, 2016 at 12:56 AM