



Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd

November 18, 1961 - October 26, 2019

Brian D. Vredevoogd, age 57, passed away unexpectedly Saturday evening, October 26, 2019. Born in Zeeland to Clarence and Johanna Vredevoogd, Brian devoted his life to impacting the lives of middle schoolers. For 36 years he taught Bible and History at Muskegon Christian School and Western Michigan Christian High School and Middle School. He was a founding member and elder of Celebration Community Church.

Brian loved to travel, dote on his grandkids, read voraciously, and extend hikes to fit in one more waterfall. He was married to his best friend for 37 years.

Brian is survived by his wife Sue; his children: Joshua (Sara) Vredevoogd, Justin (Cassie) Vredevoogd; his grandchildren: Emaline and Chloe; his mother; his siblings: Rick (Dianne) Vredevoogd; Jackie (Carl) Adema, Paula (Dan) Triezenberg, Mary (Harold) Veldman; as well as many nieces and nephews. Brian was preceded in death by his father.

We gather to celebrate his life, his puns, and his copious travel photos in a Memorial Service at the Western Michigan Christian High School gymnasium on Monday, November 4th 2019 at 11am. Visitation will be held Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 from 2pm to 5pm at the Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brian's memory may be made to Celebration Community Church, Muskegon Christian School, or Western Michigan Christian High School.

Cemetery

Norton Cemetery

743-761 Airport Rd.

Norton Shores, MI,

49441

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49444

NOV **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Western Michigan Christian High School Gymnasium

455 Ellis Rd., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49441

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



February 13, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



November 02, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



November 02, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Dear Sue, I remember when you and Brian got married. Tim was one of Brian's groomsmen. When we were sitting at the reception Brian leaned over his brother and said "You need to get some of the medicine that I got today to keep me from fainting." The brother that was sitting by us started to smile. When Brian turned back to talk to you or back to his lunch. The brother looked at Tim and said that Tim did not need to bother because it was just powdered sugar in a pill case. Brian's mom had the pharmacy make it up for him because he was so worried about fainting. It would not happen today. But I just love that story.

Much love and prayers.
Mary Koster

Mary Lynn Koster - October 31, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Jean Spencer and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



Jean Spencer and family - October 31, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ John Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd



John Armstrong - October 30, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ I always enjoyed talking with Brian, sharing how life was treating each of us, and thankful for his encouragement and appreciation of the various activities I was involved in while at Celebration. I especially enjoying being in the dramas with him! My late wife, Shelley, and I had great times at their house - playing games, talking, laughing, catching up on how the kids were doing, etc.
I'm so saddened knowing that he's gone from our lives, but rejoicing knowing he's now Home with our Lord (and prob laughing it up with Shelley!).
To Sue, Josh, Justin, and your families - My heart and soul are reaching out to you, and my prayers are being lifted up for peace and comfort to you now...

John Armstrong - October 30, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



October 30, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



October 30, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Our family met Brian just last summer (2018) when he came to paint my porches. In conversation with him, we learned of his kindness in helping others and his love of teaching. We are so very sad for the news of his death, but we rejoice that he is safely home with his wonderful Savior. May his legacy continue to bring glory to the Lord.

Francine Busch - October 30, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ Mr V was always one of my very favorite teachers. Looking back, I see how incredibly influential he was in my life, and it’s always been cool to hear how much my brothers love his classes, the same way I did. It’s sad to lose such an amazing person and educator so soon. Very sorry for your loss

Molly Patton - October 30, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ I recently started a teaching position and Mr. Vredevoogd exemplifies everything that I hope to be for my students. Passionate, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and caring. He will be missed!

Caitie (Marlatt) Davis - October 30, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Brian’s passing. He was so full of life and had a special gift of bringing that excitement and love of learning to our sons and so many others. Our deepest sympathies to you Sue and your boys. May God hold you all close and give you comfort and strength in knowing he is with God and you will see him again.

Peg Rop - October 30, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Mr. Vredevoogd was a truly amazing person! He had a positive impact and helped to shape the lives of so many students. He was passionate about everything he did and always made class fun and entertaining. He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Megan Vasquez - October 30, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Mr. Vredevoogd was one of my all time favorite teachers. I have so many memories from his classroom. He has shaped and influenced so many young people. My thoughts and prayers are with his family

Chris Albertie - October 29, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ My prayers are with the Vredevoogd family. 8th grade Bible at MCS set the foundation for my love for scripture and relationship with the Lord. I am so thankful for Mr. V's influence in my life and, no doubt, on many others!

Brett Cavanaugh - October 29, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Mr. V was one of my favorite teachers and made me fall in love with history and the Bible. My favorite lesson he taught was colonization as he had us create our own colonies, and guided us in making decisions. We had to be lawyers and each had jobs to make our civilization run. I taught my 4th graders in a similar manner during student teaching last fall with a project where they had to make decisions and be independent. Mr. V was one of the teachers that inspired me to become a teacher. I am now passionate about history and I believe he stemmed that interest with his talent of teaching. I am thankful for his influence on my life in the many years that I knew him.

Erin Rogalla - October 29, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ Brian and Sue have been close family friends for 15 years. I spent every month with Brian and Sue at book club for well over 12 years. Brian and Sue have introduced us to many board games. Our families have watched Michigan football games together. Brian has painted two of houses. He stopped painting shortly after he painted our cathedral ceiling, it was very high.

Brian was compassionate, kind, a great listener and a friend.

I loved the insights he would bring to book club even though us girls often disagreed. I loved his passion for history and his memory for historical facts.

Brian's laughter and smile could fill a room.

Sue, Josh, Sara, Justin, Cassie, Emaline and Chloe, Brian loved you all so much. It was evident in the way he would always share photos or stories with us. I loved hearing your family stories of camping and traveling together. I loved how your family always tried to visit a zoo on every trip and the far away reaches Brian would go to find a waterfall.

His family was his life.

Brian was one of the greatest teachers I have known. He was passionate about his students and his work. Being a teacher myself, he set a great example to follow.

Brian and Sue have always been there to walk beside me and give me great advice as my family was growing.

We have shared a lot over those book club years joy, sadness, laughter, tears, good advice, and wisdom. I treasure those memories everyday.

God has welcomed a good and faithful servant into his welcoming arms. Our hearts are full sadness right now, however we rejoice knowing we will all spend eternity together one day.

Our family is praying for peace and comfort for the Vredevoogd family.

Rebecca Till - October 29, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ We express our sympathy to Brian's family. May you experience the closeness of God & friends at this time.

Ted & Dar Hewitt - October 29, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ Mr Vredevoogd was my kids bible and history teacher at Muskegon Christian Elementary. I will always remember him speaking like Kermit the Frog. He was a very well loved teacher. My sincere condolences to all who knew and loved him
Jaime Christenson

Jaime Christenson - October 29, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Brian D. Vredevoogd.



October 29, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Brian was a favorite teacher to my kids and a treasured colleague of my husband. I will miss running into him at Meijer as I did so often! And like his dad who was one of my favorite teachers, Brian has touched so many lives. Sue, we have no words. Just know we will remember you and your family in prayer, pleading for comfort and peace.

Arlene DeKam - October 29, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ Brian's smile was infectious. I'll never forget the dramas in Celebration church in which he participated in. He was an all around lovable person and will be missed... Gone to early for us but a welcome addition to the kingdom of heaven.

Kathy and Robert Meyer



kathy meyer - October 29, 2019 at 02:20 PM