



Bryan McHenry

October 9, 1953 - August 6, 2006

Bryan Clifton McHenry was born October 9, 1953 to Holland and Nola McHenry in Sheridan Wyoming. The sun set on his life July 31, 2006. Bryan moved to Huntsville in 1972 to earn a degree in Criminal Justice after receiving an Associate Degree from Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. It was at this time he met Mertha Irving and they were married January 17, 1976. In Sheridan, Bryan spent 20 years driving an eighteen wheeler cross country. He earned the highest safety awards for never being involved in an accident. Trucking provided many wonderful opportunities for him and his family to travel and learn about the country. They visited 49 states and Canada. In 1992, the McHenry family returned to Huntsville. Bryan finished his Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice and minored in English. He went on to earn his Masters in English and minored in ESL. During this time Bryan also earned his certification while teaching 4th grade at Samuel W. Houston Elementary. Soon after receiving his Masters, Bryan became a lecturer in the English department at Sam Houston State University. He also taught ESL for four years at Conroe High School. He had a love for knowledge and enjoyed trying to pass that love on to his students. Bryan was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, camping, driving a team of draft horses and fishing. The Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming always held a special place in his heart; it was home. His other hobbies included photography, crocheting, writing poetry, leather tooling, and cross word puzzles. He also enjoyed the classics. Bryan leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Mertha, 2 wonderful sons Jaryn

Quade of Buffalo Wyoming and Kody Clifton McHenry of Huntsville, and God son Christopher Crawford of Huntsville. His parents Nola and Holland McHenry of Sheridan, Wyoming, mother-in-law Hattie Irving, sister Tracy Richie and husband Elliott of Amarillo, Texas, sister Hollie Braunschweig and husband Bryan of Holts Summit, Missouri, brother-in-law Wayne Irving and wife Lois of Huntsville, brother-in-law Frazier Nickens of Houston along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his brother Hadd McHenry. A service in celebration of his life will be held Sunday August 6, 2006 at 2 PM in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com. Flowers or donations to charity.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bryan McHenry*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. McHenry and Sons,
I just wanted to let you know how very sorry I am to hear about Mr. McHenry's death. I was in his Spring 2006 night class, and I can honestly say that he was one of my all time favorite teachers. His laughter was contagious, and he had the most interesting and unique ways of looking at things and opening your mind. I am so honored to have had the chance to have him as a teacher, and he will be greatly missed.*

Kelly Keeland Peck - August 23, 2006 at 02:44 PM



“ *I am truly sorry to hear about the death of your husband. He was a good man and always strived for the best in his students. I will never forget him. I am forever grateful that I was a student of his and got to know the man he is before his life was cut unexpectedly. I thank God that Mr. McHenry was able to touch other students lives the same as he did mine. Your family will be in my prayers. Much love to you all.*

Ekene Onochie - August 22, 2006 at 01:52 PM

JM

“ I was very surprised to see in the Sheridan Press, that Brian had passed! My heart goes out to his wife and his boys who he loved and always spoke so highly of. And to of course his parents. I worked with Bryan at Wal-Mart in Sheridan when it opened in 1990. We talked about how the Forest Service should use draft horses to clear areas to steep on the Big Horns to use other equipment. Recently his cousin Jill came to Worland to work for a company that I was on the Board of. When I saw her name (McHenry) I had to ask was she related to Bryan. I haven't seen him in 14 years but I remember him with great fondness. My most sincere condolences to the family.

Janet Maxwell - August 15, 2006 at 09:05 AM

AN

“ Dear Mrs. McHenry a*k*a Aunt Mertha. I was so shocked and saddened when I heard of Uncle Bryan's death. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and the boys. I was so glad that I got to see and speak to him at the family reunion, he gave me such great advice about college and he told me that I can call on him whenever I needed help. I know he is up high looking over you and the family. We will all miss him dearly. Just remember you are never alone, he will be here with you everyday for the rest of your life. We are all here for you and you are going to make it through this because you are such a strong woman. I love you always. Arnetia.

Arnetia Nickens - August 10, 2006 at 03:11 PM

JF

“ Dear Mertha, Jaryn, Kody and family, It was with great sadness that I read of Bryan's passing. He was so young and so loved. I'll never forget all the fun he shared with the special kids at SJHS from rides in his semi to the special wagon train adventure. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Judy Faurot

Judy Faurot - August 10, 2006 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ We send our Deepest Sympathy to Mertha, and his kids that he Loved so dearly, also to Holland, & Nola, Tracy and Elliott, and Holly.

Bryan was always full of fun and chuckles, family he heald first, then came the horses with the wide open country.

*May the Peace and Comfort of Our Lord be with you all...
Dale & Sandy Atchley*

Dale & Sandy Atchley - August 10, 2006 at 10:56 AM

LM

“ My deepest sympathy to Brian McHenry Family. Brian has touched all our lives in a positive manner. With words of encouragement of just a look or smile that was Brian.His presence will truly be missed by all. A telephone conversation to assist in Math or English or just a funny word that was Brian. A good cousin,friend,Father, Husband all the above describes Brian. God be with your Family. Liller Mae I Love All Of You

*Name: Liller McGuire Minor
address: 11 Ross McBride Lane
address2: Huntsville, Tx 77340
telephone: 936-291-3335*

Liller McGuire Minor - August 07, 2006 at 11:33 AM

TT

“ Shirlee and I are deeply saddened by your loss. We have great memories of you and your family and all of you are in our prayers. This world has greatly benefitted by the life of Bryan. Tom and Shirlee Tynan

Tom and Shirlee Tynan - August 07, 2006 at 11:15 AM

SS

“ Dear Mertha, Jaryn, & Kody.....

We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bryan was a very nice person, and we encourage you to find joyful memories in the life that he lived on this earth. Always remember that we love you, and we're always here for you.
Shirlette, Shannon, & Shaun

Shirlette Deveraux & Sons - August 06, 2006 at 11:14 PM

ES

“ Mertha and Boys,

I was saddened to hear of Bryan's death. He and I shared a long year at Sam Houston, but we helped each other get through. Bryan was always upbeat and had something good to say about the worst situations. His love of family, literature, and kids was contagious. I know these are the qualities he conveyed to his sons and that the things he held so dear will live on in them. His mind was quick, and always open to change for the better. I sincerely enjoyed being his teaching partner and know that he enriched my life as he did the lives of his students. He left the world a better place, and I know you will miss him. May God give you peace and strength to deal with this untimely loss.

Eddene Smith

Eddene Smith - August 06, 2006 at 08:01 PM

HB

“ Mert, JQ and Cody - Thinking of all of you today and always. His obituary was perfect and reminded us of the good times. Even though we don't talk or see each other often - you are thought of often and cherished. And we are so sorry for your loss. Love Hollie and Bry

Hollie and Bryan Braunschweig - August 06, 2006 at 07:30 PM

MS

“ Dear Mertha and boys;

We were saddened to read of Bryan's passing yesterday in the Sheridan Press. We have Bryan and you to thank for introducing us to draft horses and the Big Horn mountains in Sheridan, Wyoming during the 5 day wagon train you took us on in 1990. Bryan was an excellent teacher in driving these big horses and we were so impressed with them, that a year later we bought Babe and Belle and in 1995 when I retired we decided to move to Sheridan after numerous trips back. Thankyou to you both and whenever I drive a team, I'll remember Bryan as my first instructor showing me how to do it right!

Mike and Maria Shanley - August 06, 2006 at 11:45 AM

KB

“ *Mac and Nola, Mert, Jaryn and Kody and McHenry family I was shocked to read the paper today in Sheridan and see that Bryan had crossed over. I know with all my heart that he had a wonderful brother and grandparents over there helping him to cross. May the Great Spirit help you through these times with ease and peace. If there is anything I can do on this end, just let me know, even if it is and ear to listen (give me a call if you wish). My thoughts are with you and sending you Love and Light.*

Kathy Brandt - August 05, 2006 at 06:18 PM

CS

“ Mrs.MacHenry first of all I'm so sorry to hear what had happen to Mr.MacHenry I don't know how you feel as a wife But i know how i feel as a student i was Mr.McHenry's student 3 years ago and believe me he wasnt just a teacher for me, he was like a second dad he was always pushing me to do stuff that i didnt believe i could do and i thank him for that. He was always taking care of me if i did something wrong he knew it even before i knew it because he did care about me. He was always reading or writing poems but there was another thing that he always do talk about his family, he would always talk about you and his two wonderfull sons that made him happy. i dont think I'm going to be able to make it tomorrow but i'm sure that i will miss him and he will always be in my heart as my best high school teacher.

carina sierra - August 05, 2006 at 05:17 PM

LJ

“ Mert,
My thoughts and Pryers are with you and the boys and also Uncle Holly and Aunt Nonie and the rest of the McHenry Family. I have many great memories of Brian, but I will always remember him teaching me to ride a horse even before I was able to walk (well maybe not before I could walk, but very little). He was a great guy and I always looked up to him. He will be missed.

LaVerne Jackson - August 05, 2006 at 01:52 PM

LS

“ Mertha, I am so shocked and saddened at Bryan's sudden death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys. Bryan was a special friend and colleague at SHE as we shared a lot of hard work and fun times in the portables!!!!

Linda Shearer - August 05, 2006 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ Mertha , I'm so sorry for your loss. Though I hadn't seen you and Bryan for a long time in Sheridan,, I certainly do remember the times when he enjoyed his horses so much in this area. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mary Hamilton - August 05, 2006 at 08:40 AM

DH

“ Dear Mertha,
I was deeply shocked and saddened to lose such a great friend as Bryan.

One of my fondest memories is the delight of having both you and Bryan in my graduate course together several years ago now. The last time I talked with Bryan--sometime during the spring semester-- he was absolutely glowing with the news of your pursuing your master's degree. He was so proud of you! But this was a typical exchange. He was always talking about you and the boys!

Bryan was an excellent student, an excellent teacher, a dedicated husband and father, a truly great man with an incredible sense of humor. I will miss him.

Please know that I am praying for you and your family.

Fondly,
Darci Hill

Darci Hill - August 04, 2006 at 06:09 PM

LW

“ Mrs. Mchenry,
I am deeply sadden by this, i do not know if you remeber but i was just a little 4th grade student and Mr. Mchenry was my favoriote teacher at samual houston elementry. He inspired me to be what i am today. My prayers are with you all.
If i can be at any assistance, or if you need anything at all. Just ask.
God bless you all,

Leah Vincent - Warren - August 04, 2006 at 10:49 AM

BL

“ Dear Mertha,
I was was so sorry to hear of Bryan's death.
You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers. I will remember Bryan as a devoted husband and father and a dedicated and caring teacher.
You have always been a special friend to me and I would like to offer my help in any way.

Betty Lewis

Betty and Dean Lewis - August 04, 2006 at 08:54 AM

DD

“ Mertha and boys: I remember Bryan so vividly as a student and colleague. We will treasure his friendship and our prayers are with you.
Diane Dowdey and James Watson

Diane Dowdey - August 03, 2006 at 05:39 PM

CH

“ Dear Mertha, I want you to know that I'm thinking of you and praying for you and your boys everyday. Lean on your faith and God will take care of you and lead you through this.

Love, Carrie Hildebrandt

Carrie Hildebrandt - August 03, 2006 at 04:10 PM

RS

“ Dear Mertha and boys,
I was so shocked to read about Bryan in the newspaper. Our family had recently talked about how neat it would be if Nathan could have Mr. McHenry as his teacher for English at Sam. We are deeply saddened because of your loss. We know that your faith will carry you through and that God will be with you every day. Our prayers are with you!!

Love and sympathy,
Renee Spencer and family

Renee Spencer - August 03, 2006 at 02:56 PM

KJ

“ Mertha,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You are so special to me and I want you to know I am thinking of you everyday.
God Bless.

Keli Jacewitz - August 03, 2006 at 02:30 PM

JR

“ Mrs. McHenry, I was quite saddened to hear of your loss, my deepest condolences, may God be with him forever. Bryan and I worked together the last couple of years in the ESL department at Conroe High. I can not put into words the great fondness and respect I had for him. He was always looking out for me, I used to joke with him how he was becoming my second father.

He loved many things in life, but always spoke of his family, and riding his bike. The kids loved him, and thought the world of him. I am going to miss him tremendously, he will always have a place in my heart.

Joe Rodriguez - August 03, 2006 at 01:55 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. McHenry. He was my english professor for two semesters and was the best teacher in college that I've ever had. He was also a good person and had many interesting stories to share with everyone. He will be greatly missed. You and the kids are in my prayers.

Angela K Sanders-Perry - August 03, 2006 at 12:57 PM

MD

“ Mrs. McHenry,
We are very sad to hear about Mr. McHenry. Our deepest condolences to you and your children. I am very sorry about his loss. I know he was a great teacher to my sister and brother. Who they loved so much. My brother always kept saying that he was his favorite teacher of all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. McHenry. We will all miss him so much. Please let me know if you or your family need anything, anything at all. My thoughts are with you.

Maria Duarte-Gomez and Duarte Family

Maria Duarte - August 02, 2006 at 10:30 PM

CA

“ Mrs. McHenry & Family,
It's hard for me to say how sorry and sad I am about what's
happened. You all know how close I was to Mr. McHenry and how
much he meant to me. He was a great teacher and person. He
inspired me to be my best inside and outside of the classroom. He
will be missed greatly especially by me.

Carlicia Alexander - August 02, 2006 at 09:40 PM

SW

“ Stuart and I express our most sincere sympathy for your loss. You
are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stuart & Beth Williamson - August 02, 2006 at 08:43 PM

TB

“ Dear Mrs. MacHenry
I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.
My prayers are with you

Tracy Bilsing - August 02, 2006 at 03:19 PM

LL

“ I was saddened by the new of your loss. Mr. McHenry always had a
smile for us in the Counseling Center at Conroe High. He was a
great mentor to our students and the students really liked him. He
will be greatly missed.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Linda Lane, Counselor

Linda Lane - August 02, 2006 at 03:07 PM

MT

“ Mrs. McHenry, Kody and Jaryn. I'm so sorry for your loss. My family is praying for you. Take care and stay strong

Mark Thibodeaux - August 02, 2006 at 12:54 PM

AH

“ I had the wonderful pleasure of being a student in Mr. McHenry's English class almost three years ago, as well as a fellow high school classmate of your eldest son. I would like to express my deepest sympathy for you and your family at this difficult time. Mr. McHenry was full of stories stemming from the love of his family to his love of education. He was truly one of the greatest professors at Sam Houston State.

April Henry - August 02, 2006 at 09:50 AM

ST

“ I am so sad for you and your family. I remember Bryan from our days at HISD and his great attitude about life in general. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sandy Thompson

Sandy Thompson - August 02, 2006 at 09:04 AM

BJ

“ As Bryan's officemate several years ago, I came to respect him as a teacher, husband, father, and friend. I loved his sense of humor. I will never forget him. My thoughts and prayers go with you.

Barbara Jones - August 02, 2006 at 08:16 AM

PC

“ Dear Mrs. McHenry,

My deepest condolences.

I knew Bryan as both a student in one of my graduate classes and a teaching colleague; he was a rare, rare individual. He will be greatly missed here.

Paul Child

Paul Child - August 01, 2006 at 10:32 PM

SK

“ *I'd spoken with Bryan many times when I'd be at the office late. He gave me so much good advice on teaching, and his knowledge will be missed. I'd heard many great comments from his students, too. You are in my thoughts.*

Steve Kaminczak - August 01, 2006 at 07:53 PM

MB

“ *Mrs. MacHenry, I worked across the hall from your husband as a new adjunct, and I only had the opportunity to chat with him a few times. However, I remember noticing the flowers you had sent him for a special occasion a few months ago, and how pleased he was to receive them. When he said the two of you had been married 30 years (I believe), he said it with such a smile, like a man still deeply in love with his wife and very content to be married, that it nearly brought me to tears (of joy). What a blessing and a testimony to you both.*

My sympathies to you at what must be a most difficult time for you and your family.

Mrs. Thieme Bittick - August 01, 2006 at 06:27 PM

FF

“ We are very sorry to learn of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Frances Crawford Fennessy and family

Frances Crawford Fennessy - August 01, 2006 at 05:55 PM

HH

“ Mrs. MacHenry,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you---

Helena Halmari Adams and Rob Adams

Helena Halmari - August 01, 2006 at 05:37 PM