



Grant M. Guetterman

September 11, 1976 - August 1, 2014

Grant M. Guetterman, age 37 of Highland, IL, died Friday, August 01, 2014, at Saint Louis University Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Saturday, September 11, 1976, in Belleville, IL, the son of R. Wayne and Donna L. (nee Frey) Guetterman.

He was a former member of the Highland Community Church, Highland, IL.

Born at Belleville, IL; grew up in Highland, IL and graduated from Highland High School in 1994. In 1998 he received a BS degree and in 2005 a Master degree both from SIU-E. He worked for Sam's Pizza while in high school; later for Neubauer's Market and Catering for four years. He was a licensed Clinical Social Worker; a drug and alcohol counselor for the state of Illinois, and managed a unit in an inpatient rehabilitation facility for teenagers for the last 12 years with Chestnut Health Systems, Maryville, IL. He was a long time volunteer with H.I.S. K.I.D.S., he held many leadership roles and was integral in starting the counselor in training program within the organization. He was involved with AWANA activities at the Highland Community Church for many years. He was an avid St. Louis Blues and Cardinals fan and proud of his home and family. He liked working outdoors, golfing, bowling (he bowled a 300 game) and his dog "Marley". He and his fiancée Kateri were planning their wedding for February 2015.

Survivors include:

Parents - R. Wayne and Donna L. (nee Frey) Guetterman, Branson, MO

Fiancee - Kateri M. Purtle, Highland, IL

Step Daughter - Kennedy Melia Purtle, Highland, IL

Step Son - Donovan William Purtle, Highland, IL

Sister - Lori S. (Edward) Hainaut, Glen Carbon, IL

Sister - Jene' K. (special friend-Stacey Bone) Guetterman, Glen Carbon, IL

Nephew - Benjamin R. Hainaut, Glen Carbon, IL

Nephew - Zachary D. Hainaut, Glen Carbon, IL

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 05, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 05, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Leonard E. Pye, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Highland, IL, officiating.

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Wednesday, August 06, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 06, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, Highland, IL, with Fr. Charles A. Edwards, Pastor, St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to H.I.S. K.I.D.S..

Tribute Wall



“ Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Grant M. Guetterman



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - August 05, 2014 at 09:13 AM

DO

You know, I really miss Grant and every time I think about him I will probably tear up

Donovan - November 04, 2018 at 01:58 AM

DO

And you know, for most people there will be a day that someone special in your life like Grant will pass, but you have to know to just fight through it because you need to know that they will always be there with you

Donovan - November 04, 2018 at 03:09 AM

AH

“ I do not know Grant, never heard of this man a day in my life. Before today that is. His obituary was moving. Here is a young man who had a sense of mission. He knew that help was needed and he was the one that wanted to give it. All too often, this is a thankless job. But I've stopped by here to thank you Grant. Thank you for all of the hard work you did to serve others. Thank you for taking the time to recognize and accept why you were put here on earth. I thank you for carrying on the message of Jesus Christ, even if you knew not that you were doing it. You may have for all I know. May your presence here on earth be remembered as the touching, hard working, caring person you were. God bless you my brother from another mother. Wish I would have known you.

With sincerity, and kind regards.

*Allen Holston
Carlyle, IL*

Allen Holston - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 PM

AJ

“ Ashley Juetta lit a candle in memory of Grant M. Guetterman



Ashley Juetta - August 06, 2014 at 02:57 PM

AJ

Grant always had such patience and understanding when working with the boys. He had so much care for them. He really helped me grow as a counselor and taught me so much. I'll forever be thankful. My thoughts are with his family.

Ashley Juetta - August 06, 2014 at 03:03 PM

MS

“ Michael S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Grant M. Guetterman.



Michael S. - August 06, 2014 at 10:56 AM

NS

“ I had the pleasure of having this wonderful, intelligent and energetic young man as one of my assigned interns while working at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. In 2004 I began working at Chestnut Health Systems in the Belleville office. That summer of 2004 I ran into Grant at the picnic at Maryville. I had no idea he worked there. He came up to me, gave me a huge hug and told me I made a difference in his life. Well, Grant you made a difference in my life and the many lives of others. Grant's legacy will live on in all the children he helped, co-workers, friends, his family and anyone who had the pleasure of having him touch their lives. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Nancy Spencer

Nancy Spencer - August 06, 2014 at 09:18 AM

BF

“ Sorry we are not with you Kateri. Grant was a wonderful friend and we will miss him always. You (and Grant) are in our hearts and prayers. Tom and Betsy Frisse.

Betsy Frisse - August 05, 2014 at 06:03 PM

JO

“ Grant was my internship site supervisor and without his helped I wouldn't have accomplished my goal of obtaining my master's degree in counseling. I aspire to be great like Grant. Prayers to the family, he is definitely missed.

Jocelyn

Jocelyn - August 05, 2014 at 03:32 PM

BC

“ Brent Cummins lit a candle in memory of Grant M. Guetterman



Brent Cummins - August 05, 2014 at 02:38 PM

BC


I keep thinking of when I first met Grant in 2002. He was on a 2nd interview with Chestnut Health Systems. We were supervising the boys playing soccer and I had forgotten that we needed to get dinner from the hospital. Grant tells me that he'd be happy to help me with that. We started talking and have worked side by side helping each other & helping kids improve their lives for the last 12 years. He'd recently told me how much he's missed being at work and has missed his co-workers terribly. He made everyone around him such a better person.

Brent Cummins - August 05, 2014 at 02:57 PM

KB

“ My heartfelt sorrow goes out to Grant's family. We worked together at Chestnut Health Systems and I will miss him very much. I guess God needed him more. Love and Prayers, Kathy Buchanan

Kathy buchanan - August 05, 2014 at 01:16 PM


Carolyn
Plog

“ *My heart is grieved to hear of Grant's passing. Heaven may have gained a wonderful soul, but what a great loss to those left on earth! My prayers are with family, friends and co-workers.*

CJ (Endicott) Plog

Carolyn Plog - August 05, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ *Marshun Walker lit a candle in memory of Grant M. Guetterman*



Marshun Walker - August 05, 2014 at 12:58 AM

ML

“ *An outstanding social worker and clinician. He made a difference in many young lives. So sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mary L. Plocher MSW LCSW - August 04, 2014 at 07:05 PM

VL

“ Words cannot describe the impact you made in my life. You were such a patient person. As I struggle with anxiety, you always were able to calm me down and think more clearly. I could talk to you about anything and you would listen attentively. You showed you cared genuinely. You went to bat for me several times maybe when I didn't deserve it. You made me feel more confident in my abilities sometimes when I didn't believe in them myself. Going to work in Maryville will never be the same for me but I am so thankful to you for contributing to who I am today (a better person). I am deeply saddened and will treasure the time you were a part of my life forever. Much love, thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I miss you already!!

Vicky Liston - August 04, 2014 at 05:15 PM

BC

I remember he was bummed to lose you in residential when you went back to providing outpatient services. He always spoke very highly of you Vicky!!

Brent Cummins - August 05, 2014 at 02:34 PM

TF

“ **THE TRUMAN COFFEE & CAFE FAMILY** purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grant M. Guetterman.



THE TRUMAN COFFEE & CAFE FAMILY - August 04, 2014 at 04:49 PM

JW

“ Prayers with the family & friends. I worked with Grant for 3 years. He was a great man. Always had us smiling and laughing at work. He is already missed here at work. Will always be in my memories and heart. May God bless all of you.
Jamie

Jamie Wright - August 04, 2014 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ Jamie Wright lit a candle in memory of Grant M. Guetterman



Jamie Wright - August 04, 2014 at 04:29 PM

CR

“ Lori,
I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful brother. It seems he touched a lot of hearts here because everywhere I go in the hospital people that met or worked with him are still in tears. If there is anything you need I hope you know you only have to ask me.
Carolyn

Carolyn Roth - August 04, 2014 at 04:05 PM

SM

“ Sharon Meyer lit a candle in memory of Grant M. Guetterman



Sharon Meyer - August 04, 2014 at 03:21 PM

SM

I am truly sorry for your loss. Grant was a great man! I worked with him at Chestnut. Strength and prayers with family and friends.

Sharon Meyer - August 04, 2014 at 03:26 PM

MG

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Grant for two years! I really appreciated his heart and genuine passion for people. He was very patient, especially with me and I will never forget the things I've learned from him. My prayers are with the family and friends.*

Mark Goins - August 04, 2014 at 02:54 PM

BC

Have told you this many times...but he was so excited that you accepted the position. He often said that he valued your ideas and patience with kids that struggled in the program!

Brent Cummins - August 05, 2014 at 02:36 PM

SA

“ *Grant,
After I started working for Chestnut, I was so thankful to find a kindred spirit at the workplace. I will miss your advice and support; I'll miss you as brother in Christ. Thank you for all of your encouragement and I know I can say that on behalf of all of your co-workers! There will most definitely be a void here at Chestnut without your presence. The unit will not be the same...we will always miss you Papa Grant!*

Love, love, and more love to you and your loved ones!!! <3

Sarah

Sarah - August 04, 2014 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant M. Guetterman.*



August 04, 2014 at 11:42 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Grant M. Guetterman.*



August 04, 2014 at 08:43 AM



“ *Dear Wayne & Donna,
Patrick & I were so sorry to hear about the passing of your son, Grant.
From what Sandy has shared with me about Grant you know he now resides in his eternal home with our heavenly Father. Knowing this our prayers are that God blesses & comforts Wayne, you, Donna, & his love ones with His peace & love.*

*With Sympathy,
Patrick & Ellen Thomas*

EllenThomas - August 04, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant M. Guetterman.*



August 04, 2014 at 08:21 AM



“ *I worked with Grant five years ago, and he was intelligent, emphatic, witty and genuinely kind. He connected with adolescents and was both firm and nurturing with them, and he led his unit tirelessly. I pray his family finds comfort during this difficult time, and may God rest his soul.*

Dr. Diana Chu - August 04, 2014 at 07:37 AM



“ *I remember the time when I was behind on my one-on-one Acra sessions at work and was the only Residential Counselor who had not been certified. Well by Grant being " The Best " supervisor and person that he was. He called me into his office and sat with me for an hour coaching me on my sessions to prevent from writing me up. Lol, I was so motivated to hurry up and finish up my Acra sessions. That I finished in a weeks time and then he sent me a text saying , Congratulations Marshun you are now a Certified Residential Counselor. I am very proud of you. Way to go!!!. He was truly the Best!!!! We joked and laughed everyday at work. Without him there my day would be sluggish. My heart and prayers goes out to the family. We lost a Good Man, friend, and Supervisor.*

*Sincerely,
Marshun Walker*

Marshun Walker - August 03, 2014 at 08:27 PM

BC

He always wanted everyone to succeed and would go the extra mile to make it happen. Thanks for sharing this Marshun!

Brent Cummins - August 05, 2014 at 02:37 PM

CH

“ *So sorry to hear about Grant. We are praying for your family.*

Cheri Horstmann - August 03, 2014 at 06:24 PM

GH

“ *July 4th firework shows, Awana, sleepovers, barbeques, and the list goes on. I don't really know what to else to say. Prayers to Wayne, Donna and family and to Kateri and family.*

Greg Horstmann - August 03, 2014 at 11:36 AM

PL

“ *Donna, Larry and family,
Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very hard time in ones life. We watched the kids grow up together and can't understand why we lose them so quickly. But God has his plans and I'm sure Grant is in very good company. God Bless
Pam & Aimee Lecerf*

Pam & Aimee Lecerf - August 03, 2014 at 11:31 AM

CO

“ *We send our thoughts and prayers. Cori & Adam*

Cori - August 03, 2014 at 07:27 AM

SM

“ I remember when our families would hang out together. The kids would have a great time playing. As is the way for some of us, our family moved away. I often heard about the wonderful work Grant was doing. I also know he was strong in spirit. He fought the hard fight with his cancer. He believed there was a Devine plan for himself and that the Good Lord would look after him. Hopefully we will have a new guardian angel watching over us sporting that smile. I picture that boyish grin and it warms my heart thinking the suffering is gone and he can once again be strong and smiling. Love and prayers go to his families. Go with God my young friend. With love from Sherry Madden and family.

Sharon Madden - August 02, 2014 at 09:06 PM

TH

“ Love, strength and prayers! Love you!!! Tiff, John, Kayt and Grady

Tiffany Houston - August 02, 2014 at 08:11 PM