



Brady McGaughey Bohlender

June 15, 1999 - December 13, 2023

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Brady Bohlender, a remarkable soul who left us too soon at the age of 24. Brady was born to Rick and Melody Bohlender in Westminster, Colorado, on June 15, 1999. At the age of three Brady, and his family left Colorado and moved to Gordon, Nebraska, where he would reside for the next 16 years. Brady then attended the University of Northern Colorado.

Growing up on a farm/ranch, he developed a love for nature and animals. Brady thrived around the activities and athletics of a small rural Nebraska community. His love of hunting, fishing, spending time with his dogs, horses, roping, or being around cattle, and his connection with the outdoors was profound.

A formidable player, Brady's presence behind home plate, skill, and love for baseball inspired those around him. He was a team player and led his baseball team to many victories. Not only a teammate, Brady was also a friend to everyone and always stood up for what his beliefs were. He had strong convictions for inclusion, diversity, fair play, and peace.

Brady was known for his infectious laughter, quick wit, and his role as the family joker. As the baby brother of four children, he brought joy to his family and light into the lives of those who were fortunate to share their days with him. He was a loving son, handsome in heart and appearance. He was a

musician and expressed his thoughts, fears, experiences, and feelings through his playlists, the songs he wrote and played on his guitars and saxophone, and recorded in the studio.

Brady's faith was a source of strength for him and an inspiration to all who knew him. His unwavering belief in the power of love and kindness was a testament to the remarkable person he was. The tilled fields, an archery tree stand, a rod and reel, the back of a horse, the Rocky Mountains, and his family and friendships were his sanctuary.

Brady embraced life with contagious enthusiasm and his orneriness. His vibrant spirit and zest for life touched the hearts of all who knew him, and his memory will forever be remembered. Even though he was eager to heal and dedicated to sobriety, he lost the battle. God in all his mercy, plucked Brady from this world and gave him peace.

Brady is survived by a large circle of friends and family, his parents, Rick and Melody, older sister, Adriane, and two older brothers, Travis (Deana) and Shane (Nathalie). He is also survived by four loving nephews, Trace, Brooks, Wyatt, and Jackson, and all who will forever hold him dear in their hearts.

Memorial services will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado at Bohlender Funeral Home on December 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm. There will also be a service on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 3:00pm, in Gordon, Nebraska at the First Presbyterian Church located at 136 North Oak Street.

A memorial fund has been established in Brady's honor through the Abundance Foundation of Fort Collins, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals in recovery from addiction. Please make any donations in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Memorial Service

JAN **10**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Gordon First Presbyterian Church
136 North Oak Street
Gordon, NE 69343

Tribute Wall

BI

“ *Brady was a kind Hearted young man with a lot of talent. I enjoyed our time together on his walk while here. We had a lot in common and shared a lot of interest. He is living in peace now and will always have a place in my heart and spirit. This is not goodbye I will see him in heaven someday. Love you my friend. Billy*

Billy Ingram - December 19, 2023 at 07:58 AM

WC

“ *My heart is broken for you guys. Praying for Gods comfort. Know we are not too far away.
Bill and Cathy.*

william combs - December 18, 2023 at 07:49 AM

DE

“ *I am so sorry Mel and Rick and the family . Brady will be missed. May the Lord be with you all during this difficult time 🙏🥹. I wished I would have gotten to see and talk with him when you guys came to the shooting range and couldn't get in . Brady was one of a kind . He was always helpful and willing to do what was asked of him 😊*

Debra Evans - December 17, 2023 at 10:47 PM

KW

“ *Rick and Mel, I'm so sorry to hear this. Your son was a smart, talented kid who seemed to be able to do anything. From the 4H show ring, the baseball field, to the classroom, Brady always made it look easy. Much sympathy to everyone who lost your son. The Ben and Krista Wegner Family*

Krista Wegner - December 17, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *He was such a nice kid and had some good times hunting with him and he will always have a place in ours hearts, Garrett and Dawn Dugan*



Dawn Dugan - December 16, 2023 at 09:47 PM

JS

What a beautiful obituary. Brady was always such a friendly kid and had a kind soul. Our prayers go out to all of you for your loss.

Joni Sasse - December 17, 2023 at 09:30 AM

CA

Brady was just a breath of fresh air...many prayers.

candy - December 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM

MS

I was honored to know this beautiful soul. He touched my heart, as I know he did to all who knew him. Always remembered; never forgotten. Prayers and peace to all of the family. Mindi Sherman

Mindi Sherman - December 17, 2023 at 12:14 PM

VS

Was so sorry to hear of Brady passing. Remember him growing up here. Hugs, thoughts and prayers to Rick, Mel and all his family. He will be in your hearts forever.

Verla Schaer - December 17, 2023 at 09:20 PM

JH

So sorry to hear this I enjoyed watching Brady grow up I still have my lab I got from him from his 4h project fly high bud. Prayers from Jeff and Hillari Hugan

Jeff Hugan - December 17, 2023 at 09:58 PM

MD

*I will always remember Brady as he was at his graduation reception.
Kind Happy Smiling Confident and Welcoming. The epitome of what
we all want for our children.*

Condolences love and prayers

Mark Donovan

Mark Donovan - December 17, 2023 at 11:48 PM