



Brendan Patrick Unitt

December 16, 1992 - August 20, 2020

The number of people wanting to attend the service is growing to where it may surpass our permit allowance for COVID safety. Since we must limit those who wish to attend, we ask that if you did not personally know Brendan, to attend via a live stream of the service. Further details will be posted, so please watch the Larimer County website at www.Larimer.org.

We appreciate your support and care even if you are not attending in person.

Sincerely,

The family of Brendan Unitt

Brendan Patrick Unitt, 27, of LaSalle, CO died while in service as a Park Ranger at Horsetooth Reservoir the evening of Thursday, August 20th, 2020.

He was born in Denver, Colorado to Katherine McAneny of Louviers, CO, and Christopher Unitt of Sedalia, CO. Brendan's younger sisters, Hannah Elizabeth Hammel and Madalyn Dell Unitt complete this family of five.

Brendan graduated Windsor High School in 2011. During this time he participated in many activities, gained attention and admiration for choir, wrestling and for just being himself. Among his achievements were

representing the Windsor High School Wrestling team in the Colorado State Championships in 2010 and 2011.

From July 24th, 2011 to July 24th, 2015, Corporal Unitt honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Brendan's bravery and selflessness continued to guide his path after he was honorably discharged.

Brendan graduated from CSU in May of 2019 with a bachelors degree in Psychology. He then set his sights on his next goals, and while volunteering for the Rocky Mountain Raptor program, he applied to be a Colorado State Park Ranger. Earning his badge on May 20th, 2020. He was paving the path to fulfilling his dream of serving and protecting others through joining the police force, and had begun Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training at AIMS Community college.

Brendan is survived by both parents, Chris and Katy, both sisters, Hannah and Maddy, brother-in-law Ian Hammel, Grandparents John and Sarah McAneny of Castle Rock, CO, Grandparents Charles and Diane Unitt of Grand Junction, CO, Uncle Chad, Uncle Dan, Aunt Megan, Uncle Casey, and many extended family members. He is also survived by his precious nephew, Grayson Hammel.

Brendan leaves behind his beloved girlfriend and partner, Scraime Griffin and her family who welcomed him as a member of their family. Scraime, her sister Kyrah and their parents Cori and Eric of LaSalle, CO are grieving the loss of this caring and dedicated young man, leaving a hole in their lives as well.

Brendan's light continues to shine through all of the communities he's been a part of, and all of the people who have been a part of his life.

Please click on the link for details for the procession that will start at 12:45

p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. <https://www.larimer.org/spotlights/2020/08/25/honor-procession-pay-tribute-ranger-brendan-nitt>.

Previous Events

Procession

AUG **28**. 12:45 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My family and I are from Missouri and visited my sister's family in Fort Collins last month. We rented a boat on the lake on August 5th. When we came back into the marina to return the boat, Brendan was there as well. We have a son that is a Senior in high school and he is still trying to decide what to do when he graduates. My husband struck up a conversation with Brendan to ask him what his job was like and how he got to be a Ranger. Brendan stood there and talked with my 18 year old, 16 year old, husband and I for a good 15 minutes about his path in life and how much he enjoyed his job on the lake. He was so gracious and encouraging. We were devastated when my sister told me about his passing. May God give your family comfort and a peace that passes understanding.

Sarah Beachler - September 06, 2020 at 09:01 PM



Thank you for sharing your story and kind words Sarah. My son never met a stranger, only people he hadn't had a chance to be friends with yet.

Kate McAneny Lmt - September 22, 2020 at 07:17 PM

CS

“ I met him on the lake :(! i just got my jet ski and it had flipped and he towed me back 😭 he was such a sweet guy and every time i went to the lake i would drive by and say hi! I miss him to death. and even if i wasn't close to him, he was my lake buddy💔 I remember one day i took my sister out and she was so scared , i told her we could go say hi to my lake buddy and he told her how fun it was! She got some confidence after that! but thanks to him I know the tricks to a jet ski. He will be missed so much! Again i didn't know him all well, but he was an amazing guy! Rest in Paradise Brendan 😭💔!! The lake won't be the same with out you 💔💔

Carmen Spletter - September 05, 2020 at 10:13 PM



Thank you Carmen. My son will be missed by a lot of people. I'm glad to hear he made your days at the lake better. ❤️

Kate McAneny Lmt - September 22, 2020 at 07:19 PM

PF

“ I met Brendan last year when he worked as a deputy probation officer in the probation office where I worked and coincidentally, the gym where I worked out. He was always so full of life and never missed a chance to chat with me. He talked about his girlfriend, his work at Costco, his degree program at CSU, his time in the Marine Corps, etc. Him and I shared military stories and laughed about all the crazy shenanigans we had in our individual fraternities. He inspired me, both in my duty as a now firefighter and as fellow fitness connoisseur. He never had a bad bone in his body. His dedication to serve his fellow man is something that I strive for, and will carry out every day as long as I live, in honor of him. You will be missed, brother. I'll take it from here.

Patrick Foxx - August 29, 2020 at 06:17 PM

KM

Thank you for sharing. It makes my heart happy to know others are continuing the dedication my son had.

Katy McAneny - August 29, 2020 at 06:55 PM

KW

“ Sometime in 2014 Brendan and I connected via Instagram. We struck up a friendship and spoke of our love of the state of Colorado, both of our homes, although he was stationed in AZ at the time. I was deeply rooted in a personal fitness journey and he shared with me his passion and story of high school wrestling with Windsor High. Soon, we began checking in with each other almost daily, he would message me to ask “How’s your day Darlin?” Or “how was your workout?” Despite being 5 years my junior he would also tell me when he thought I needed to take a rest day and I’d playfully tag him in that days gym photo.

In March of 2014 I had planned a trip to Scottsdale to visit my grandparents and attend a few Rockies spring training games. Brendan and I made arrangements to meet up in person and he promised he’d show me around and take me for a night on the town. As I checked into my hotel, this little guy came up behind me and tapped my shoulder and said “s’cuse me darlin, can I help?” And as I turned around he wrapped me (a perfect stranger at that point) up in a huge hug. I noticed his hands were full and he handed me a dozen roses and said he wouldn’t be a gentlemen to take me out without giving me flowers.

We spent that evening followed by the next day out with several of his marine brothers, dancing almost without stopping, walking Scottsdale, drinking a few too many bud lights, and truly enjoying one another’s friendship.

Throughout the years we slowly lost touch, I backed completely off from social media as I had a child, but when we last caught up he was a student at CSU and loving it.

I can only imagine how profound this loss feels for every person who loved Brendan, hearing this news has saddened me very deeply as a long lost friend. The advice I have always held onto from Brendan is “when on a flight, the first thing I do is put my hand out to the person next to me and find out their name and make a new friend.” May happy memories carry you all through this undoubtedly difficult time.

Katie Welsh - August 28, 2020 at 08:42 PM

KM

Thank you for sharing this. My son gave me the exact same advice about flying. And not just there. Brendan made a new friend every chance he got.

Katy McAneny - August 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM



Amanda
Burton

“ *I first met Brendan when he came to intern for the nonprofit I work for and he was such an amazing person. He had such an incredible work ethic and a desire to learn. Not to mention, he was just such a pleasure to be around and really complemented our team well. I'll always remember how excited he was to become a ranger and how part of me was a little disappointed because he wouldn't be able to work at our facility anymore, but I knew that the county was gaining an incredible worker and he would go on to do great work up at Horsetooth.*

My biggest regret was that Brendan would always recommend one of his favorite shows to me, "The Boys." I told him I'd watch it and then I never did. The day I learned of his death, I watched all of it and I only wish I had done so sooner so I could have told him how much I enjoyed the show and we could have discussed it together.

RIP Brendan, you were truly one of a kind.

Amanda Burton - August 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM

KM

It is a very good show. And my son's time with the raptor program was one of the highlights of his days when he could be there.

Katy McAneny - August 29, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brendan Patrick Unitt.*



August 28, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *My husband and I saw Ranger Unitt on the lake last Thursday. Both times we waved to him as our police and US flags flew to show appreciation for him and his comrades. Both times, which included one time after 8pm , Ranger Unitt waved back as he zipped on by us. We continue to fly our flags to support your son and loved one every time we are on the lake. Know that he felt appreciation and kindness from strangers on that day. - Katie S.*

Katie Sullivan - August 27, 2020 at 10:50 PM



Thank you for your comforting words. I'm glad to know he was appreciated.

Katy McAneny - August 28, 2020 at 01:17 AM



“ *I have heard many things about you from your proud grandparents, Chuck and Diane, over the past few years while we were neighbors. I remember thinking, WOW, this is an impressive young man. I wish I had had the privilege of meeting you - just know that you and your family are in my prayers. Millie Boling*

Millie Boling - August 27, 2020 at 02:51 PM

KM

Thank you Millie. His father and I are grateful for and comforted by your kind words.

Katy McAneny - August 28, 2020 at 01:18 AM

FD

“ *FW Dustin lit a candle in memory of Brendan Patrick Unitt*



FW Dustin - August 27, 2020 at 09:07 AM

FD

With the greatest sympathy for the loss of Brendan from our physical lives never our memories of a great man a hero in every sense Rest Easy young man your watch is done. Love Uncle Dusty

FW Dustin - August 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM

KM

Thank you uncle Dusty. We love you.

Katy McAneny - August 28, 2020 at 01:19 AM

BB

“ *To the family, I am so sorry for your loss, I can only imagine how devastated you all must be, he was a fine young man taken away too soon, let love and faith help sustain you until you meet again with our lord. Love Beverly Brenner*

Beverly brenner - August 27, 2020 at 01:13 AM

KM

Thank you Bev. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are much appreciated. 💕

Katy McAneny - August 28, 2020 at 01:20 AM



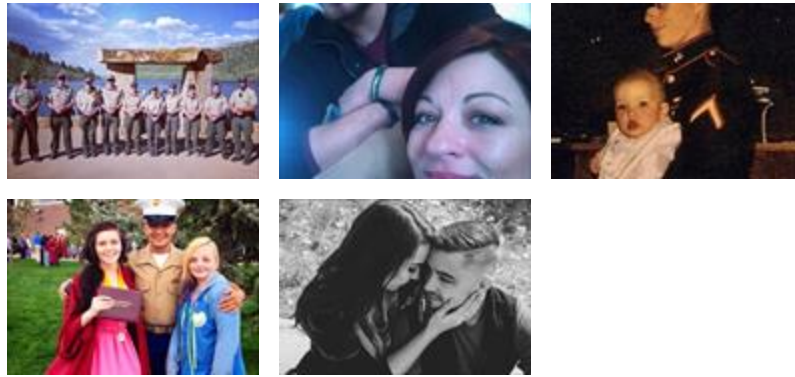
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Brendan Patrick Unitt*.



August 26, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



Gary Bohlender - August 26, 2020 at 01:09 PM



Wrestling moms, gotta laugh when you can. No headgear was found in Brendan's wrestling memorabilia 😂

Katy McAneny - August 28, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *With Love Laura & David Marker* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of *Brendan Patrick Unitt*.



With Love Laura & David Marker - August 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brendan Patrick Unitt.*



August 26, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *Steve and Kim Cochran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brendan Patrick Unitt.*



Steve and Kim Cochran - August 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM