



Louis Byassee

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Louie was born to C. Richard and Virginia Byassee in Tacoma on November 11, 1971 and passed away in September 2004 at age 32. He was a graduate of Foss H.S. and WSU where he was a member of PSI Upsilon Fraternity. He enjoyed spending time with his family, close friends and had a love for the outdoors. He spent a great deal of time volunteering with different organizations in Seattle, San Francisco, and most recently in Tacoma. He is survived by both his parents, his sister Justine Tvedt (Mark) and his niece Emily, his grandmother Kathryn Byassee, close friends Sheila Fischer and her daughter Morgan, Janna and Vince Van Witbeck and numerous family and friends who loved him dearly. A special thank you is extended to his childhood friends Eugene Woolery, Troy Stuck, and Reggie Almario. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 am on Saturday September 25, in the Garden Chapel at Mt View. In lieu of flowers, take a moment to read a book to a child. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252



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Anonymous posted:

I knew Louis and his family through staying a month with them as an exchange student in 1987. I remember very well our time together, the friends he shared with me and the image he gave me of the U.S. Louie's intelligence, his sense of humor and his honesty impressed and formed my positive view of the U.S. until today. I have never met him afterwards but kept him in my memories and always will. I am deeply sorry about your loss. My life would have not been the same without meeting him!Carsten##imported-begin##Carsten Zehm##imported-end##

August 9 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David and Sandra Broussard both wish our heartfelt sympathy to the Family of Louie, and my beloved Neice Sheila Fisher. We promise to read a book to our little grandson Elijah, in Louie's honor. Love And Respect To All, Aunt Sandy - Uncle Dave - Elijah##imported-begin##Sandra Broussard##imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

E Please accept our deepest sympathy. We knew Louie through our niece and nephew Janna and Vince and enjoyed some great times with them.##imported-begin##Marilyn and Tom Timney##imported-end##

September 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I think my favorite memory of Louie was when he came to the Foss Halloween dance dressed like a Christmas tree. He and Sheila, who was a present, won the contest for best costume. I wish I had a picture of them from that night! Louie always made us laugh. I can't believe he is gone. May you find your strength in the Lord Jesus during this very difficult time. He is a "very present help" in times of trouble. My heart goes out to you. Sincerely, Esther##imported-begin##Esther Voss Vannoy##imported-end##

September 29 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Ann Voss Ellis##imported-end##

September 29 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Louie. He volunteered for us this summer at the Wheelock branch of the Tacoma Public Library. He handled our busiest times of Summer Reading Club with calmness and caring. He will be truly missed. An old legend says that as long as we remember him he will still be present, although not visible, like stars in the sky during the day. My heart goes out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Deb Freedman##imported-end##

September 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dick, Jennie, Justine, Emily, Mark and family,I have been blessed to have you in my life for as long as I can remember. I am so pleased that my daughter Morgan can say the same thing. I (we) love you all. My heart aches over your loss.To my dearest friend:I'm waiting for the night to fallI know that it will save us allWhen everything's darkKeeps us from the stark realityI'm waiting for the night to fallWhen everything is bearableAnd there in the stillAll that you feel tranquilityT here is a star in the skyGuiding my way with its lightAnd in the glow of the moonKnow my deliverance will come soonI'm waiting for the nightT here is s sound in the calmSomeone is coming in the harmI press my hands to my earsIt's easier here just to forget fearAnd when I squinted rose-tintedAnd angels appeared to descendTo my surpriseWith half-closed eyesThings look even betterThan they were openedBeen waiting for the night to fallI know that it would save us allWhen everything's darkKeeps us from the stark realityBeen waiting for the nightNow everything is bearableAnd there in the stillAll that you feel tranquilityYou know who... I love you.##imported-begin##Sheila Fisher##imported-end##

September 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remeber seeing Louis at Kay and Chucks 50th wedding anniversary. I remeber him as being very handsome and very nice. Justin and him stuck out in the crowd as being very nice and both very good looking also. My heart goes out to the family and friends who were close to him. God bless you all##imported-begin##gary and vicky walker (linda bramhall)##imported-end##

September 24 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Louis was a constant in my life via phone. I would always call to order something and he would always seem to answer. When we finally got to work alongside each other at Harborview it was like we had worked together forever, in a way we had. Always cheerful even when we were stressed he was a good friend and workmate. I'll always remember him.##imported-begin##Christine DeShields##imported-end##

September 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of a loved one. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.Lou & Karen CamarattaPhiladelphia, PASept. 24, 2004##imported-begin##Louis J. Camaratta Sr.##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louie is a good friend of mine and I have missed him since he left the Blood Bank. I will pray for him and I know he'll find peace with the Lord.Love,Gie##imported-begin##Gie Algas##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dad (Glenn) called me yesterday and told me about Louis. I am so sorry. I haven't seen Louis since he was a baby but having grown up surrounded by all you loving Byassees I know he was a man that grew up with lots of love and laughter. I hope that thought brings you happiness.Much LovePam Botnen (Murph Sowers)##imported-begin##Pam##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Louis for a short time at Harborview. I really enjoyed his sense of humor. I am really sorry for your loss. We will all miss Louis.##imported-begin##Randy Crookshank##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Nemah Choubaquak##imported-end##

September 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louie has a special place in my heart as being the first boy to take me on a date, the seventh grade Halloween dance. We used to sit on the floor outside of Hunt Jr. High's library at lunch and talk everyday. I haven't seen him since high school but will miss him nonetheless. I want to send my condolences to his family who I've known since I was a child through the Masonic orders. From reading through the guestbook it's clear to me that Louie had continued to be a wonderful person. I'm so sorry he is gone.--Shan##imported-begin##Shannon Smith##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Louie, I've heard so many great things about him from my wife (Louie's cousin), Mary Kay. My thoughts and prayers are with Gini, Dick, Justine, Grandma Kay, and the rest of his family & friends.##imported-begin##Louis Camaratta##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. From reading the guestbook Louis was a wonderful man and touched many hearts. My daughter says that when the wind blows through the tree's it is not wind it's the angles singing; close your eyes and listen. I wish you peace at this time and always, Rachel##imported-begin##Rachel Ward (Kurtz)##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Love and prayers to the Byassee Family. Louie will be missed by many. He was a great nephew. Betty##imported-begin##Betty Getchman##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Gini, Justine and Dick, We can't imagine the pain you all must be feeling at the loss of Louis. We were shocked to hear the news. May you find comfort in remembering what a wonderful man he became under your guidance. Hold those special memories close and may they bring peace for your heavy hearts. Richard and Judy Mosier##imported-begin##Judy Mosier##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Louis through Sheila. I knew him to be a kind and loving person with a heart of gold. He will be missed. I will hold the family & closest friends up in prayer.##imported-begin##Debra Edwards##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have been blessed to have shared a wonderful friendship with Louie over the last eight years. I have so many beautiful memories of the special times we spent together. Louie was a man of extraordinary empathy, with a great sense of humor and the gift of being able to appreciate the simpler things in life. It is impossible to express in words the sadness at losing this caring and gentle soul. I was there when you shone as bright as Bethlehem from afar, I was there when you were young and strong and everything that makes a young man, oh you were a star, so don't lose sight of me now, you know you're all around me, I'm surrounded, you surround me like a circle##imported-begin##Mike Larabie##imported-end##

September 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louis was in my third grade class at Oakland Elementary School. I have fond memories of him and his buddies--Troy, Eugene, and Reggie. His friend, Sheila, was also in the same class. I'm glad they remained friends through these years. It's always sad to lose someone so young. But the good he did will long be remembered. The phrase "only the good die young" seems appropriate. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mary Lou Daniel##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I worked with Louie for a summer as a tour guide for Skagit Tours. His stories and sense of humor will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Doug Haberman##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I recently saw Louis at a Lirary event, and he seemed so excited to be changing careers and working in the schools. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Meredith Kaupp##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I dont know where to start when I think of the times I shared with Louie other than the fact they were the best times in my life. I havent seen him in a while, but did hear through the grapevine from Sheila. I was just talking about him the other day and would close that he was nothing but a blessing in my life and my school life would have not been the same without him!##imported-begin##Cathy Benavidez##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What words are there to say to a family when they are grieving a loss so great? I can only offer my sincere sympathy. I knew Louis and his family through being in Rainbow Girls in Jr. High, and also through Frau Bannister's German class at Foss High School. Louie's intelligence, sense of humor and quick smile made him fun to be around. Again, I am deeply sorry.Drea Lyon (formerly Wirsing)PS, I read to my children, Natalia (age 4) and Nathan (age 2 1/2) every day, but I will read them an extra one in honor of Louie.##imported-begin##Drea Lyon##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Louie, I haven't seen you for many years but I spent last night remember all the fun we shared growing up together. Remember when your dog bit my ankle, boy were you mad. Then there was the time you; Eugene and Troy dressed up as women in my backyard... I still have those pictures. Oh and how many times did we try and kiss (I couldn't have as for a better Luke Skywalker). You were such a good friend and I'm sorry I did not witness at firsthand the man you turned into. I do know this though... the world has lost someone very special. I will cherish these memories and I look forward to the day we meet again to create new ones. As for your family my heart hurts for them, I am so sorry. With the deepest of sympathy and the fondest of memories...love,
Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa (Andrews) George##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Cindy and I knew Louis through our daughter Alecia who worked with him at Starbucks. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed.V/r##imported-begin##Matt Hinkle##imported-end##

September 21 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although I worked briefly with Louis at Harborview Medical Center, I will never forget him. I will always remember the "pictures" the Sunday crew would draw. My prayers go out to everyone who's lives were touched by Louis. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Jackie Lund##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We've known Louie through our daughter Janna since they went to middle school together. He was always a favorite of our childrens' friends for his sense of humor and charming playfulness. We'll miss having him around and treasure the loyal friendship he shared with our family.##imported-begin##Marcia and Tim Cramer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Ginny & Justine, Words cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Louie was a fine young man many years ago when I last saw him, and I am sure he grew into an outstanding adult with your love and guidance. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Connie##imported-begin##Connie (Doss) Huber##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Louis for a while at Harborview. Even though i only knew him for a short time i will always remember him as a very kind and considerate person. I am so sorry he is gone. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Alan Smith##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Justine and Family,We read about the loss of your brother....we can only imagine what you must be feeling at this time.Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. May God bless you with the wonderful memories only a sister and brother can have.Our love to you....Andie and Bob##imported-begin##Bob and Andie Rahal##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of being related to Louie by marrying his uncle Bob. Louie touch my life in a very positive way. His kindness and committment in helping people was very sincere. I loved teasing him at our holiday dinners past and I loved it even more when he gave it back to me. My heart goes out to his immediate family and my prayers are with you. Love Karen##imported-begin##Karen Byassee##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss , I knew Louis from Oakland Gene .Reggie and louis always together ,Im glad to see that they remained close friends , and what a wonderful adult he turned out to be .##imported-begin##Tracy Hughes (Montgomery)##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sincere condolences to the family in losing Lousie so young. My memory of Louie was from his upper grades at Oakland Elementary where he and his two regular sidekicks, Gene and Troy were my "big guys" being the 3 tallest boys in the school and always willing to use that to help out anywhere, anytime. They had a great friendship and it sounds like it lasted many years.##imported-begin##Kathy Bergman, former Oakland Principal##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Louis was a fine person. His interest in learning, growing, and helping people was obvious to those of us who knew him through work. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Theresa Nester, MDPuget Sound Blood Center##imported-end##Dr. Theresa Nester##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I also worked with Louis at the Puget Sound Blood Center. I remember Louie with a wicked sense of humor, a great passion for many things, and an extraordinary sense of fairness and gentleness. I was sad to see him move on after such a short time here, but had wished him the best. I am extremely saddened to hear of his death. He will be a missing light in our world.##imported-begin##Renee Thorkelson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

“Crying? How can we, after all obey Paul when he says: "You should not grieve because of those who are asleep! Like the others who have no hope." We who believe know that those who have fallen asleep in Christ will be awakened again to a better life where we will meet them again and be together with them eternally. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that all that believe in him will not be lost, but have eternal life. The above words help me accept what has happen, but words will never be able to express the sorrow and loss that I feel. Louis is my cousin and I know that someday I shall see him again... and again we shall be like boys we once were, playing in the woods near our grandparents home. I look forward to this day and brightly on the memories of the past. To us Louis has entered an endless sleep, but to God he has just been awakened. I will strive to rejoice in this awakening, knowing Louis has gone to a better place.##imported-begin##Brian Shuey##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Louis Byasse:We worked with Louis in the OPD department at Puget Sound Blood Center for about one year before he went to work at Harborview Medical Center. We hadn't seen Louis lately, so didn't realize he had moved to Tacoma. Louis was a great addition to our department. He was fun to be around and we were sorry when he left to go to Harborview. Our department had a bulletin board that we decorated all the time for holidays and fun events. We still remember when Louis decided to put up a memorial on Martin Luther King Day. He wrote a nice article and used plenty of pictures and newspaper articles to show us all about Martin Luther King, Jr. It was a great bulletin board. We are deeply sorry for your loss and we want you to know how much we enjoyed knowing Louie.Sincerely, Candy Hunt Edith Javar Rose Manalang Gie Algas##imported-begin##Candy Hunt##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I, with all the staff of Louis' former department at Puget Sound Blood Center, were saddened to learn of his passing. A great sigh of loss and dismay rested on us all when the news was announced. It was unexpected news and I express my regret and condolence. I worked side-by-side with Louis many times during his service here, and shared many personal conversations with him. He was imminently popular here and missed when he left to take another related job. Goodbye to my close peer, and thank you for your lasting service saving lives in the blood bank.##imported-begin##Nathan K. Cornwall##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I had the opportunity to get to know Louie, while he was volunteering in the Sherman Elementary School library, last spring. He was such a kind, caring young man. My husband and I would often see him at Starbuck's, where he was working, and he was always friendly and warm. I am heartsick to hear of his death. I will keep Louie and his family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Carey Nyman##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louie was a kind and gentle person with an enormous heart. I will miss my cousin dearly. May he be at peace, now and forever.##imported-begin##Mary Kay Byassee##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was very saddened to read about Louis in the paper. I had the pleasure of working with him at Sherman Elementary where he was volunteering last school year. He was a very smart and neat guy. This is a great loss to our community. God Bless you and your family in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Kim Douglas##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louis was a terrific person. He was interesting and full of new ideas.I worked with Louis at the Puget Sound Blood Center. He was always kind to other staff members and always a professional when it came to his work. His loss was so upsetting to the staff here who had worked with him. My condolences and prayers to Louis' family. Peace and tranquility to Louis. He will long be remembered amongst his friends.##imported-begin##Jeannine Berger##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I met and worked briefly with Louis at Harborview Medical Center. He was always a pleasure to talk to, very fascinating with a great sense of humor. Although his loss cannot be described in a few words, he will be deeply missed by many people. His kindnesses touched many hearts. I am terribly sorry about your loss.##imported-begin##Dana Kyles##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Heather Touami##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Louis was a great friend and so fun to be around. I feel privileged that I was able to work with him and call him my friend. The world was a better place with him here, and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. Godspeed my friend, may you find peace.Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Hanley Turpen##imported-end##

September 20 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Louis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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