



Brad Norman Farha

May 13, 1972 - July 29, 2019

Brad Norman Farha, 47, of Olathe, KS passed away Monday, July 29, 2019 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center.

Brad was born May 13, 1972 in Wichita, KS, the youngest son of Norman and Carol Farha.

On May 22, 2000, in Hawaii, he married the love of his life, Heather Lynn Siemsen.

Brad attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He later transferred to the University of Kansas where he completed his degree in Business Administration and Environmental Policy. He received his MBA at Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago. Brad has worked for Verizon in enterprise development as a Strategy Director since 2008. He took great pride in serving on the board of directors of Kansas City's Sheffield Place, helping women and children make the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Brad was a loud and proud fan of his Alma Mater, the University of Kansas. He cheered for all KU sports teams, especially basketball and volleyball.

Brad is survived by his wife of nineteen years, Heather; two daughters, Rowan Eve (15) and Brynn Arwen (10); parents Norman and Carol Farha; brothers, Al Farha (wife Becky Reed Farha) of Minneapolis, MN, and Cliff Farha of Wichita, KS; and many more relatives and great friends.

The problem with amazing humans like Brad is that when they pass away, they leave behind an impossibly huge void. Brad, as we are fond of saying,

was always unabashedly Brad. Brad was joy. He was enthusiastic about life and it showed in all his actions. He never stopped smiling, talking, laughing generously, and trying to entertain those around him. Brad was always present; lovingly and gleefully meeting all the challenges that life brings. He touched countless numbers of people with his vivacious spirit, humor, wit, and boyish charm.

Brad had an outgoing, active, adventurous spirit with a thrill-seeking streak. He loved roller coasters and other daring rides, live music, cycling, working out, and being amongst friends. He was an enthusiastic fan of all things Marvel and enjoyed spending time in our home theater watching his favorite films. Brad would often tell people his name was “Thor.”

Brad knew no strangers. If you crossed Brad’s path (at KU games, work, the girls’ schools, events and parties, Costco, our front lawn...) he would instantly treat you like a good friend. He was a brother to all, an ally to the disenfranchised and vulnerable, and an informed liberal. He wanted to help, to give, to enrich, to lift people up – to bring as much joy as he could into the lives of others. He was always playful and fun-loving; someone you could roll your eyes at but adore at the same time. He used his charisma to make others feel welcomed, included, and at ease.

Brad placed real value in maintaining friendships. He reached out to people, made a point to include others, and recognized the good in everyone (with perhaps the exception of Mizzou fans. Ha!)

Brad worked diligently to excel at his job and provide for his family. He was always guided by a strong moral compass, which he learned from his parents, and he didn’t deviate from what he knew was right. Brad humbly and unabashedly lived his best life. He embraced the meaning of adult responsibility without ever really growing up. He loved and adored his family with every ounce of his being. And he was loved back.

It is impossible to say goodbye to someone like Brad. But we know his memory will live on in his many acts of kindness and through his legacy of joy that inspires us all. He lit up the world for the too-short time he was with us.

Brad has now passed that mantle on to the rest of us. Thank you, Brad, for showing us how.

A visitation for Brad will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. with a Celebration of Life beginning at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Maple Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to SOAR Special Needs Ministry @ <http://bit.ly/Donate2SOAR>.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Brad Norman Farha*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 02, 2019 at 12:39 PM

KR

Norman and Carol what a beautiful video. My heart breaks for both of you and your family.

Kelly Reinert - August 03, 2019 at 05:56 PM

NC

Thank you for sharing your photos. You can see the joy for life in every one! This wonderful man will be missed by so many. Always a smile, a joke, a kind word.

Nancy Clewell - August 04, 2019 at 12:33 PM

NR

Now I know why they say the good die young. What a beautiful video to see a person's life with his family. I knew him when he was in high school or college and that was probably the last time I saw him. To see him with his family and how much He Love His daughters and family members. I wish that I would have known him as he got older. God-bless Norman And kero along with Heather and the girls.

Norman Razook - August 05, 2019 at 11:08 AM

PM

Norman and Carol, words are not enough at a time like this, but know that I am sending love and prayers! I did not know Brad, as I was no longer working for Sam and Dolly when he was born, but I do remember you both, and Albert and Clifford, as they were known as toddlers! Great to see pictures of them all grown up, and what a beautiful family you all are! My sympathies are with you All! Peggy (Orth as you knew me then), Muhlenbruch.

Peggy (Orth) Muhlenbruch - August 18, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ *Brad Norman Farha*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Brad Norman Farha*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JM

“ *I had the pleasure of working on the same team with Brad and becoming his friend. He was always available to answer questions and lend his assistance. I live in Chicago and my fondest memories of Brad was the dinners we shared when he visited Chicago on business. All the photos in the memorial brought to life the stories he shared for the love of his family and the activities he shared with them. The true measure of a man is his dedication to his family, His devotion for them was overwhelming. God bless him and them.*

Jim Mastro - August 20, 2019 at 12:23 PM

PS

“ I had been Brad's history teacher at Coleman Jr. Hi in Wichita. When he was selected to represent Kansas at the National Flag Day ceremonies in Baltimore, he requested that I accompany him. I still remember the weekend we enjoyed representing Kansas with other students from the U.S. I am saddened to read of his accidental death in today's paper. Brad was a gifted young man called home too soon. Please accept my prayers for his family.

Paul Smith - August 18, 2019 at 05:46 PM

RC

“ Brad Farha was a man I only had a chance to know for the briefest of moments, but Brad didn't need a lot of time to make a meaningful impression on one's life. I met Brad during a company assignment in NYC. Though I only had six week's to become acquainted with Brad, I'll never forget him. I am not alone in saying that Brad could make good of practically any bad situation. For the length of our assignment, Brad played a major role in keeping many of our spirits high, and the extended time away from our families more tolerable. My heart and my thoughts go out to his family, as they remember and celebrate a life that left a positive imprint on so many.

Russ Cowan - August 07, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brad Norman Farha.



August 03, 2019 at 12:43 AM



“ That is the most accurately descriptive obituary I've read. Sending peace and praying for those who have a large void because of his loss.

Jennifer Johnson - August 02, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 02, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brad Norman Farha.



August 02, 2019 at 11:17 AM

PT

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a life cut short. May you find Peace and Joy in having loved Brad.
Pam Telleen (Friend of Heather's Mom,
Kathy Siemsen)*



Pam Telleen - August 01, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful tribute to a very special person. We will miss you Brad.*



Natalie Skadra - August 01, 2019 at 12:27 PM

ES

Thank you for the sensitive and wonderful tribute to Brad.

Eric Sigler - August 01, 2019 at 07:28 PM