



Colin B. McLain

July 6, 2010

Colin Brett McLain, 25, of Washington, DC, formally of Cape Girardeau died July 6, 2010 in Mongolia. He was born March 22, 1985 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Randy Ivan and Judy Lynne Graden McLain. He was a 2003 graduate of Cape Central High School, and graduated from Carleton College in 2007 with a BA in International Relations and Political Economy. In 2009 he began law school at the Washington Law School at American University, in Washington, DC. Colin had a great love of reading. He traveled extensively visiting China, Thailand, Korea, Switzerland, and France, and also managed to make an appearance on the game show Jeopardy on March 23, 2010. The summer of 2010 Colin was completing an eight week internship with the Legal Advisor to the President of Mongolia. He was a member of Abbey Road Christian Church, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. Colin also loved to spend time with his family and friends. Survivors include his Parents Randy & Judy McLain of Cape Girardeau, MO, Sister Katie & Kevin Zimmer of Gray Summit, MO, Grandparents Leonard & Lillian Graden of Cape Girardeau, MO, Grandparents Ivan & Betty McLain of Cape Girardeau, MO, Uncle Larry & Suzanne Graden of Brownsburg, IN, Aunt Cathy Proffer of Advance, MO, Aunt Penny & Curt Johns of Jackson, MO, Cousin Jeremy & Nicole Graden of Ellisville, MO, Cousin Heather Graden of Milwaukee, WI, Cousin Robert Watson of Cape Girardeau, MO, Cousin Richard Watson of Jackson, MO, Cousin Anthony & Julie Proffer of Advance, MO, Cousins Cory and Molly

Johns of Jackson, MO Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, July 16, 2010 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Abbey Road Christian Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Burial will follow at McLain Chapel Cemetery in Oriole. Memorial contributions may be given to Friends of the Cape Girardeau Public Library Foundation, 711 N. Clark, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I wish to extend my condolences to the family, as a fellow classmate of Colin's. My thoughts are with you, I am sorry for your loss, and may he rest in peace.

Molly Stark - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ On behalf of everyone here at the U.S. Embassy in Mongolia, I'd like to offer our condolences and express our deepest sympathy to Colin's loved ones.

Christopher Anderson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I knew Colin as a drum major at Cape Central and as the only other Cape Girardean at Carleton College. He was always incredibly helpful to me and played a central role in my going to Carleton, and so changed my life in a humongous way. I will always be thankful to him, not only for his advice, but his genuine interest in helping me to succeed. He was a great guy and I will miss him.

Allyson Herbst - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Randy and Judy, We have fond memories of our families' band days together. Our hearts ache along with yours at the loss of Colin. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Gary and Sue

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KA

“ Colin, your love for life, adventure and curiosity lead you to experience so many exciting and challeges opportunities. May we all follow your lead living life to it's fullest poetential. You will certainly be missed by so many of the people you touched, but never forgotten. Katie, Kevin and the entire McLain family words cannot express the our sympathy for the great loss in your life. May God be with you in your time of suffering and with time allow you to heal and fillyour hearts with the joy of Colin's memory. Though he may not be physically with you his spirit will always be in your hearts.

Kakouris - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Although I never had Colin in any classes I taught at Carleton, I got to know him through extracurricular activities such as intramural volleyball during his time there. He would always bring a sense of fun and joy to the court. My thoughts are with you, and please accept my heartfelt sympathy. - steve

Dr. Stephen Parker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I wish I could travel to Cape Girardeau to express my heartfelt sympathy to you in person. May God's prescence in your lives give you strength and courage. Sent with love and continued prayers for each of you. "Aunt" Jane

Jane Daniels - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To all of the McLain Family: Words spoken by us here on earth do the most to try to comfort. Know that you raised a very special young man that will be remembered and missed by many. He is in God's hands now to watch over all of us! Our love and prayers go out to all of your family at this very difficult time. Tracy and Ron Morgan

Tracy and Ron Morgan - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the McLain family during this sad and trying time. May God comfort and bless each of you.

Jack & Jane Hargraves - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Randy and Judy, Your family are in my prayers and you have my deepest sympathy. I will not be able to attend the viewing or funeral, becuase of a death in my family. Stay strong, and know that God will always be there for you. If there is anything I can do, just let me know. Sharon Stuckey

Sharon Stuckey - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Rob and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patti & Rob Anderson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Randy: My mother, Jane and Brother, Stephen just told me about Colin. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Mark Bodine - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ To the McLain family: You guys are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and grief. Colin was a wonderful leader and was destined for greatness. His presence in the world will be missed.

Christina Van Nostrand - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Judy, its been so many years, but I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss.

Carla Dalton Joyce - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Judy and Randy, Liz and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family over the passing of your son Colin.

Jeffrey & Elizabeth Buschmann - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *The McClain Family, Just to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God Bless you all. Thinking oyou, Debbie*

Debbie Griffin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Dear Katie and Kevin and Mr. and Mrs. McClain and family, On behalf of the congregation of Hope United Church of Christ I wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and our earnest prayers for you and your whole family. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of Colin. We trust that while Saturday will be a sad and hard day that it will also be filled with wonderful memories of the joy and blessings that Colin, a gift from God, brought to you. May the peace of Christ, who never lets us go, be with you all. Sincerely, Ed Zumwinkel III Pastor Hope United Church of Christ, St. Louis*

Hope United Church of Christ - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Judy and family: Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts. I pray that you are protected, and have strength during this time of the tragic loss of Colin.*

Dhira Crunkilton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ *I am praying for the family may god be with the family*

tyler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our deepest condolences to your entire family. Our prayers are with you. God Bless.

Pete and Carole Weis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ we are so sorry may god be with your family at this time.

pat paula suzuki - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ Judy & family: Words cannot take away grief but our Lord Jesus Christ can comfort and give us hope that we will see our loved one again. Know that we are praying for you and your family.

Vicky Seabaugh Inzer & Bill Inzer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Randy and Judy- my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Luanne Jackson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sending my most heartfelt sympathy to the entire McLain-Graden family.

Melanie Coy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ To the McLains, Although we only knew Colin a short time, we found him to be an exceptional young man. The phrase that keeps coming to mind when I think of Colin is "he had a future so bright that you had to wear shades." That bright light is Colin's legacy. With hope, The Iffrigs

the Iffrigs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our prayers are with you everyday and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

ASKEW,SPEERS,WHITE AND MCMINN FAMILY - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I realize that this is coming to you many months after Colin's untimely death. I just learned about it yesterday through the WINTER edition of Carleton's alumni magazine, VOICE I could so relate to your pain, as I, too, lost a son, named Colin, that had also attended Carleton College, to an untimely accidental death out of country. He was also hiking with Americans in nature.....He drowned in the Tanama River in Puerto Rico back on summer solstice, 2003. His Carleton memorial service was later that fall....The pain of the loss of an only son is devastating, and I'm so sorry that you are going through this, too. Your son was a shining example of someone living his life passionately and joyfully, though. He has touched so many lives in a positive way. Please feel free to contact me at cewers2000@yahoo.com if you'd like to share your stories of him more deeply. I'd love to hear about his Carleton years... Claudia Ewers (mom of Colin Michael Ewers...class of 2004)

Claudia Ewers - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ I cannot believe it. Our thoughts and prayers are right there with you. Let us know if we can do anything for you. We love you all. Peace within.

Mia Ulmer - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Judy and Randy, there are no words to express the sorrow created by this tragic turn of events. Please know the thoughts and prayers of many are with you.

Donna Bedwell - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray that God will give you strength through this and through the days that follow. Love, Tish Barnes

Tish Barnes - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Colin, we love and miss you. You were the very best of friends. All of my love, Kassie.

Kassandra Wells - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Conrad - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Katie & Family, Please know that our entire Special Olympics Missouri family extends our condolences during this difficult time.

Mark Musso - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Please know Judy that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jan Chisman - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow for your family. It is hard to understand why a caring, wonderful young man has been taken from us. With sincere sympathy. Connie

Connie Pado - November 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ TO: Colin's Family and Friends. My sincere sympathy and earnest prayers to all at this time Love, Edna B. Murphy

Edna B. Murphy - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ TO: Colin's Grandpa Leonard and Grandma Lillian Graden. May God give you strength and courage at this time. Thinking of you. Sincerely, your friend, Edna Murphy

Edna B. Murphy - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear McLain family and friends, I would like to share my deepest condolences with you. I met Colin a couple of months ago in our internship seminar at school, where we discussed our summer internships and what we hoped to learn and achieve. I was so impressed by Colin's devotion to helping others, and commitment to serving people in need to the best of his ability. Surely there are no words that can alleviate the pain and loss that you are experiencing. Even though I only knew Colin for a short time, I know that he inspired goodness and kindness in myself and in his community, in a very special and unique way. May his memory be blessed.
Sincerely, Aliyah Phillips

Aliyah Phillips - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ With heart felt sympathy to all the family on the loss of a handsome, endearing young man.

Joetta Giles - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I remember at 8 years old, Colin always had a witty comment during the children's sermon at church, and a book I hadn't read until high school. I kept track of his achievements on the academic team in high school and his recent Jeopardy appearance. He accomplished much. You have my sympathy and prayers on your tremendous loss.

Dawn Eichholz - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am so very sorry about your loss of Colin. I've been praying for all of your family since I heard.

Shirley Patterson - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *There are no words! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.*

Jon Colburn - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *to the Mclain family I extend my deepest sympathy.*

virginia lewis - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dear McClain family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during these very trying times! Colin was a wonderful young, Christian man and I am sure that he is with God. You will continue to be in my prayers... God Bless, Barry*

Barry Bernhardt - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I know that words can do very little to help at a time like this, but I do have a shoulder you can lean on if needed. If I can help just call on me. Will be saying prayers for you.*

Bill Hoover - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I am so very sorry about the death of your beloved son. I am thinking of you and praying for you.*

Linda Sanders - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Judy and Randy, I know there are no words to be said right now that can comfort you at this time. But just know that you are thought about and prayed for by many. Colin has touched the lives of many and they are better for it. My deepest, deepest sympathy for you and your family. May God bless you and watch over you in the days ahead of you.

Carol Eftink - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family, and I'm so very sorry for your great loss. Love, Carol

Carol Daniel - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Crampton Family

John & Winona Crampton - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ There was no limit to the great things I envisioned Colin to achieve in his life, but I respect him the most for the person had already become. Colin always offered a sincere smile and joke at every greeting. I will always remember Colin's friendly feel good personality and strive to make the daily grind of life more enjoyable for my colleagues as Colin has done for me.

Dustin Dam - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My prayers go out to all of you and know this must be one of those Why's. I love you all and only wish I could express my true feelings of your loss. Yes, Colin will live on forever. He was so considerate and kind - like his dear parents. He was raised right and I am so thankful to know them. Love, Lavetta

Lavetta Bratton - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ We love and miss you Colin. I am proud of who you were becoming and thankful that we got to know you. We will always treasure the week you spent with us in Atlanta, it was evident you were "raised right"... Respectfully, Frank Laws

Frank Laws & Family - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Colin and the McLain family are in my prayers.

Shawn Igo - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Brooke Coleman - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'll always remember Colin as that bright, slightly acerbic guy in the prime of his life, laughing as he pointed out some ridiculous aspect of whatever it was we were talking about. You will be missed, buddy.

Jonathan Stroud - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ God be with him and his family!

Darren and Angela Kramer - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the McClain family. Colin was a great kid even when he would follow Katie and us other older kids around the church! He had such a bright and promising future. The world lost a great one. May God bless the family and friends of Colin and give them strength and comfort to get through this very trying time.

Kristin Burton - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ McLain Family is in our prayers and hearts. This has been a great loss to this WORLD. Colin's (the trivia master) spirit, mind, love, drive, energy, darling smile, TRIVIA SKILLS, will sooo be missed. We will continue to brag about Colin. We love you Colin and you will never be forgotten...May Peace Be With All.

Gina Pona-Norton & Kit Norton - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robin Anderson - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Loves You and We Do Too. July 8, 2010

Ed and Helen Tilley - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Randy and Judy -- Cant even imagine what you are going through at this time, I'm so sad for you both and all your family. I hope you can find some peace and solace in God's limitless grace. My prayers are for you.

Jerome Hulehan - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Colin was one of the bright stars of the class and was a pleasure to be around. He had great intelligence an infectious laugh. He will definitely be missed

Mark Villapando - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Judy and Randy our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God give you strength during the days ahead.

John and Marge Janssen - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Randy, Judy and Katie..my heartfelt prayers go out to the McLain and Graden families. May God be with you.

William Cobb - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ The world has lost a wonderful young man. My prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to his family at this tragic time.

Linda Dillman - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this tragic time.
May God be with you all!*

Laura Bennett - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM