



## Nathan Paul Long

November 14, 1989 - April 30, 2013

Long, Nathan Paul. Age 23. April 30, 2013.

Loving son of Jane and Brian. Dear brother of Ryan Cait. Beloved grandson of Teresa and Leonard Partyka and Elizabeth the late Robert Long. Uncle of Emma Marie. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, and cousins. Family was very important to Nathan. He was an avid fisherman and greatly enjoyed the outdoors. He was a 2008 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, where he played varsity football and was a shot putter on the track and field team. Nathan was currently a pre-med student at Madonna University. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Funeral Thursday, in-state 10 am until time of service, 11 am at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills. Memorials appreciated to the Nathan Paul Long Memorial Fund - Northbrook Presbyterian Youth Group. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

NO

“ *How did he pass away*

noel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ *I am so sad to hear about the loss of Nathan. My deepest sympathies to the Long family. I enjoyed meeting Nathan at Orientation and chatting with him during his time at Madonna. The picture above captures the Nathan I knew: smiling. Sending thoughts and prayers to those who knew and loved him.*

Chris Benson-Madonna Univ. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Dear Long family, Nathan was one of my first friends when I moved to the States; however, with time we grew apart. He was a kind and accepting friend and his friendship was invaluable. My sincere condelesence go out to to you. Rest in peace Nathan. Sincerely, Guilherme de Araujo*

Gui de Araujo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *"With god, any things possible"...mark 10.27. Sorry for your loss, Nate wwwas a great kid.*

anne and jason schmidt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Jane and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine there is anything in life harder than losing a child. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care, Mary and Sean Tierney

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**Mary Tierney** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Brian, Jane and Ryan, Connie, Vahan and I are so sorry for your loss. Nathan was a great young man. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love The Surabian Family

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**The Surabian Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I loved my friend  
He went away from me  
There's nothing more to say  
The poem ends,  
Soft as it began  
I loved my friend.  
-Langston Hughes

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**Michael Partyka** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ when a life gets cut short theres no way to undo the hurt of wasted years of promised future gaping open like a wound with no stitches or suture how can you live for today when your days been stolen away? i just wish that there was maybe something more that i could say to turn back the hands and unwind the cogs of a clock constantly reminding us of what could have been stopped your life means more than you'll ever know i just wish you didnt have to go i wish your future would have paved out like a yellow brick road and if the end is the end, well thats too bad ill never see you but if the ends only the beginning, i know I'm gonna meet you one day when its sunny, not a cloud in the sky no raindrops reflecting any urge to cry we'll kick back and reminisce of all the good times the funny thing about life is you can never rewind so the past becomes the present and the future in time no past defines a future, only today and today im gonna miss you friend, now and always rest in peace, ill miss you, cousin, love you always.

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**Michael Partyka** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Brian, Jane, and Ryan I was so taken aback upon hearing the unbelievable news. Please know this...we are all praying for you. We want to help in anyway we can, even if it just letting you know we are here for you.

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**Fritz heuser** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Brian and Family, Deric and I are so sorry for you family's pain. We know that your family's comforting will be a struggle. Please know that we are praying that grief will be turned away while God holds you in the palm of his hand.

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**Mary & Deric Jaques** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Brian & Family, May God's ever-lasting Grace embrace you; surround you; hold you and bless you and your entire family as we not only help you move through your time of sorrow, but also as we lift-up and forever hold in our hearts, the many gifts and blessings that Nathan brought - and taught - to everyone with whom he met. Our prayers of hope, love & peace will continue and you, your family and Nathan will remain in hearts forever. May the good Lord continue to shine through you . Love, Bruce & Karen Sanders

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**Bruce and Karen Sanders** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I miss Nate very much. He was such a wonderful friend to all of us. We all loved him dearly and our thoughts are with your family in this difficult time. Wishing you strength, Rachael Crowe and the rest of the kids from Groves

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**Rachael Crowe** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Brian & Jane, We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn about Nathan. A ambitious scout who was predictably a fine & ambitious young man. We will all miss him. Know too, that our thoughts are with you everyday.

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**Gary Roberts** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Brian and Jane...I am so sorry to hear about your great loss you guys are in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy lou Davis

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**cindy davis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Jane and Brian, I don't know where to start. I was in such a happy place with Trevor graduating as a Specialist after his army basic training but when we heard, we hurt so much for you both, and Ryan. Our kids grew up together. Jane, you and I played 9 years of softball together and we finally won the Royal Oak Women's league. You chose to ride with Kerry and I and we made some great memories. Brian, I still remember when Jane rode with us and you were a supervisor. Kerry and I showed up at station 3 above the Waterbed Gallery and I saw how you and Jane interacted. The rest was history. Jane, you, Ryan, and Nathan went with us for the first Red Wings parade and we lost Trevor. You were so great, telling me "I've got the other 5 kids while you find Trevor!" I did find him, but I also saw how upset you were that my son was lost, just like he was your own! I we, Vern included feel so badly for you and Brian. I cannot, nor will I pretend to, feel how you must feel. Just know, we love you sooo much and cannot believe this has happened to you or your our family. If there is anything and I mean anything! we can do, we are always there for you. I love you like the sister I never had and I would/will do anything for you. Just say the word. I am always there for you! So much love and whatever else you might need/want! Denise, Vern, Erin, Trevor, Kait, and Kyle my parents also send their condolences. Best to your families too as I love them as my own. Godspeed, Nathan!!!

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**Martin Denise** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Brian and Jane, I am saddened to hear of Nathan's passing. I hope you are able to find some comfort in the love and support of your family and friends. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Shannon Boyd Glover** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Nate, you became one of my closest friends at Madonna University. You made me laugh when we were both stressed out over exams and finals. You carried my very heavy backpack full of Organic books when I couldn't even bend over after my surgery although you just had yours. I could go on and on with our experiences and adventures we had together. Thank you for always being so kind, so accepting, and so thoughtful. When I think of you, I will always remember the same crazy sense of humor we shared together. I will always remember our long talks of how scared we were to get into medical school or pharmacy school and how we always would end up pushing each other forward in the end. I will cherish our memories together always. I love you very much. You are truly missed. Rest in peace. I send my deepest regards to the family and friends of Nathan. His passing will not be an easy void to fill. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Devin Martin

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**Devin Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine. I knew Nate a while back and we had lost touch. He was a very special guy, so caring and put others before him. He will be missed but the mark he left on the world will always remain. I pray for your family and my heart breaks that you have to endure this hard time. "When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul."

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**Anjel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Emma too !!

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**Chris , Teri, Matthew & Mike** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ JOHN 15:12-13 THIS IS MY COMANDMENT : THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER JUST AS IHAVE LOVED YOU. NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE THAN TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE OWN LIFEFOR HIS FRIENDS. WHEN I FELT IMPRESSED TO WRITE SOMETHING ABOUT NATHAN, THISSCRIPTURE CAME TO MIND. HOW FITTING THAT THIS SCRIPTURE COMES FROM JOHN WHO JESUSLOVED AS IT IS WRITTEN. JOHN WAS HIS BELOVED AND WE ALL KNOW NATHAN WALKED AVERY SIMILAR PATH OF LOVE. NATHAN ALWAYS PUT HIS FAMILY & FRIENDS FIRST BY LAYINGDOWN IS OWN DESIRES AND AFFECTIONS TO HELP OTHERS. HE USED HIS SPARE TIME, WHAT LITTLE HE HAD, TO HELP HISCOUSINS, GRANDPARENTS, & ANYONE WHO NEEDED A HELPING HAND. THIS YOUNG MAN HAD SEEDS OF LOVE SOWN INTO HIM BY LOVING,CARING PARENTS. THIS WAS VERY EVIDENT IN HIS DAILY WALK. MOM AND DAD, YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF NATHAN AND I KNOW YOU ARE. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE LIFE HE LIVED AND THE LEGACY HE LEFTBEHIND. WE SEE A LITTLE OF NATHAN IN THE PEOPLE HE SPENT THE MOST TIME WITH,NOAH, JAKE, JULIANA, & ISABELLA. THE LOVE HE GAVE WILL LIVE ON IN THESE LITTLE ONES AND INALL OF OUR HEARTS. WE DO KNOW THAT NATHAN LOVED GOD AND THE LORDS ARMS WEREWIDE OPEN TO RECEIVE NATHAN EVEN IF IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR US. AS STATED BY PAUL THEAPOSTLE, TO BE ABSENT IN THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. WE DO HAVETHAT BLESSED HOPE THAT WE WILL SEE NATHAN AGAIN SOME DAY AND WHAT A DAY THATWILL BE. JANE ,BRIAN, &RYAN. BE FOREVER PROUD OF NATHAN AS HE DID MORE IN HIS 23 YEARS ON THIS EARTH THAN MOST DO IN A LIFETIME. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM DEARLY . NATHAN SAVE A DAY OFFISHING WITH YOUR UNCLE CHRIS

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Chris,Teri, Matthew & Michael - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Family, I was saddened to read of your loss and I’d like to extend my deepest sympathy for your dearly loved Nathan so young .I cant imagine the pain you must feel. I pray that you can find hope in the Bible: 1 A loving God would never take our loved ones: James 1:13 With evil things God cannot be tried nor does he himself try anyone. 2 God will comfort you: Psalm 34:18 Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart; And those who are crushed in spirit he saves. 3 Jesus Christ, thru God’s Kingdom, His Word, the Bible, gives us a wonderful hope, namely, the prospect of living in a paradise on earth and seeing the resurrection of our loved ones. Luke 23:43; John 5:28, 29 ~ Hope this comforts you like it has my family during loss.

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**Mrs. Houston** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Brian and Jane, we just found out today. I am so sorry to of your loss. Brian you have my phone number ,just call if you feel the need. Jeff & Lisa Stefancin

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**jeff** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Jane & Brian, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nathan was so special and the love he showed to family and friends speaks volumes. Never to busy to take time out for everyone except himself. A giving, caring, and so special nephew. You will be dearly missed. Teri, Chris, Matthew & Michael

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**Teri & Chris Partyka** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jane & Brian, Sending you & the entire family prayers of comfort & healing to all with nathan's sudden passing. God is at heaven's gates welcoming him in with open arms.

Jeffrey Suhre - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jane and Brian, I can not imagine the pain you and your family are enduring. Thoughts and prayers with you during this hardship.

Ron Segall - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Jane and Brian, So sorry to hear this news. Thoughts and prayers to both of you.

Darrell A. Schultz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Brian, Ryan and family...I am so sorry for your loss. I wish there were words to ease the pain. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, If you need anything, please let me know.

Amy McLaren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OD

“ Jane and Brian; Bill and I send our prayers.

Olha Dunbar - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Brain and Ryan, The Lockwood family is so very sorry for your loss. Nothing we can say at this time would begin to take away your hurt and pain. Know that we love you, and are praying for you all. May God keep you all in his loving hands at this difficult time

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**Lori Stone Lockwood** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Brian and Jane, I'm so very saddened to hear this news..I have many memories of Nathan running around Paramed when he was younger. You both are in my thoughts and prayers...love to you both.

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**Cheri DeVoe Freytag** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Nate was a great friend from Elementary School through High School. We will miss him a lot.

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**Greg Chen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Nate was among the first student athletes I coached at Groves. I cannot imagine the world without such a fine young person as he. Your family is in my thoughts, and I will certainly miss you.  
*THROWER STRONG! ~Coach Wilson*

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**Jason Wilson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Jared and I will always have fond memories of you and Nathan in Boy Scouts. Our lives are richer having those wonderful experiences in our hearts.

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**Dennis, Marcy and Jared Page** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Brian, there are no words. You and your family are in the thoughts of your Waterford Hills Family.

Joel Hershoren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Nate, You will always be one of mine. Our days in the Groves Band bring fond memories of a true gentleman. Your smile and hello's have never worn off. Nat, you will always be in my mind, heart, and thoughts forever. With deepest Love, Z

Mr. Z - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Rode my bike over to your house this morning just trying to process this... to hug you and grieve with you. Brian you have done so much for my boys in your life with your Scout leadership, providing care for the boys of Groves football on the sidelines, and just words of wisdom that come naturally each time we talk. Your active membership at our church is a blessing to everyone in the congregation. I remember Nathan at your side after church service. My Ryan expressed difficulty in processing this. I agree. Prayers flow for you and your family with all you are going through now...love ya

Mark Best - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Brian & Jane Our family was very sad to here the news of Nate's passing. Please try to take some comfort in the prayers that are being spoken for your family. God bless you both in this time of sorrow. Peace be with you and Nate. The entire Power Family

Ed & Maria Power - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Brian and Jane, I am so very sorry to hear such sad news. I have such lovely memories of Nathan as a young boy scout. He was always so full of enthusiasm and positive energy. He had an infectious way of spreading happiness. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Julie Ashbaugh

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**Julie Ashbaugh** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Brian and Jane, My heart goes out to you. I can only imagine the depths of your sorrow. I remember Nathan as a wonderful kid whom I was very happy was a part of Trevors childhood. Though we hadn't seen him in a while, it hurts knowing he is no longer out there making his way forward in the world along with the rest of our communities children. I hope you can find peace and some comfort in the knowledge that there are many of us out here keeping you in our thoughts. Laurie Frederiksen

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**Laurie Frederiksen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Words cannot express how sad we are today...Nate you were like a brother, another son to us, such an important person in Sean's life and so special to all of us. It is hard to believe that you were right by our side having fun on Friday and today, you are in Heaven. We love you more than you could have ever imagined and we miss you more than words can say. We love you Nathan a sweet and loving Nate, you will always be in our heart, and so sadly missed. You always made us laugh, loved hanging with the family, talked non-stop about your adorable niece, and someone that everyone loved to be with. Sweet dreams in heaven. xoxo To Jane, Brian, Ryan and family, you know how much we loved Nathan, our prayers are with you at this very difficult time, we are always here for you if you need anything. Love, The Cale Family; Jeff, Nancy, Sean, Erica, Trevor & Savannah

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**Cale Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Brian, We love You.

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**Mary and Alan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Brian & Janel shuddered and turned to find my children.I can imagine no greater challenge than to find comfort now.Sandy & Mary & Liz & Andrew

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**Sandy Koltonow** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ We have fond memories of Nathan when he was a young scout. He was a wonderful young man who was always cheerful and willing to help others. Our entire family will remember him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Rick, Diana, Bill and Liz Jacobs

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**Diana Jacobs** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Brian and Jane, My heart just aches thinking about what you are going through. I spoke to Daniel tonight just to hear his voice because he is such a gift, as your sons have been to you. I only hope you can find peace. All our love, John and Diane Luscombe

John Luscombe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Brian, my Dear Friend, No words are sufficient... simply nothing can be uttered to express my sadness for Jane, and your family in your loss. Our prayers, thoughts, and service are yours. Love you, Bro! ~ David

DrThought - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I have fond memories of Nathan in Boy Scouts. He was a great kid. I am sorry for your loss. I will keep him in my prayers.

Tom Brady - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Brian: So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mark Roth and the Roth family.

Mark Roth - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Lifting your family in prayer; my heart goes out to you. Nathan was Jenny's friend and I always enjoyed his compassion as well as his sense of humor. I am so very sorry. Lisa Kern, a Grove's Mom.

Lisa Kern - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM