



Brandon Scott Birkley

January 9, 1984 - April 1, 2017

Brandon Scott Birkley, 33, of Circle, Montana passed away in Aurora, Colorado on April 1, 2017 after a brief but hard fought battle with leukemia. Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Circle High School Gymnasium. Funeral services will be at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Circle High School Gymnasium with Pastor Gene Erickson officiating. Private family interment will be held at a later date on the family ranch. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Brandon was born in Wolf Point, MT on January 9, 1984, to Randy and Shelley (Arnston) Birkley. He graduated from Circle High School in 2003 and attended Montana State University in Billings and North Dakota State University in Fargo. A gifted athlete, he excelled in basketball, football and track while in high school and received college scholarship offers in all three. When he wasn't on the field participating in sports he played the drums in the band to support the other athletes.

He worked at Lithia Dodge in Billings as a mechanic and at construction companies in Miles City and Minnesota, but his lifelong dream was to raise cattle and continue his family's long held ranching tradition.

In 2013 he began building his own herd of cattle on the newly formed Crazy Three Ranch near Circle. On June 6, 2015 he married the love of his life, Jennifer René Trotter. Together they planned to raise a family in the ranching tradition and he felt he was living his dream. He spent much of the last year

building a new barn with Jennifer on their new ranch and was proud to have finished it by calving season this spring. He loved the old-fashioned ways of the ranching life, loved to ride his horse and move cows on horseback with his cow dog Harley by his side. He loved to go out with Jennifer onto the ranch and look at the cows while watching the sunset on the spot they had chosen to build a house and raise their family.

Brandon was curious about many things and became very skilled at metalworking, woodworking and mechanics. Jennifer's Grandpa Bob gave him an old White tractor that everyone thought would never run again, and Brandon restored it and soon had it running like a top. He loved a good cup of black coffee, country music, especially Dwight Yoakam, and movies. Loyal to those he loved, he was always willing to help a neighbor or friend in need expecting nothing in return. In everything he did he gave his all and lived his life with zest and courage. Brandon will be missed by all who knew him.

Brandon is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Clifford Arnston.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, of Circle; parents, Randy and Shelley Birkley, of Circle; sister, Lorena (Tommy) Stypula, of Sheridan, Wyoming; maternal grandmother, Helen (John) Rabenberg, of Wolf Point; paternal grandparents, Wayne and Colleen Birkley, of Hawk Springs, Wyoming; niece, Emmy Lynae Stypula, of Sheridan, Wyoming; mother- and father-in-law, Karen and Mike Trotter, of Richey; many aunts, uncles and cousins as well as brothers- and sisters-in-law, grandparents-in-law; and his beloved dog Harley. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Circle High School Gymnasium
1105 F Ave.
Circle, MT 59215

Service

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Circle High School Gymnasium
1105 F Ave.
Circle, MT 59215

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon Scott Birkley*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Shelley and Randy - so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you from a friend in Billings. So glad I was able to meet you and enjoy some fun times. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Connie Zugg

Connie Zugg - April 10, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *To Randy & Shelley and Lorena - no words to describe the holes in your hearts and his dear new wife's from Brandon's passing much too soon. Just to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find peace in your hearts from all the precious memories of a great young man.*

Esther & Joel Peterson

Esther Peterson - April 09, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.. We just learned of Brandon's illness. My heart aches for you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Heart felt and deepest sympathy... Tana and Steve Buckley*

Tans Buckley - April 09, 2017 at 08:41 AM

WB

“ Wendelinus Benjamin purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.



Wendelinus Benjamin - April 07, 2017 at 12:47 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.



April 07, 2017 at 12:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.



April 06, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.



April 06, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 06, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 06, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *Steve and Aleja DeVito purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



Steve and Aleja DeVito - April 06, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Jennifer, Randy, Shelley, and families. Brandon was the best of the best. We are so thankful and honored for the precious time we had with him.*

Steve and Aleja DeVito - April 06, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 06, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 06, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Dan and Catherine Hinkle purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



Dan and Catherine Hinkle - April 06, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy in this tragic loss of your beloved Brandon. I have great memories of the privilege of covering him as a very good high school athlete. Our love, prayers and total loss of words to send your way.*
Larry & Sandy Bruce

Larry Bruce - April 05, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 05, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 05, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 05, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ *Kim R Eichhorn purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



Kim R Eichhorn - April 05, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 05, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



April 05, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *FARMERS ELEVATOR AND AG PARTNERS purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Brandon Scott Birkley.*



FARMERS ELEVATOR AND AG PARTNERS - April 05, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *I'm so sad for your loss. My heart, thoughts & Prayers go out to the Family!*



Dorothy Johnson - April 05, 2017 at 01:53 PM

KR

“ *Very sorry to hear about Brandon. My thoughts and prayers goes out to all of Brandon's family.*

Kathy Aakre Ruddy - April 05, 2017 at 01:10 PM

LK

Brandon was so very special. He always knew us no matter where it was!! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Our hearts just break for you!! Someday the memories will be less painful!!

Lyle & Maridel Kassner - April 06, 2017 at 05:57 PM

MC

“ *We are so sad and sorry about Brandon. My thoughts and prayers to all of you, his family.*
Maureen and Russell Curtiss

Maureen Curtiss - April 05, 2017 at 12:52 PM

KT

“ *Words cannot express our sorrow...it's impossible to comprehend this. But please know we are behind you, Jennifer & family, to lift you up when you are ready. May your memories, the love of others and God's grace get you through this. So many prayers for you all right now.*

Keri Taylor - April 05, 2017 at 12:40 PM

VW

I am so sorry for your loss

Vonnie Wagner - April 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM

GP

My prayers are with you Shelly, and your family. Although I didn't know Brandon I know that there will be an empty place in each of your hearts because of this loss. God will help you through this difficult time.

Gwynn Pederson - April 05, 2017 at 03:29 PM

RF

So sorry to hear about Brandon. Just know our prayers are with you.

Randy Mothershead and family - April 05, 2017 at 09:47 PM

DM

Words can't express the sadness we feel with you. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy & Don Moos

Don & Nancy Moos - April 05, 2017 at 09:48 PM

JF

You have my deepest sympathy, Shelly & Randy. I was so sorry to hear that Brandon was fighting and lost his battle. He was such a neat young man and all of his family and friends will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judy (Hawkinson) Fuchs

Judy (Hawkinson) Fuchs - April 06, 2017 at 06:51 AM

LW

Shelly, Randy, Lorena, and Jennifer, I am so deeply, deeply sorry about the loss of Brandon. The news hit me hard, and I know Blair is deeply grieving his best friend. Even though I haven't seen you guys in years and now live back in my hometown of Missoula, I still have fond memories of Brandon and all of those crazy kids. I so loved and respected them all. Brandon was a true gentleman, and an awesome young man. I am deeply saddened by his passing. You are in my heart and in my very sincere prayers. With much love, Lindy Wright

Lindy Wright - April 06, 2017 at 02:15 PM

NR

Randy, Shelley, Lorena, Jennifer and the rest of the Birkley family, we were so sorry to hear about Brandon's death. We are keeping all of you in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. Nancy and Guy Rendoff and all of our family

Nancy Rendoff - April 07, 2017 at 08:31 AM

MM

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Brandon. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. John and Marla McCormick

Marla McCormick - April 04, 2017 at 09:45 PM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer, Birkley family and the Trotter family on the loss of Brandon. I am at a loss of words to comfort you - may your wonderful memories of Brandon guide you through the tough times ahead. Mandy Kutzler

Mandy Kutzler - April 04, 2017 at 12:24 PM