



Brent Douglas Payne

January 1, 1969 - June 11, 2022

Brent Douglas Payne was born January 1, 1969 to Richard and Janice (Stephens) Payne in Hamburg, Iowa. He was welcomed by three siblings and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his father Richard Payne and survived by his mother, Janice (Stephens) Payne, his spouse Ann (Tierney) Payne, his sons Sam Distefano, Nick Distefano, Jack Payne, brother Charles (Dana) Payne, and sisters Barbara (Dennis) Phelps and Shari (Jeremy) Block, nieces and nephews Ashley, Alex, Madilyn, Aubrey, Bobby, Ellen, Oliver, and Maggie.

Brent had many fond memories of growing up in Hamburg, IA with his large family and friends. Brent's dad nicknamed him "Coach" after observing his on the field leadership. Brent was known for his competitive spirit and played basketball, football, and baseball throughout his childhood and for Hamburg High School. He showed his self-confidence and willingness to try various extracurriculars outside from sports. Brent's mischievous and endearing personality made him well respected and liked by his peers and adults. In the fall of 1987 Brent entered UNL and joined Sigma Nu. Many of his fraternity brothers are his closest life-long friends. Brent had a serious car accident in the summer of 1988 that required a year of recovery, yet it also provided life-long health challenges. His learned skills of resilience, determination, and optimism were assets as he completed his BA in Business Administration.

Brent met his beloved Ann Tierney in 1998 and the devoted couple were

married on December 3, 1999. The Payne family was blessed when Ann and her young sons Sam and Nick Distefano joined the family. Their youngest son, Jackson, was born on August 17, 2001. Whether it was sports, school, or new job opportunities Brent was always there for the boys as a role model, mentor, and friend.

Brent was a committed husband and father who made his family the center of his world. As the boys grew up, he made it a priority to ensure they trusted him enough to honestly share their lives. He was willing to listen, give good advice and always made his family laugh. Brent was genuinely interested in knowing the boys' friends and engaging them in conversations that made them feel understood and welcome.

The qualities that Brent exhibited, translated graciously from family life to life of work and coaching youth basketball. The same traits mentioned by his family members, were constantly brought up by his coworkers and players as well.

Brent, Ann, and the boys loved their vacations in the sun, but Brent and Ann also cherished their alone time in Jamaica. Brent unexpectedly passed away on June 11, 2022. It is fitting that he spent the last week of his life in the place he loved with the love of his life.

Brent was truly an inspiration to everyone he met. He encapsulated what it meant to be resilient, optimistic, and loving. He had a way of brightening everyone's day as soon as he blessed a room. He will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends, but now he will shine his light on all of his loved ones for eternity.

Funeral service will be held Friday, June 24, 2022 at 2 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. Interment will take place immediately following at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation will be Thursday from 5-8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations in Brent's name to the Epilepsy Foundation <https://www.epilepsy.com/local/nebraska>. Brent recognized the need for families of epilepsy patients to have a support

network.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Brent Douglas Payne*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - June 22, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *Brent Douglas Payne*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Jan and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Very sorry for loss. Sincerely, Peg Van Scyoc (used to clean your house in Hamburg).*

Tom van Scyoc - June 25, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.*



June 23, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.



June 23, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.



June 22, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.



June 22, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.



June 21, 2022 at 12:12 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I worked with Brent (and his sister Barbara) for a short time. I will always remember him as someone who had a ready laugh even when things got frustrating.*

Renee Mittermeier - June 21, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.*



June 20, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Brent Douglas Payne.*



June 20, 2022 at 10:48 AM

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“ *So many memories of playing football in every yard in the neighborhood Chuck and I against Jimmy and Brent. Love you brother say hello to Dad when you end your journey!*

Douglas Weber - June 17, 2022 at 08:47 PM

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“ *Julie O'Barsky lit a candle in memory of Brent Douglas Payne*



Julie O'Barsky - June 17, 2022 at 03:31 PM