



# Brandon Michael MacDonald

July 29, 1994 - August 13, 2012

LEWISTON- Brandon Michael MacDonald, 18, passed away unexpectedly on Monday August 13, 2012 at Central Maine Medical Center due to natural causes. Brandon was born on July 29, 1994 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. Brandon grew up in Greene, attending schools in Greene and Turner. He graduated from Leavitt Area High School with the Class of 2012 and recently graduated from the Lewiston Regional Technical Center Law Enforcement Program and was going to further his career in Law Enforcement at CMCC. While in school he played soccer, baseball and football. He also played baseball for Andy Valley League Post 58. Brandon was a member of the 2009 Class B Football State Championship team. Brandon also was a member of the Class B East Division Championship team for 2009, 2010 and 2011. Brandon at the time of his death was employed at Dunkin Donuts on Strawberry Ave. in Lewiston. He touched the lives of everyone he met. He would walk into a room and light it with a smile. He cared about others more than himself and made sure to give everyone a hug. One of Brandon's many interests was spending time with his friends and family. Brandon loved spending time in the summer with his grandparents Wendell and Valarie at Higgins Beach in Scarborough. He enjoyed spending time driving around in his car with his friends blasting the music. Brandon is survived by his parents Michael and Cindy (Strout) MacDonald and brother Bryan of Greene; a sister Christina M. MacDonald, her companion Brian Estes and their children Abigail and Jonathan Michael of Gaffney, South Carolina; grandmother Valerie Knight of Casco; Uncle Wendell Strout and his wife Deborah and daughter Delanie; Uncle Scott Strout all of Greene; cousins Ben Boulay of Lewiston and David Williamson of Maryland; Aunt Mary Louise MacDonald of Rumford and Uncle Peter MacDonald and his wife Jane of Gray; he is also survived by special brothers Zack Fullerton, Devin McMahan and Cordell Albert; as well as his best friend Heather Brown. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents Wendell and Teresa Strout; and paternal grandparents Edmund and Dorothy MacDonald.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Dunkin Donuts on Strawberry Ave., United Ambulance, Central Maine Medical Center ER and the Lewiston Police Department for everything they did. If Brandon could say one last thing it would be "Hey Beautiful" and give you a hug. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at

ynchbrothers.com . NOTICE MacDonald- Died in Lewiston Monday August 13, 2012. Mr. Brandon M. age 18 a resident of Greene. Funeral services honoring Brandon's life will be celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Pinette & Lynch Funeral Home. Committal services will then follow at Valley Cemetery in Greene. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to the Leavitt Football Boosters for the establishment of the Brandon Michael MacDonald Scholarship Fund. Leavitt Football C/O Kelly McMahan 237 Sawyer Rd. Greene, Maine 04236. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-4 & 7-9PM at the Pinette & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family..I have watched Brandon grow from a 10 year old child to a wonderful young man..He will be dearly missed by all that knew him...Even as JUST your mail lady, I will miss seeing your smiling face.*

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**Sheila Gurney** - August 17, 2012 at 01:23 PM

TG

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Tammy, Mark, Josh and Matt Grondin** - August 17, 2012 at 11:07 AM

“ To Cindy, Mike and Bryan, firstly but also for all of Brandon's close family and friends: I have prayed since the moment that I heard the tragic news of Brandon's passing for the words to say that would somehow help you through this most devastating time. The harsh reality is that there truly are no words that will erase your pain and grieving. Only time will soften that. I know this pain well. Three years ago, November 14, 2009, I lost another amazing 18 year old, my nephew Alex Quimby to the choking game. Losing Brandon, reminds us once again that nothing should ever be taken for granted in this fleeting life. As I have driven by your houses this week, I realized once again how important it was for me to see these neighborhood children going about their daily activities. It was an unconscious comfort to see them hanging out with friends, a reassurance that all was well with the world and also an opportunity to wave to my most wonderful neighbors and let you know that I care and want what's best for you, even though life keeps us running in different directions and we so often do not have the opportunity to express it personally. Mike and Cindy, you have raised boys with integrity and true character. That showed through in everything that Brandon did. For Taylor and Ellayna it was the comfort of having a "Big Brother" figure looking after them on the bus, to make sure that no one mistreated them and spoke harshly to them, or reaching out to them with that, "Hey Taylor or Ellayna, have a good day or how's it going." Brandon never ever saw the girls without greeting them and checking in on them. That meant the world to them. For Ellayna, who has had some challenges with bullying at Leavitt, it was a reassurance that there were some people there who would take care of her if she needed them. (Brandon, Cordell, Jordan H.) I appreciated knowing that my girls had protectors out there. For Bryan, you are ever special to me because I taught you and you will always hold an extra special place in my heart. I want the best for you and I will always be here to help you find your path. That was a promise I made to you in 5th grade that still holds true and will through the years. You can knock on our door any time. I end with some words that have helped me in the past 5 years through the many trials and losses that I have faced. I hope that they will be a comfort to you as well. There is an Eskimo legend that says: Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy. When someone you love passes away look to the night sky on a clear day. The star that to you appears to be bright will be your loved one looking upon you during the night. The lights of heaven are what shows through as your loved one watches all that you do. When you feel lonely for the one that you love, look to the Heavens in the night sky above. ( Author Unknown ) If I should go tomorrow, it would never be goodbye, For I have left my heart with you, so don't you ever cry. The love that's deep within me, shall reach you from the stars, you'll feel it from the heavens, and it will heal the scars. If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain, or help one fainting robin into his nest again, I shall not live in vain. (Author Unknown) I always loved to gaze at the stars, but now they have a whole new meaning for me. I hope they will for you as well. Take heart and know he is always with you in spirit. All our love always, Marie, Rick, Danielle, Taylor and Ellayna

**The Fowlers** - August 17, 2012 at 10:42 AM

DT

“ You have my deepest sympathy. It was an honor to have coached Brandon on two all star teams. He was such a positive, supportive teammate. You are in my prayers.

**Dave Theriault** - August 17, 2012 at 09:16 AM

MS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Mavis & David Smith** - August 17, 2012 at 06:41 AM

HH

“ Mike & Cindy, I am soooooooo sorry for your loss! It is with every fiber of my being that I can honestly tell you that I know what you are going through and what you are experiencing. My heart breaks for you both but hold on to all the great memories and special times you shared with Brandon and let that be the light that guides you through this very dark and difficult time. Your family is my thoughts and prayers and this saying always warms my heart! "Perhaps they are not stars up in the sky but our loved ones shining down on us from heaven!" Heidi

**Heidi Loring Hickman** - August 16, 2012 at 10:40 PM

CJ

“ AS a mom I feel and understand your shock, devstation, hurt, devastation and disbelief.May Brandon's memories help to soothe all you feel now and always mom of Gus32, Fred 30 and the latw FYour familerankie May who paassed away 20 moths ago from a long and courageous fight with a liver disease. RIP Frankie May and Brandon Your families, friends, classmates and co workers will nealways miss and love you.always

**Cynthia Jokinen** - August 16, 2012 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ Brandon, I didn't not know you, however I do know your Uncle Pete. He is a great guy and from what I have read, you took after him. My condolences to your family and friends. You were born on my daughter's birthday. Take care MacDonald family

**Mary Carter** - August 16, 2012 at 10:12 PM

BJ

“ Cindy, Michael, Bryan, and Christina - our thoughts, our prayers, and our hearts go out to you, today, and every day. We love you, and we are here for you, today in the depths of your grief, and in the days that follow when that grief begins to heal. May the many joyful memories of the exceptional son and brother that touched so many lives with his light sustain you when all seems dark, and remind you that brighter days and lighter hearts will return. Brandon has gone on to blaze the trail to what's next for you and for us, and we know that we all will see him again one day, beyond the edge of this world and this life. – Much love, Bill, Bev, and Jordan

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**Bill, Bev, and Jordan** - August 16, 2012 at 10:01 PM

NA

“ Brandon- you were an awesome guy who always made me and the juniors in law enforcement laugh and I'll never forget when you always asked to use my hand lotion. You will be missed forever and i still cannot believe you are gone; its not fair. I wish I could be there to send this note off, but I send my prayers to you and your family. Rest easy.

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**Natalia** - August 16, 2012 at 09:28 PM

VD

“ There is no words to say that will take the pain of loosing such a special person. He was an awesome young man and had a bright future ahead of him. God took matters into his hands and has led Brandon down a very special path that we all will take someday. As much as it hurts all of us missing him everyday...he is watching over us all and he has no pain just love. Love all of you and I pray the love of your son will keep the pain to a minimum.

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**Vanessa and Doug** - August 16, 2012 at 09:17 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Brandon personally. I knew him from his job. He smiled every day and was always so happy.

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**Danielle Morin** - August 16, 2012 at 07:59 PM

MJ

“ Mike, Cindy and family, We were all shocked and saddened to hear of Brandon's passing. Although no words can ease the pain you bear, just know that you are very close in all of our thoughts and prayers.

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**Meredith Janosco** - August 16, 2012 at 07:02 PM

KD

“ There r no words that I can say to help u and your family threw this. Brandon would make a hole room of people smile and laugh. all I can say is this .he has been called back to heaven by god. his work on earth has been done. and everywhere u look Brandon will give u little hints that he is there. I can not tend the funeral but my heart is with all of u .love Kristie Travis Ryan Desiree Davis-Morin

Kristie Davis-Morin - August 16, 2012 at 06:16 PM

CB

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of such a clearly amazing young man as Brandon. I am a friend of his grandmother, and wanted to let you all know you are in my prayers.

Carol Bergeron - August 16, 2012 at 06:13 PM

KL

“ To the family of Brandon, We are so sorry for your loss. We will cherish the fond memories we have of Brandon spending time at Higgins Beach. I remember the first summer the boys (Brandon, Kieran and David) learnt how to surf. Our thoughts are prayers are with you at this very sad and trying time. The Laurie Family Montreal, Quebec will always rememeber his smile

Kieran,Doug & Johanne Laurie - August 16, 2012 at 04:55 PM

KC

“ Cindy I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how you feel right now, but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kelly Clement - August 16, 2012 at 04:49 PM

TM

“ To the Family Of Brandon , we new Brandon thru football and what a wonderful young man. My deepest sympathy to all of you . You are all in our thoughts and prayers .

Tom & Mary Melanson - August 16, 2012 at 03:58 PM

KM

“ To some of the BEST people I know, remember that we are ALWAYS here for you and Love you all very much. There are no words that can describe this pain and heartache we have lost one great kid! All that knew him or even of him will have that "one" special memory that will stay as vivid as the day it happened, I know this to be true for me. I want to say one last thing, Cindy and Mike, You did an amazing job raising your kids, and I am honored and so very thankful that I was one of Brandon and Bryans "other" moms! Love you all!!!!

Kelly McMahan - August 16, 2012 at 03:51 PM

TW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brandon was an amazing person. It was a pleasure to work with him at DD, he could always make everyone laugh. He was truly a great person, with such an infectious smile. I know that Brandon will be watching over his family til he sees you again.

Tasia Wilson - August 16, 2012 at 03:30 PM

MS

“ I was tremendously saddened to hear about Brandon's passing. He was in my geometry class at Leavitt when he was a junior, and I always found him to be a wonderful kid with a great sense of humor. I have no idea what to say to bring peace to all those close to Brandon. Please know that you are in my thoughts and in the thoughts of the entire Leavitt community.

Matt Strong - August 16, 2012 at 02:04 PM

KP

“ My sincerest sympathies to the family of this wonderful young man.

Karen Plourde - August 16, 2012 at 01:35 PM

JG

“ Words cannot even express how saddened I was to hear of your loss. Although I did not know Brandon, my heart goes out to your family. The loss of a child, sibling, at such a young age... I have no words that can take away what you are feeling. It sounds to me like he was a great kid, and made a difference in many lives in such a short time. Have faith in knowing that we don't always understand why things happen, but there is a greater good out there! I believe this from all of my experiences. Know that you have many friends, family and loved ones who will help guide you through this difficult time. You will never forget but time will make things easier. My thoughts are with you.

Jolleen (Purington) Game - August 16, 2012 at 01:27 PM

FL

“ We can't begin to tell you how often your family has been mentioned over the years. Saddened by the news of your families heartache, we are remembering your parents friendship through the years even more. Blessings to you and your family. Love, the Lenahans

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**Fran,Linda Lenahan&family** - August 16, 2012 at 01:23 PM

AJ

“ Cindy- IT's been years since you worked for me on Lisbon street. I cannot tell you how sorry I am to hear about Brandon's passing. My prayers are with you and your whole family during what is surely a most difficult and challenging time.

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**Audrey Reed Jankucic** - August 16, 2012 at 01:21 PM

DT

“ You have my deepest sympathy. It was an honor to have coached Brandon on two all star teams. He was such a positive, supportive teammate, and an excellent athlete. You are in my prayers.

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**Dave Theriault** - August 16, 2012 at 12:56 PM

TA

“ Mike, Cindy, Bryan, and Christina: There are no words that can express how sorry I am. I want all of you to know that I love you so very much. I am here, and will continue to be here in whatever capacity you need.

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**Tatum** - August 16, 2012 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ Brandon has touched so many people,lightened a room with his smile,and spirit. We wish you all courage and strength during this time of his passing and peace when you remember him. With love and prayers, Mark, Jean, Thomas, and Corinne

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**The Rabon family** - August 16, 2012 at 11:44 AM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike was very close with Brandon having attended High School and having football and baseball with him. They all have a special bond. Words cannot express the sadness.. My heart goes out to all of your family. Deepest sympathies.

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**Tracey and Chris Angello and Mike Smith** - August 16, 2012 at 11:42 AM

SR

“ Cindy, Mike and family our most sincere condolences to you all. Brandon was an amazing young man ! I remember watching all our Greene Central School kids playing co-ed soccer and he was a true and natural athlete way back when. A special young man that shines a little more brightly than others. Keep your thoughts and wonderful memories near and dear. Brandon will be missed by all !  
Sandra - Dennis and Darby Rose

Sandra Rose - August 16, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Brandon. We did not know Brandon but in reading all the wonderful things people have said about him he seems to be a wonderful young man and touched so many people as our Madison did

James and Rebecca Bissonette - August 16, 2012 at 11:15 AM

DY

“ Mary Louise and family- I am so sorry for this tragic loss. I know Mary how much your extended family means to you, especially the younger members. Mary and the members I do not know- you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane York - August 16, 2012 at 11:07 AM

DT

“ Cindy & Family, My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I remember coming to Maine for my agency visits and visiting with you and how proud you were of Brandon. Always keeping you busy with baseball. May God give you the strenght to get thru this. God bless you and your family during this trying time.

Denise Van Tol - August 16, 2012 at 11:04 AM

DE

“ Through the years we have watched Brandon grow up to be a kind and caring young man. He made many people smile. Our thoughts are with you in this very difficult time. Love Dawn & Sami

Dawn Eddy - August 16, 2012 at 11:01 AM

KB

“ When there are just no words to say, I just want you to know we are here for you always, no matter what time of day or what day it is you know you can call on us.. We all loved Brandon so very much and still feel the shock of it all. You raised an incredibly loving and kind gentleman that will be more than missed by all the lives he touched. We love you guys~

Kelly Pelletier and boys - August 16, 2012 at 10:54 AM

VA

“ Oh you dear, dear parents; my heart goes out to you. I do not know you, and I did not know your son, but I ran across the sad news while on the internet this morning. I am a mother, and I can't help but shed tears for you and your family. He looks like an amazing young man, and obviously he was deeply loved by more wonderful people. Please accept condolences from a stranger, and know that you are being thought of far away in Chicago, IL. God Bless you all. and your amazing son who is now with the Lord.

Valerie - August 16, 2012 at 10:51 AM

TW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Brandon's passing. You should be so proud of the young man you raised. His smile was contagious, and he was an absolute joy to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Brandon's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tim and Kim Witham - August 16, 2012 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ Cindy, Mike and the family, My thoughts are with you through this time of grieving and sadness. Brandon was an amazing young man, I guess I would say he was the "All American Boy", everyone loved him and he was a star in school and sports. God must have needed someone as special as him to take him this early. So much love you all have, maybe not today or a month or a year from now but someday we might be able to except he isnt here physically. But he will always be here in our hearts and our memories. Love you all so much.

Maranda (Freeman) Chase - August 16, 2012 at 10:22 AM

LL

“ Cindy and Mike, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lisa Laliberte - August 16, 2012 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ *Cindy & family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janet Slade - August 16, 2012 at 09:58 AM

LI

“ *Mike, Cindy, Bryan and Christina, my heart is so broken for all of you. I only wish I could take away your pain. I am here for you and will do anything you need. Love you all!*

Linda - August 16, 2012 at 09:42 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the friends & family of this ever-smiling young man! We met him by going into DD everyday and talking to him & got to know that we knew many of the same people(Wendell & Deb,you were very lucky to have a nephew like him!!):-) His smile was contagious ,his politeness was beyond polite and he made one heck of a mocha iced coffee.He would see us and not even ask what we were there for,he knew! We feel blessed to have known him ! R.I.P.Brandon!*

John & Wanda Chadbourne - August 16, 2012 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ *My condolences to you and your family in this tragic time. I pray that God surrounds you with peace and comfort through this whole process.*

Sandra (Hebert) Stallone - August 16, 2012 at 09:31 AM

CS

“ *Again, I am so sorry for your loss Cindy and Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Find peace in knowing how much Brandon was loved and how he lived his life to the fullest!*

Cheryl Soucy - August 16, 2012 at 09:20 AM

EP

“ *my condolences and prayers to the family*

Edith Polden - August 16, 2012 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ *RIP Brandon. We didn't ever talk outside of law enforcement, but you were always there to help with a smile on your face. You were the nicest person and everyone always asked you for help. You were so great at everything you did in that class and truly put your heart and soul into it. It was a privilege getting to know you. To the MacDonald Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great person. Rest Easy Brandon*

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**Jessy Bosse** - August 16, 2012 at 08:22 AM

MC

“ *RIP Brother.*

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**Matthew Conklin** - August 16, 2012 at 04:51 AM

IR

“ *Cindy, Mike, Bryan, Christina....I love you!!*

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**Inga Roberts** - August 16, 2012 at 12:31 AM

LL

“ *I can not begin to say how sorry I am for the terrible loss you have suffered. You should be very proud of the son you raised. He will be missed by many people but the world is a better place because he was here!!!*

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**Lisa Lenahan** - August 16, 2012 at 12:11 AM

MJ

“ *The loss of your son is a loss to us all even if we did not know him well. Marie and Louise and the extended family*

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**Marie Jonaitis** - August 15, 2012 at 11:52 PM

NR

“ *Mike Cindy and Family, We are so sorry for your loss of your son Brandon. Please know our thoughts and Prayers are with you during this hard time.*

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**Norma Newbury and Jon Ramsay** - August 15, 2012 at 04:04 PM

CM

“ *My heart goes out to the both of you. I still remember the day Brandon was born. All through his years he was a beautiful and thoughtful child. I pray for both of you. Love, Grandma Ginny*

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**Cindy and Mike** - August 15, 2012 at 03:23 PM