



Shawn Anthony Nixon

September 15, 1975 - May 7, 2021

Shawn Anthony Nixon was born September 15, 1975, in Los Angeles, CA. He graduated from Kalaheo High School in Kaneohe, HI in 1994, where he was a two-time State Champion in Cross Country, and won State Championships in both the 1600 and 3200 meter Track and Field events. Upon graduating high school, Shawn left Hawaii on a full athletic scholarship to Tulane University in New Orleans, LA for Cross Country and Track. After two promising years at Tulane, Shawn transferred to Adams State College in Alamosa, CO, where he was a two-time All-American in cross country, and finished 4th in Nationals, leading the way to ASC being crowned the 1998 National Champions. Following graduation, he spent time in Colorado, Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Shawn was loved and admired by everyone he met, and left a lasting impact on countless people. Shawn was known for his huge heart, grit, and perseverance. He loved the outdoors, becoming an avid rock climber during his years spent in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains. Shawn would often say he felt closest to God while he was in nature, surrounded by the beauty and mystique of creation. Shawn was also an accomplished artist, having majored in Art, and spent time in the classroom as an art teacher. Shawn will be remembered by his family as fiercely loyal — he always put his family first, and was the first to jump into action when his loved ones needed help. Shawn was a good time to be around...his infectious laugh, knack for telling incredible stories of his many life adventures, and his thoughtful ability to listen when he was in a conversation. Shawn is survived by his son Owen, the apple of his eye, the center of his world, and the greatest gift Shawn would say he has ever received. Shawn spent the final 11 years of his life making sure his son was cared for and affirmed. Not a single day went by which he didn't tell Owen how proud he was of him and how much he loved him. Shawn is also survived by his loving parents, Michael and Jean Nixon, and his siblings Dasha Nixon (Nani), Catherine Bond (Pete), Father Michael Nixon, Titus Nixon (Colleen), and Maria Elsbernd (Alec), and Owen's mother Sarah Appleman (Chad), as well as 20 nephews and nieces. A funeral Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church in Tallahassee, FL on Saturday, May 15th at 1 pm, followed by interment in the BSC Columbarium. A light reception will be held in the parish hall. <https://m.facebook.com/bsctallahassee/live>
In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Owen Shawn Nixon Trust Fund: Online: h

<https://www.paypal.me/owenshawnnixonfund> Checks can be made out to Sarah Appleman (Owen Trust Fund in subject line) and mailed to: 1775 Newman Lane Tallahassee FL, 32312.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (<http://www.bevisfh.com> 850-385-2193)

Events

MAY **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

624 Miccosukee Rd., Tallahassee, FL, US, 32308

Comments



“always and forever.....”



brent edelen - May 21 at 10:54 PM



“ Paula Agosta lit a candle in memory of Shawn Anthony Nixon”



Paula Agosta - May 13 at 04:30 PM



“ Nita Vail purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shawn Anthony Nixon.”



Nita Vail - May 13 at 04:03 PM



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Wilmar Alvarado - May 12 at 11:52 PM



“ I heard about Shawn's athletic exploits at Kalaheo from his brother, Dasha, while Dasha and I were at the University of Hawaii. When I finally met Shawn in August of 1997, he carried himself with an easy-going care-free and grounded vibe. And although we just met at that time, we acted like we knew each other for a long time; guess it was from Dasha.

Shawn and I didn't see each other for a long time; 10 years, until the University of Hawaii played in the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 2008. Shawn was there along with the rest of the Nixon brothers, Dasha, Michael and Titus. When we saw each other, it was like old friends coming together again; picking up where we left off. Shawn was dressed with a fake hula grass skirt and a coconut-shell bikini top. Unfortunately, he lost the bikini top in one of restrooms in the Superdome. The group was having a good time during the Sugar Bowl festivities.

After a brutal game that didn't go well for Hawaii; losing to Georgia, the group was hungry and needed time to cool off. Very late in the evening, we found a lhop and we spent another hour or two there. We continued talking outside the restaurant for about 15 minutes in freezing January air until we couldn't bear it anymore. I remember we took one picture after our meal and it is that picture that I have in my memory about that time with friends.

Shawn, I will miss you. Until we meet again...until we meet again.

Sincerely,
Wilmar B. Alvarado

Wilmar Alvarado - May 12 at 09:39 PM



“ Wilmar Alvarado lit a candle in memory of Shawn Anthony Nixon



Wilmar Alvarado - May 12 at 08:58 PM



“ Shawn was a legend amongst men. Always the first to jump in to help a loved one. A fierce competitor but a gentle and sensitive soul. He could be the life of the party or a quiet, astute listener. Having him here with our family in Tallahassee this past year has made it the best year of our lives. You will be missed my brother, but never forgotten!

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Titus Nixon - May 12 at 04:49 PM