

Sean M. Brown

July 5, 1983 - July 7, 2019

Sean M. Brown, age 36, of Washington D.C., peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on July 7, 2019. Sean was born on July 5, 1983, in East McKeesport, PA to William and Mary Lynn (Rosenbayger) Brown. He was a 2001 graduate of East Allegheny Junior/Senior High School. After high school, Sean pursued his love of theater at the University of Pittsburgh where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts. While his passion for theater, film, and music was present for his entire life, Sean's focus after college changed to being more politically minded and finding ways to make this a better world. After a brief time as a paralegal, Sean attended the University of the District of Columbia where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with his Juris Doctorate. Thereafter, Sean was selected for the Legal Honors Program at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development where he worked as a Trial Attorney until his death, assuring decent and affordable housing, enabling all Americans to achieve homeownership, providing resources for communities to build strong neighborhoods, preventing homelessness, and enforcing fair housing laws. In his too brief time, Sean enjoyed the finer things in life when he could. In addition to being an accomplished lawyer he was also an avid foodie, an experienced traveler, a lover of bands that you've never heard of, and the best person to navigate you around a city. Beyond food and travel, Sean loved his family and friends all of whom have been forever changed just for knowing him. He is survived by his parents William and Mary Lynn, brothers Ryan and Cory, grandmother

Catherine Rosenbayger, as well as many aunts and uncles that loved him dearly, numerous cousins that he always had fun with, and countless friends that felt just like family. Friends, family, and others whose lives were touched by Sean are invited to the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway Ave, East McKeesport, PA 15035, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday July 12, 2019 to grieve, reminisce, inappropriately laugh, and support each other. To continue his legacy, the family is asking in lieu of flowers to consider making a donation to the ACLU, an organization very near and dear to Sean and his family (www.aclu.org/memorial), and to take a moment to enjoy things the way Sean always did; so have a drink of gin, eat at a new restaurant, discover a new band, go see a different part of the world, and most importantly be kind to one another. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home
1032 Broadway Ave
East McKeesport, PA 15035
(412) 823-8083
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Sean M. Brown

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Sean M. Brown

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *I was very sad to learn of Sean's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Sean a few times-- his humble demeanor, intelligence, and sense of humor made an immediate impression on me. As part of a team doing impactful work for those in the most vulnerable communities, I know his absence will be felt not only by his family and friends, but also by his work mates.*

Patrisha Tijerina - July 24, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *I had the great pleasure of working on a case with Sean. He was smart, incredibly hard-working and fun to be with. He was dedicated to using his talents to make a difference by ensuring justice was done. He was an inspiration to me, and I know to others. His loss will be felt by many colleagues, and by many more Americans who never met him, but for whom he worked tirelessly and made an impact. My condolences to his family and friends. Please know that he is missed.*

Susan Strawn - July 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM

JG

“ I had the great pleasure of working and hanging with Sean. He was a GREAT guy and will be missed by all those who he touched personally & professionally.

Joshua Gold - July 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

CB

“ With our deepest sympathy in losing your loved one who was so young, but touched so many lives throughout his short life. My children, Sean and Alicia, both attended the East Allegheny School District where they graduated from. While attending school throughout those years, they met Sean, and memories of their school days were made. Our condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time.

The Boros Family, Carol, Sean and Alicia.

Carol Boros - July 12, 2019 at 07:03 PM

BD

“ Although I did not have the pleasure of meeting Sean I have known Ryan for several years through my daughter Sara. Ryan is such a loving and caring individual I am sure his brother was the same. Losing a loved one is never easy and the pain never goes away we just seem to learn to deal with it. So Ryan hold all of your good memories of your brother in your heart in your heart for he will never be far away. Love and hugs Berni

Bernadette Dodeci - July 12, 2019 at 06:01 PM

MA

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Madeline - July 12, 2019 at 02:40 PM



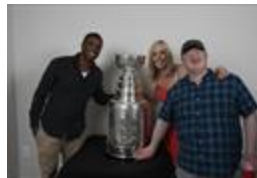
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.



July 11, 2019 at 09:40 PM

MC

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Miniard Culpepper - July 11, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.



July 11, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.*



July 11, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *It was an honor to know Sean. He was a great friend to my daughter Madeline and her husband Peter. And frankly to all of my children. His short life was well lived and had deep meaning. The imprint he has left on the world will it easily be erased.*

Mack McKeller - July 11, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ *Barb Gaska sent a virtual gift in memory of Sean M. Brown*



Barb Gaska - July 10, 2019 at 09:00 PM



I HAVE NEVER MET SEAN OR HIS FAMILY, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL OBITUARY, HAD TO BE A HELL OF A GUY, SOO, YES WILL HAVE A DRINK (ICE TEA), TRY A NEW RESTAURANT AND GOING A CRUISE THIS MONTH !!, GOD BLESS, VERY TOUCHING, WISH WE HAD MORE PEOPLE LIKE SEAN IN THE WORLD

Barb Gaska - July 10, 2019 at 09:08 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to learn of Sean's passing. To lose a person so young with so much potential. My thoughts and support go out to the Bill, Lynn, Aunt Kitty and the entire Rosenbayger family. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Be strong and focus on the good he did and the light he brought.

John E Packowski - July 10, 2019 at 04:06 PM

ME

“ Sean was a truly great person. He was always able to make me laugh and our tradition of celebrating our birthdays together is one of my favorites. He taught me a lot about the world through conversations over cocktails and delicious meals. I am so grateful for his friendship and his kindness over the years. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time.

Megan English - July 10, 2019 at 01:19 PM

JC

“ My earnest sympathy goes out to the Brown and Rosenbayger families. Above all, my heart aches for Lynn, Bill, Ma Kitty, and Sean's brothers.

JIM CERESA and family

Jim Ceresa - July 10, 2019 at 11:12 AM

Paula
Gibbs

“ Below is a photo I took of Sean when my judge swore him into the PA bar. I was so glad I could be there to share that special moment with him. He was so intelligent. Probably the smartest guy I know. Sean was my classmate and my friend. He will be missed. I am heartbroken. Rest Well, Sean!



Paula Gibbs - July 10, 2019 at 09:25 AM

Laura
Stark

“ Sean, who graduated one year ahead of me from UDC-DACSL, was an extremely knowledgeable mentor, and unfailingly kind to anyone who requested his assistance. I know that his legal work was always superlative, but beyond that, he was an interesting person in all regards. I am so sorry that the world will no longer have Sean to seek justice, or just locate the best hamburger on Capitol Hill. He will be deeply missed.

Laura Stark - July 10, 2019 at 07:52 AM

JA

“ I met Sean at UDC Law and I'm very saddened to hear about his passing. Sean was very nice, easygoing and smart. He was a great advocate and had a strong commitment to social justice. He will be missed! :(My prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends.

Jordana Arias - July 10, 2019 at 01:21 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I did not know Sean personally, but, as a fellow alum of UDC Law, I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I am praying for your strength and divine comfort.*

Candace Eggleston-Holmes - July 09, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ *I graduated law school with Sean. He was, undoubtedly, one of the smartest people I've met. He was the type of person who could easily land a job at any big firm in DC, but instead he chose a career of service. Sean's presence in this world will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss, and hope you can find comfort in knowing that he has touched the lives of many.*

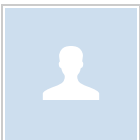
Katye Blevins - July 09, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.*



July 09, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.*



July 09, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sean M. Brown.*



July 09, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ *Sean was my student in clinic at UDC law school. He was a terrific student, a wonderful lawyer (even as a student), and a warm and funny guy. I am very, very sorry to hear this sad news, and send condolences to his family and his UDC family who cared deeply for him.*

Matt Fraidin - July 09, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *I am blessed to have known Sean and to have spent some fantastic evenings with him. Sean was always so welcoming and kind no matter what. I loved our card game nights in DC and the crazy laughs we would have together.*

I pray that Sean's passion and determination to go after your dreams can be found in others. Sean truly was an amazing person. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please remember the good times and be thankful for having such an amazing person to aspire to be like. Have some red wine or gin and toast to heaven gaining a fabulous person. I miss you Sean!

Rena Lee - July 09, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JL

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Joe Libertelli - July 09, 2019 at 04:09 PM

JK

Prayer and meditation of the loss of a son and brother that was loved and admired. May the memory and works of his contribution in his earthly form transform to make this world a better place. Jacqueline M. Kennedy - NTSB

jacqueline kennedy - July 17, 2019 at 09:02 AM