Bryan Johannes Giesbrecht

Bryan was the first born to Katie and Randy. The night my mom brought Bryan home from the hospital she says he slept through the entire night as if he knew that she was tired and needed the rest. They lived in a house with no power, no phone or even running water. He was my mom’s saving grace and lone source of entertainment.

In the summer of 83 they had moved to Bonanza Farms. Little did any of them know that this community would become the foundation of our family. My sister wasn’t very far behind once they moved there. Bryan took the responsibility of being a big brother whole-heartedly from that moment on and continued to do so for all of us. A few years later Bryan had the chance to meet his protégé, his apprentice… me. As brothers we had an unspoken vow to tease and harass our sister. Little did we know that years later we would have another brother; Jackson to aid us in these efforts.

Bryan’s friends are of a different breed… but, he chose them well and he knew that if there was ever anything he needed he could lean on them and they knew that of him as well, you guys always seemed to make the best out of every moment when you were together. The goofy antics will forever be ingrained in our minds.

When Bryan got an idea in his head he was going to do it 100% no questions asked and nothing was going to hold him back. The confidence that radiated out of him about everything always made us feel that he was going to be just fine, no matter what it was he was doing. He lived so much life in the small amount of time that he was given; he lived in Australia for a year, sand boarding, playing Aussie Rules Football for his Aussie high school, snorkeling the great barrier reef. Traveled Europe with his wife, canoe trips down the Bow River, the list goes on and on.

I think the greatest thing he has ever done was introduce us to his 2 beautiful daughters, I remember when Paige came into this world, it was never the same again. My brother had become a Dad. He loved her more than anything, I remember him telling me that it was the greatest feeling ever. This July he welcomed his second daughter Leigha, she is beautiful. His girls were his world, his life. They will grow up listening to stories of his goofiness and how much he loved them. Amongst all the silliness and laughter there were always lessons he was sharing with us and I can’t speak directly for him but I feel these are some words he would of wanted us all to live by

- Believe in your ability to make great things happen
- Seek Adventure
- Make others laugh just because you can
It's alright to change your mind as much as you want until you get to where you want to go!

Simply put Bryan was the most generous, kind, passionate and loving person. He was one of a kind, they broke the mold with him. He was the greatest guy I've ever met and if I can be half the man he was I think I'll be doing alright.

Submitted by Derek Giesbrecht