



Brad and Ellen DeLoach

November 26, 2015

Brad DeLoach and Ellen Lewis DeLoach departed this life on Thursday, November 26, 2015.

Brad met the love of his life, Ellen Ruth Lewis, during a beach trip to Destin, Florida in 1990 with a group of friends. . It took Brad 7 years to convince Ellen that he was also the love of her life. She finally agreed, and they wed on August 9, 1997 at the First United Methodist Church in Marietta.

For 18 years, these soul mates built a wonderful life together, full of family, friends, travel, work, and the appreciation and creation of art. Brad was the epitome of a Renaissance man. He was a skilled craftsman, who excelled at building and design, a gourmet cook, a connoisseur of single malt scotch, a veritable font of knowledge about cars and airplanes, and a lover of life. He earned his living as a self-employed structural draftsman and real estate mogul.

Even though Ellen spent her weekdays performing inside sales at BlueLinx, her nights and weekends were dedicated to her true passion -- art. Ellen started her journey as an artist after her children were in high school. She studied with many teachers, and worked hard for many years to develop her skills and her vision. A member of the Fine Arts Workshop Atlanta (FAWS), she had a solo art show, at Atlanta's Bill Lowe Gallery. Her creations are also on view at the Josef Glimmer Gallery in Chicago. Her work will be included in a new gallery co-founded by her mentor, Michael David of the Fine Arts Atelier. (Please see Mr. David's tribute to Ellen on her Facebook page.)

Travel was among the many joys Brad and Ellen shared. They enjoyed the challenges of skiing, scuba diving, golf, and (seemingly) all adventures. For 25 years they shared the fun and fellowship of an annual beach trip with their extended volleyball family.

Brad and Ellen also shared a love for food and relished everything from pubs to fine dining. They loved to explore new restaurants with friends. Anyone fortunate enough to be

invited to their home was treated to a gourmet meal prepared by Brad, and served to perfection by Ellen at a beautiful table.

Their families were the most important aspect of Brad and Ellen's life. Our family gatherings, most recently at their cabin in Ellijay, or at their home in Acworth, were always warm and welcoming, full of love, music, games and laughter.

Brad and Ellen are survived by Ellen's daughter, Jessica Hanna (Steve), son, Dustin Dixon, and grandson, Brayden Richardson. Brad loved Jessica and Dustin as if they were his own children, and was especially close to Brayden who was training with Brad as a draftsman. Brad and Ellen also leave behind their mothers, Fay DeLoach and Lois Lewis. Other family members include Brad's siblings, Ross (Suzanne), Guy (Debbie), and Stacey Jones (Keith), Ellen's sisters are Linda Hursh (Doug) and Jeanette Sanderson. Additional family includes aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Ellen was a breast cancer survivor. Brad's sister Stacey, is also a breast cancer survivor. In their honor, the family requests that In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, PO Box 96216, Washington, DC 20090-6216. 1 877-GO KOMEN. Komen.org.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8: 38-39

A memorial service for Brad & Ellen DeLoach will be held Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of the Fayetteville First United Methodist Church 175 E. Lanier Avenue. Visitation & Fellowship will be held in the church Fellowship Hall after the service.

Comments



“ I am just finding this on Facebook and my heart is broke! Ellen and I went back to Junior High School where we were in art together in the 7th. She could light up the room with her smile and her eyes. Love to all her family.

Patti Jackson Camp - October 10, 2018 at 06:19 AM



“ John A. Lowe lit a candle in memory of Brad and Ellen DeLoach



John A. Lowe - December 11, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ Cynthia Townsend Perry lit a candle in memory of Brad and Ellen DeLoach



Cynthia Townsend Perry - December 10, 2015 at 08:00 PM



“ I met Ellen and Brad at Carrabbas about 12 years ago. We struck up conversation at bar about home decorating. We had an instant kinship and became fast friends. Over the years we have shared in adventures from going to a dude ranch to boating, dining and the beach. I loved this couple dearly. You don't come across many like this. I was honored to be their friend and share a small portion of their life in this world. They will be greatly missed

Mitzi Cheney - December 08, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ I got to know Ellen in the early 80's when we became next door neighbors. Her daughter, Jessica, was like a daughter to us traveling with us to help with our young daughter. A beautiful person inside and out Ellen was always soft spoken and caring for those around her. Had the privilege of attending her art show at the Bill Lowe Gallery and viewing her beautiful pieces that she was so proud of. Will miss her so much!! Love you Jessica!

Marian Houston - December 05, 2015 at 11:01 PM



“ I had the pleasure of going to high school to the 10th grade with Brad, he was one of the sweetest guys I knew, made classes fun. I will cherish the memories I have of him. My thoughts and prayers for the family during this time. Earth has lost a wonderful person but heaven gained another angel, until we meet again on the streets of gold.

Wanda Ivey - December 05, 2015 at 05:42 PM



“ Brad and Ellen were my neighbors and friends. I met Ellen first on the tennis courts playing ALTA mixed doubles with her and later met Brad. Ellen was such a sweet lady who never had anything negative to say. Brad volunteered his drafting services to help us build two community Pavillions. I was lucky enough to get to know Brad while we were building the Pavillions. I last saw them both at a Mexican restaurant sitting together enjoying dinner and they looked so happy. Joy and I will miss our friends and neighbors. Rest in peace.

Darryl & Joy Millard

Darryl Millard - December 03, 2015 at 10:00 PM



“ My first desk at BlueLinx was across from Ellen. It was over a decade ago. We would chit chat about things daily and I always asked what did Brad put in her salad of the day! They were always amazingly made and she was so proud and blessed that he made sure she had what she loved. Spunky, sweet, nice, a fashionista in her own right...that was the Ellen I knew. We often would talk about our long commute from the Acworth/Dallas area down to the office in Marietta and even with that she was still positive and gave me suggestions on how to make it better. I relocated last year so I didn't see her as often anymore but every so often she'd transfer me a call and it was the same sweet voice I would hear daily. I'm so very sorry. My prayers are with her and Brad's entire family!

KyMBERly H.

KyMBERly H. - December 02, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Lois, Linda, and all family members.
Love,
Jack and Nancy Landrum

Jack Landrum - December 02, 2015 at 08:40 AM



“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

I'm sure when Brad met Ellen on that beach those years ago, he did meet his angel.

Dear Brad, We met in high school - the place where dreams begin and relationships are understood. I write this letter now, knowing you will never see it - yet knowing you felt the love of friends and family in your life gives some a small measure of comfort.

You were indeed the renaissance man - even then. You were also a gentleman. Although a teenager, you seemed more mature with a quiet kindness that needed not so many words as your actions stood out to identify your beautiful soul. Yes, even then - so many of us knew that your life would inherit fullness, beauty and a providential love to match our heavenly Father's love.

As a teenager, you expressed your love of family. They are faint memories, but I remember. At our recent class reunion, you shared the happenings in everyone's life - your Mom, brothers, sister. Standing next to you, was the diamond in your life - Ellen...and oh what a joy. I spoke to her only briefly, but captured a few pictures of you both through the night and it was as though Ellen had graduated with us also...just one of us, looking back on our youth. The bright red top accented her beautiful skin and long hair.

We learn through your death there were few gaps in your life - a life filled with pleasures of this earth; the sea, the sand, the gentle breezes. Adventures that captured time and space with those you loved. Events that brought you both success. I have no doubt you took none for granted.

We, who knew you and watched from the sidelines as your life unfolded are better having shared just a few moments, or days, or years...whatever we may have been gifted. Your departure has left us stunned, begging for just one more laugh, another class reunion to see you with your arm firmly supporting Ellen's tiny waist. It will not be, and we are empty.

Saying goodbye is monumental as many of us simply cannot. Until we meet again, I'll take a lesson from your book of life Brad - and hug my husband more, let my lips meet his sweet lips more, tell him I love him more and celebrate with my family and friends more....the beauty that is life!

Dear Brad.....

Melissa Smith Phillips - December 02, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“Melissa, this is indeed the most special of tributes. As an artist who painted in studio with Ellen and also knew Brad, I am grateful that I got to know them both.

susan blackmon - December 03, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ I grew up with Brad. He lived just around the corner from me. I have fond memories of spending years in elementary and high school together. The strongest memory I have of Brad was his stunning drawing talent. In elementary school when our art teacher would have us do little art projects Brad had permission to create whatever he wanted. His artistic gifts were well known and I remember being so amazed by his sketches. I'm saddened by the tragic loss and at the same time comforted that he found love and joy with Ellen.

Lindsey Brown - December 01, 2015 at 08:31 PM



“ I grew up with the DeLoachs.. Brad was a part of our everyday life - touch football or kickball. I remember he had a great voice- he helped paint my grandmother's kitchen, singing Brandy. He loved his family and friends and was a true gentleman. Rest in peace my friend.

robin godfrey oreilly - December 04, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ Ashley Marie Bland lit a candle in memory of Brad and Ellen DeLoach



Ashley Marie Bland - December 01, 2015 at 06:42 PM



“ My name is Ashley and I am the neice of Ellen and Brad. I remember was I was a little girl and I would stay the night with her and my cousins, and Aunt Ellen would always come say prayers with me and scratch my back. It has always stuck with me, it soothed me!!!! Her hugs,kisses and smile could turn any frown,upside down... never forgotten

Ashley Marie Bland - December 01, 2015 at 06:41 PM



“ I am Keith, Brad's sister's (Stacey) husband. We have been married for 29 yrs and I just wanted to share the first time I met Brad. Stacey and I were at an event that Brad was there too and he sought me out, kinda got me back into a wall, and told me " That's my sister that you're with and you better never mistreat her or else". Of course I agreed but he couldn't just leave it at that. He had to tell me there were two more brothers I would have to answer to! He has been very special to me ever since. We would solve the world's problems together. Then Ellen would tell us our plan would never work! LOL

Ellen was so talented in her paintings. There is a painting over their fireplace in Acworth, Ga. of a lighthouse on the ocean, that if you look at it long enough you can hear the sounds.

So many good memories of times together. So much love and laughter. So thankful for this years Thanksgiving gathering with the family at "The Cabin" in the mountains. I will miss them both so much.

Keith Jones - December 01, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ I work at BlueLinx too and was in the FL team years ago and sat next to Ellen. I loved listening to her talk about her artwork and seeing the pieces she'd bring into the office. She was just a beautiful soul and person and I'd give anything to have another morning chat with her. I admire the woman she was and God gained 2 angels, I know that for certain. She was taken all too soon but she will do amazing work with God. I love and miss you, Ellen. Continued prayers for the family and friends of this beautiful couple.

Logan Alexander

Logan Alexander - December 01, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ I am part of the BlueLinx family in Tampa, FL. I worked with Ellen daily via email or phone. She was a wonderful soft spoken person. I will miss her dearly. My condolences go out to both families of Brad and Ellen.

Sabrina Farmer

Sabrina Farmer - December 01, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ My heart is broken for the entire family. Ellen and Brad had a beautiful love that was visible to anyone who knew them. Ellen's soft kindness was complimented by Brad's confident supportive ways. I knew them personally and professionally and they were the absolute same in both worlds. I always enjoyed being kept in the loop of their most recent adventures. They touched my life and I am better for it.

Carole Link - December 01, 2015 at 09:22 AM



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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - December 01, 2015 at 08:14 AM



“ Beautiful Couple you will surely be missed I will always have you in my Heart

Shirley Perren - December 02, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ I have been a part of this family's life for 30+ years as friends. My love and heartfelt condolences go out to the whole family. Ellen was a very special person and God needed another angel to grace his throne. She will serve him graciously, as she did everything in this life. The memories of laughter, fun, and family will always be with me. To Lois, Linda, Jeannette and all the other family, know that I am thinking of you and praying for the healing power of God to comfort you during this time and time to come.

Joyce - December 02, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ Although I believe I only met him once he left a lasting impression, as did the rest of his family. There are certain families in communities that are instantly recognized as "Core Families". Families that if you came to be friends with one of the members, you instantly were friends with the whole family. Such was my experience with the DeLoach family. They were so out reaching it was impossible not to feel apart of this truly great family. My sadness at their (our) loss is only surpassed by the flood of great memories that this family provided all they came in touch with. My prayers are with the whole family, but especially Stacey as I know she has been cherished by Brad as well as all of her brothers. Some family dynamics are obvious from even the briefest encounters. Thank you for sharing the best of what a beautiful caring family looks like. Remember the good times, for there are many to choose from.

Jim Hare - December 11, 2015 at 03:32 AM



“ Ellen joined our company right out of high school. She was attractive, bright and dedicated to doing things right. Through the years she worked her way up through the organization and eventually became the manager of our Southeastern Distribution Center based in Atlanta. This was our largest and most profitable operation. Ellen and I shared office space for over 15 years. We became good friends as well as business associates. She was such a lady and a great mother. I remember the first day Brad came to the office to take her to lunch. A few weeks later Ellen told me that he was almost too good to be true. I am so happy that they found each other and had so many great years together. I will always remember Ellen's beautiful smile and pleasant personality. Jessica, I pray that God will grant you peace and strength in the days ahead.

Butch and Brenda Fairchild

Butch Fairchild - December 13, 2015 at 02:17 PM