

## **Brendan Patrick Johnson**

JANUARY 16, 1994 – MARCH 9, 2021



Our beloved son, brother, and friend, passed away at the age of 27 on March 9, 2021.

Brendan was born January 16th in Florida, and grew up in the D.C. area beginning in third grade. He attended St. James Catholic School ('08), Gonzaga College High School ('12), and Dartmouth College ('16), where he majored in History with a Religion minor. At each place he made lifelong friends, brought an incredible sense of humor, amazed all with his love of reading, and grew in his love for Christ. At Gonzaga, Brendan was the 2011 recipient of the Mike Kelleher ScholarAthlete Award, in recognition of his commitment to scholarship and community service and his participation in athletics. Brendan played rugby and football, where he earned the Iron Eagle Award as the strongest player on the team and First Team All-

Conference Honors in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference. He did everything from removing the old flooring in the homeless shelter at Gonzaga, to singing the opening number of the school's production of *Li'l Abner*. He could often be found in the library or the McKenna Center at Christ's hands and feet.

He was humbled to receive the Mother Teresa Award for outstanding service in his sophomore year at Gonzaga. Brendan enjoyed the outdoors during his time at Dartmouth, and often, when his parents called to ask about classes, he would share the latest fishing reports on the Connecticut River instead. He loved his friends from Dartmouth with whom he shared a love of the outdoors and all things "Big Green."

After college, Brendan grew in his love for Washington, D.C., and he could often be found sporting WFT, Nats, or Caps paraphernalia. He worked with PNC Realty Investors in their Washington office, where he was a treasured friend and colleague. Everyone in his neighborhood knew him and loved him, and he would stop to say hello and talk to every single person on the street while on his frequent long walks. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hiking, and campfires, usually while wearing his ever-present tasseled loafers.

Brendan was a genuine and caring person, loving all, particularly those who needed it most, and always putting others before himself. He was the most fun person to be around, always making you laugh with his goofy humor when he somehow knew you really needed it. He found hope in his faith, attending Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in D.C., and truly cared for the least of the brothers of Christ.

Brendan is preceded in death by his grandparents Hugh Beins, Bill Johnson, Sr., and Joanne Johnson. He is survived by his parents Katie and Bill, siblings Willie, Caroline, and Joe, grandmothers Mary Elizabeth Beins ("Meema") and Mary Devito, his loving and courageous friend, loved one, and confidante Anisha, and by many beloved uncles, aunts, and devoted and loyal cousins and friends. Brendan was passionate about supporting environmental stewardship, reentry to society after imprisonment, and providing homes for the poor.

Brendan joined the SAR George Washington Chapter as a member in September 2018, Brendan directly descends from Revolutionary War patriot Richard Johnson, Ensign for Colonel Hathorn's Regiment of Warwick, New York.