

Brian Howard
12/08/1977 to 06/09/2003

In my life as a Blazer and human being, I don't think I have met anyone with more character and passion than Pete Malone, Brian makes me think twice. As an athlete Brian's will to drive others around him was unstoppable. Day in and Day out Brian would show up with his game face on, it was never off. He wanted to play; he wanted to compete against the best and test himself every step of the way.

For two years every Wednesday and Friday morning Brian and I would train head to head in a set of six 400 IM's. I may have had the talent, but Brian had the character. Combined he drove me to a new level and made sure that I had my character intact at all times, or he would go right by me.

Brian carried these ideals with him into life. His desire to learn and compete with the best drove him to the Division I NCAA level as a swimmer at the University of Minnesota. While finishing college his desire for education and experience only grew. He graduated and immediately headed to Japan for two years to teach English.

I was lucky enough to have the honor of his company for dinner upon his return. Along with Tara Tamburello, the three of us enjoyed a wonderful outdoor meal complete with wine and philosophical conversation. At the end of the meal I was so relieved to see that two of my fellow Blazers had held so strongly onto the values we had all learned together.

Brian exemplifies the ideals that I now have a part in teaching every day. Part of me owes this to him. He pushed me, and countless others I have no doubt, to new levels of excellence in our lives. He pushed with honesty, compassion and a wise understanding that we all wish we had at such a young age.

Thank you Brian for being a part of my life, and from Pete Malone, thank you for being a true friend and letting me know that what we are teaching is working. The Blazers prayers are many and we will keep you in our thoughts till the wells run dry. "A true champion is not one who succeeds only when the eyes of the world are upon him, but one who has the will to triumph when God's eyes are the only ones shining upon him."

Sincerely,

Chris Bundy and Friends