



Nathan A. Altman

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Nathan A. Altman, 30, died September 29, 2006 in Fayetteville. He was born on December 1, 1975, in Wynne, Arkansas.

Nathan grew up a "military brat," travelling around the world and attending Department of Defense Dependent Schools. He graduated from Broadneck High School in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1993. Having always been a Razorback fan, he attended the University of Arkansas for six years, completing a BA and an MA in English. He completed an MFA in Creative Writing at Texas State University where he taught English Composition for several years.

Nathan returned to Northwest Arkansas in June of 2005 and began working as a writer for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He loved the scenic beauty of Fayetteville and the local area and enjoyed spending time outdoors---hiking, caving in Devil's Den, and canoeing the area's rivers.

Nathan's passions were reading and writing. As a child he was an avid reader----devouring the books of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Terry Brooks. He decided to be a writer and began writing his own fantasies, complete with elaborate maps, around age ten. He never lost sight of that ambition; he had completed several short stories and was working on a novel.

He is survived by his parents Larry and Wanda Altman of Fayetteville, one sister; Amy Slone of Fayetteville and his fiancée; Leah Pierson of Fayetteville.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 206 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale, on Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation (Treva Hamilton, 527-3655), where a scholarship for creative writing students has been established in Nathan's name.

To sign the online guest book go to www.nelsonberna.com



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Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.

Visitation Date Time No Visitation N/A Visitation Location Service Date Time October 8, 2006
2:00 PM Service Location A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church,
206 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale, on Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m.



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GF

Gloria Lopez (Ars Friend) posted:

Larry and family, I am so deeply sorry for the lost of your son Nathan. My prayers are with you. God Bless you. Gloria

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EW

Erin E. Cain (Co-Worker) posted:

Nate trained me when I came to work at the ADG about four months ago. Our desks faced each other, and we would joke about the sometimes hilarious police reports or events in court that we were reporting on. He was a pleasure to work with and will be missed and remembered fondly.

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CL

Cindy Cose (Work With Father, Larry) posted:

There are no words that can express how very sorry I was hear about your son Nathan. Remember the story of the "Footprints in the Sand", when there is only one set, that is when Jesus carries us. I know He will carry you and your family through this. My prayers are with you entire family.

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PT

Patti Toth posted:

My prayers are with Nathan and your family.

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PL

Paula Snell (Friend And Co-Worker Of Larry) posted:

Larry and Wanda, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I pray for peace for you and your family.

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RF

Rosita Spears (Co-Worker Of Father) posted:

Larry, May God's comforting hands surround you and your family during this trying time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rosita Spears

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MW

Melissa Jones (Co-Worker) posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We at the Democrat-Gazette enjoyed working with him. He was always kind, always had a smile and always treated others with great respect. He was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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TA

Toni Walls (Co-Worker Of Larry Altmas) posted:

Larry, Wanda and family, There are so many tender ministries of the Lord to our lives, but it is in the loss that we discover the deepest meaning of His tenderness. May you sense his tender words being spoken to your heart, "I am your God and I will be your comfort." Your are in my heart, my thoughts and my prayers. Toni Walls USDA-HRDBeltsville, MD

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MA

Mischelyn Wood (Acquaintance) posted:

Nate was a wonderful guy. Hadn't seen him in quite some time. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you all in this time.

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ML

Mary Kasper (Friend And Co-Worker Of Larry) posted:

Larry and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Nathan's death. My prayer is that God will comfort you with His presence and give you the peace that only He can provide. I urge you to read Romans 8. This book in God's precious Word was a true comfort to me at the death of both my Dad and Mom. I read it often and I urge you to also. Cling to Jesus for He promises to never leave you or forsake you. You all are in my prayers. Mary

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AF

Angela And Jim Hopkins (Friend) posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Nate was a wonderful friend to so many. May the Lord comfort your family at this time.

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PA

Pat Lester (Acquaintance) posted:

There are no words or deeds that can comfort you at this time, but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories that you will always have of your beloved son and know that God is looking after him now. Your friend, Pat Lester

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RS

Rhonda Korger (Co-Worker Of Larry's) posted:

Larry and Wanda--I am so very sorry to hear about Nathan's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time. God bless all of you. Rhonda

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AW

Angie Heimann (Co-Worker) posted:

I am deeply sorry for the loss of your precious son. May God bless and comfort your family.

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JG

Jeanie Gwathney posted:

Our hearts go out to your family and our prayers go up to Almighty God who has provided the Comforter to help you through this most difficult experience.

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WL

Wilma Black (Co-Worker To Father, Larry.) posted:

There are not words to express the concern and caring that an individual can feel at this time of your sorrow. Look to the Lord for the peace and comfort that only He can give. Remember the good times and rejoice in those memories of Nathan.

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EF

Eilene Gibbens (Ars Friend) posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your son. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Eilene

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OM

Owen Egerton (Acquaintance -Mfa) posted:

Larry, I'm so sorry to learn about your son. I've been out of the office taking care of my mother. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Glenda

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MM

Michael Hennessy (Former Teacher/Mentor) posted:

I helped mentor Nathan during his time as a writing teacher at Texas State University. He was always optimistic, always ready to see the best in his students. He was a kind, gentle man and a dedicated writing teacher. It was our good fortune to have him as a student and teacher in the English Department.

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TF

Tara And Jon Marc Smith (Friend) posted:

Nathan was always so happy and always smiling when he would come over and talk to Jon Marc and I. He watched sports with Jon Marc and they talked about literature and music. I enjoyed talking to Nathan about Arkansas rivers and communes. I told him that my parents and I had helped to build a commune in Arkansas in a small town that I wasn't sure of the name of. I always told him I would find out from my parents and tell him so we could figure it out because he said he knew of some around where he was from. I will miss talking with him, he was really a polite person. Jon Marc and I both thought we would get to come visit him in the near future in Fayetteville and go camping or do other outdoor activities. We are sorry that he left us so quickly and are truly sorry for him and his family. We will miss him. My deepest sympathies, Tara

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DG

Dagoberto Gilb posted:

Condolences to his family and loved ones. I am sorry for your loss. Nathan was one of the good guys. Though I know you already are, you deserve to be proud of him.

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TF

Twister Marquiss (Friend) posted:

I asked many favors from Nate, and he never once said, no. Nate, your generosity will be remembered.

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PC

Perry Rainosek (Son Of Friend/Coworker) posted:

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

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EW

Earlene Prince (Co-Worker) posted:

My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this time of bereavement. I was saddened to learn of Nathan's passing but am confident that God, in His infinite Mercy, will hold you close to His bosom. May reflections of your time with Nathan be of great solace to you.

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AC

Alexandra Landeros (Friend/Classmate) posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Nathan. I remember him as a very kind, talented, and genuine person and writer from the M.F.A program. His love and dedication to writing is inspiring! I hope that his stories will live on... My thoughts are with you.

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EW

Eddie L. Garcia (Ars Co-Worker) posted:

Larry and Family Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your son Nathan.

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BL

Brenda Whitwell (Co-Worker Of Larry) posted:

Larry, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers daily. Let the Lord be your comfort and strength and trust that He will walk with you during this difficult time.

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MG

Marcie And Wayne Gross posted:

Dear Larry, Wanda, and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers and wish you strength during this time of sorrow. With our deepest sympathy, Wayne and Marcie

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SL

Susan Johnson (Acquaintance Of Leah) posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with your family.

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JW

Jennifer Cook (Former Co-Worker) posted:

Mr. and Mrs. Altman and family: I am so sorry to hear about Nate's passing. He was such a breath of fresh air in the DG newsroom. He would be so quiet you'd hardly know he was there, then come up with these hilarious, off-beat one-liners. That is what I mainly remember, his wry sense of humor. A few times, I was lucky enough to hear him tell a story. He really had a gift for that ? a way with words, plus the clever intelligence to weave in the details and nail the timing. It was not surprising to me to hear he was still writing fiction. ...We always felt lucky to have hired Nate. He was a good worker, of course, but also just nice to be around. ... I hope your family and Leah are able to find comfort in the days ahead. I am sorry for your loss and also for the world's loss of such a vibrant young person. Most sincerely, Jennifer Cook

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BF

Barbie Ballengee (Co-Worker W/Father) posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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CW

Charlie Morasch (Co-Worker) posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Nate's illness and his passing, my family and I have been praying for the Altman's and his fiancée. Nate was a nice guy with a good sense of humor. I remember sharing lots of interesting crime stories and 911 calls on Saturday's when we both worked together. I'm sorry for your loss.

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AW

Anduin Jaster (Larry's Co-Worker) posted:

Larry, No words can express the grief your family must be feeling. I can only hope that your memories of Nathan will always keep him close to you. Your friends are here to lend a helping hand whatever you may need. Andy

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RM

Rhonda Mashburn (Care Team Member) posted:

Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. God Bless each of you during this time.

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PF

Phoebe Bordelon (Friend Of Father) posted:

I'm so sorry about your loss. I can't imagine losing my child. Larry was always excited to talk about Nathan and his goals. Memories of him will remain with you forever. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. Phoebe

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SF

Susan Shore (Friend) posted:

I'm a friend and co-worker of Leahs. I'm heartbroken for Nate's friends and family. The only thing I know is that love lives forever, and Nate will live on in our love.

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JF

John Morrison (Friend) posted:

Told the most spontaneous and hilarious stories at the drop of a hat. Extremely intelligent and talented. Very kind person.

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SF

Steve Schaefer (Friend) posted:

Dear Larry & Family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that the Lord will grant you much strength at this difficult time. Sincerely, Steve Schaefer

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WI

Wayne Ivie posted:

Larry/Wanda--Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss of Nathan. I can only imagine the pain and grief you good people, and your loved ones, are feeling now. Faith says there is a better place, and faith must also say that Nathan is there now. I wish you strength and peace and God's richest blessings. Wayne

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AB

Alysen Land (Leahs' Boss) posted:

We have been think about you so very much. If you need anything please let the Co-op know. Use the resources we can provide. We miss you,Alysen

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SC

Sherry Christ posted:

Your family is in my prayers.

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DL

Dave Carter (Friend Of Larry) posted:

Larry:You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. My deepest sympathy.Dave

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MC

Mac Criner posted:

I think about one of the best friends I ever had from time to time.I was unable to attend Nates memorial service and am wandering if there is a memorial where I can still pay my respects to Nate. He was like a brother to me and I still miss him.

October 16 at 7:00 PM

MC

Mac Criner July 31 at 1:08 PM

Thought about you today old friend. I still remember when we lived in the dorms and then on California Blvd which no longer exists in Fayetteville. I hope everyone in your family is doing well. You're still missed 😞



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Nathan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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