



Bret Lee Woods

February 5, 1967 - March 5, 2013

Bret Lee Woods, 46 years old of Toledo, Ohio, passed away suddenly as a result of an automobile accident on March 5, 2013 in southern Ohio. Bret was born in Toledo on February 5, 1967 and was a 1985 graduate of E.L. Bowsher High School. He also attended the University of Toledo and worked for HoneyBaked Foods, Inc., for the past 28 years.

Bret was the General Manager of Plant and Warehouse operations where he led the Company in operating a state of the art manufacturing and distribution center. His passion for the business, leadership, and mentoring were an inspiration to everyone. His endearing heart and tireless contributions will have a long lasting effect on HoneyBaked Foods Inc., and the people who so dearly loved him. Bret had a variety of certifications in several facets of the business operation. He was an advocate and volunteer for ZipUp Toledo, a non-profit organization that provided thousands of coats, hats, and blankets for people in the greater Toledo area.

Bret was a member of the Toledo Sailing Club for the past 19 years and also a parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, but his favorite activity was being a father, a husband, a grandfather, and a friend to all around him. Bret loved to spend time with friends and family, “knuckleheads” at Rugby Bay, where if you left hungry it was your own fault. He was known especially for his incredible sense of humor, his positive outlook on life, his love and faith in Christ, and his never-ending compassion and kindness for others.

Bret was preceded in death by his grandparents Ralph Woods and Catherine

and Hobart Poole. He is survived by his loving wife and soul mate Bernadette; children Kylie and Grant Woods; granddaughter Averi Woods; step-children Scott, Heather, and Brandun Yglesias; parents Darlene(Jerry) Harrison and Dale(Joyce) Woods; sister Vicki Woods; grandmother Dorothy Woods; in-laws Evelyn(Jose) Sanchez and Arden Reynolds; his second family the Barbers, a large extended family and numerous great friends.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd., on Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 2-8 p.m. where a scripture service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin at Coyle Funeral Home on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. followed by the funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to OPLH's Christ Renews His Parish Retreat.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 11. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *from the heart of phil and dawn albert bernie you are in our hearts the world has lost one of its best*

phil albert - March 20, 2013 at 10:43 PM

DW

“ *I'm sorry to read of the loss of Bret. My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "is healing the broke hearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

D Williams - March 19, 2013 at 07:29 PM

CN

“ *Darlene,*

May your kind and gentle heart fill full with joyous recollections of your dear son's presence in your life, reflected in the grandchildren he gave you to carry on his love to linger throughout your lifetime. It is my prayer that in their hugs and happy eyes you will hold on to your precious son, and that their love may help you heal from the pain of so sudden and unexpected a loss.

Carol Nelson-Burns

Carol Nelson-Burns - March 13, 2013 at 09:47 AM



JR

“ Darlene,

I'm so very sorry to hear about the sudden and tragic loss of your son. Even though we haven't seen each other in a long time, I feel like it was yesterday that we worked so many years together at UT. I remember Bret because we were the same age. I hope you can keep him alive in your heart through all your wonderful memories and stories you tell. My heart goes out to you and your family.


Judi (Crozier) Roe

I lost my both my sister and Mom in recent months and this seemed to help:

"There is no death, only a change of worlds" ~ Chief Seattle

God's Peace Be With You.

Judi (Crozier) Roe - March 12, 2013 at 12:29 PM

 Eric
Thomas

“ *There are many adjectives to describe Bret. What stands out most to me was that Bret was always so positive, caring, and kind. If you were having an awful day, he would make you feel better. I know that I am a better person because of him. My family and I will miss him terribly, but I know that he is with Jesus in Heaven and someday we will be reunited. Many prayers to Bernie, Grant, Kylie, and the rest of his family.*

Eric, Christa, Mendon, and Scott Thomas

Eric Thomas - March 11, 2013 at 05:25 PM

TG

“ This is a great loss not only for us but the community. Brett was one of the most positive and patriotic people I knew. He always greeted you with huge smile and a hug that would crush a gorilla. His happy demeanor was infectious. You couldn't help but come away with a smile and thinking there is some good left in this world. God rest your soul Brett. We are all better people for being blessed with the pleasure of calling you are friend. It is now our duty to carry on your positive outlook on life in your memory.

Tony Garver

Tony Garver - March 11, 2013 at 07:26 AM

TF

“ My heart is broken for you Vicki, Darlene, Bernie, Kylie and Grant, Woody and Jerry, Joyce and the entire family and friends - which if you knew Bret then you were more than just a friend, you were family! His bright smile and big bear hugs were awesome! I feel so grateful that I came to know Vicki and her family - they truly are some of the best people I have ever met - and I have great memories...too many to name.

I know it has been a long time since we have seen each other, but I love you same. You are all in my prayers and my thoughts...you have lost a truly fantastic human being I know.

Tina Febre'



Tina Febre' - March 10, 2013 at 07:38 PM

CN

“ *To Vicki and her family
Our deepest sympathies
Love
Cairn & Lisa*

Cairn noble - March 10, 2013 at 11:30 AM

CV

“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 09, 2013 at 10:54 PM

PO

Bernie:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Words cannot express the emotions right now. I am so glad I had the wonderful opportunity to cross paths with you and Bret.

*God Bless.
Patti Osborn*

Patti Osborn - March 13, 2013 at 07:33 AM

Dee
LaPoint

“ *Our hearts ache for our loss...but our heart aches worse for those who will never get a chance to be LOVED by BRET!! Their LOSS is even greater than ours....*

Bret lived his life to the fullest...and he taught us so much. He lived to achieve his ultimate goal of being at God's side. He has achieved his goal...but by his teachings we learned loving, friendship, giving, and morals. We stand a much better chance of having a "big boy beer" at God's Rugby Bay. Thanks for making us BETTER people. Our lives would not be complete without your LOVE!!

*Deepest sorrow & utmost
LOVE 'til reunited Brother
Tony & Dee
& the whole LaPoint Family*

Dee LaPoint - March 09, 2013 at 10:47 PM

HH

“ As with the so many that have sent their prayers and memories of Bret to be shared by family & all....I too have been blessed with the honor to have had Bret touch my life....I first came to know Bret in a professional capacity, which quickly turned into a friendship that has lasted for close to 15 years.....
during those times Bret has been a constant part of my life either by the ongoing demands of the work place (which he always made enjoyable even if it was work) or by the never ending invites of whatever it was he was celebrating for all to take part in....
the idea of not seeing his always smiling face or the sound of his welcoming voice leaves a void that can never be filled....as said many times over by all.....Bret is the embodiment of all that is good in this world and our lives and this world will forever be that much less without him....
he has been an inspiration to so many myself included and the loss I feel now is that of my brother.....
I can only pray and wish for the time allowed for Bernie & the entire family to heal and find comfort in knowing that Bret now walks with those as he was here with us.... as one of Gods angels....
My memories of Bret will never diminish & will forever cherish the privilege of calling him my friend.
Always....today, tomorrow & forever your friend Hider

Hider Hilou - March 09, 2013 at 09:31 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 09, 2013 at 08:40 PM

Kate
Regan

“ *To know Bret was to love Bret. Missing my dear friend and coworker and his big bear hugs! Prayers of strength and comfort to Bernie, Kylie, Grant, Woody, Darlene, Vicki and all Bret's family, friends and coworkers.*

Kathy Regan

Kate Regan - March 09, 2013 at 06:29 PM

LD

“ *Linda DeLong lit a candle in memory of Bret Lee Woods*



Linda DeLong - March 09, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DR

“ *To all of Bret's family,*

I knew Bret primarily from a business standpoint but in a short amount of time I considered him to be a good friend. Basis the quality of person that he was at work, I can only imagine how good of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, etc that he must have been. I am very lucky to have known him. My thoughts are with you.

Dan Roberts - March 09, 2013 at 01:03 PM

LD

Dale and I started Kindergarten together. our daughter and Bret Started Kindergarten together. I remember the many, many, times Richie, Bret, and Gwenn would play with the Lego's in our family room even in Jr. High. My Heart and condolences go out to all of Bret's family. I lost my husband of 50 year's this past summer it is very hard and losing a child I can't imagine. All of you will be in my thought's and prayers.

Linda(Szalkay) DeLong

Linda DeLong - March 09, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MG

“ *Bernie, Family and Friends,
Our hearts are heavy and filled with sadness, our prayers and condolences to all at this difficult time.
Bret will be dearly missed. His larger than life personality, attitude, his smile, the bear hugs, his kindness, generosity, upbeat tempo about everything, which was contagious is what we will remember. Glad we were fortunate enough to know him. RIP my friend.
Mike & Laurie Groff*

Mke & Laurie Groff - March 08, 2013 at 08:55 PM

AG

“ *This is a great loss not only for us but the community. Brett was one of the most positive and patriotic people i knew. He always greeted you with huge smile and a hug that would crush a gorilla. His happy demeanor was infectious. You couldn't help but come away with a smile and thinking there is some good left in this world. God rest your soul Brett. We are all better people for being blessed with the pleasure of calling you are friend. It is now our duty to carry on your positive outlook on life in your memory.*

Anthony "one of the knuckle heads" Garver

Anthony Garver - March 08, 2013 at 08:32 PM

DR

“ Dan Ruffing lit a candle in memory of Bret Lee Woods




Dan Ruffing - March 08, 2013 at 06:59 PM

TF

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The Ruff Family - March 08, 2013 at 04:22 PM

 Dee
LaPoint

“ *Bret Woods was the most amazing person. He loved every person he knew. He had this unique ability to make every single one of us feel like his best friend. He loved with all his HEART!! He loved unconditionally. He taught us so much. He made every one of us a better person~just by knowing him. He found good in every situation...and in every person he met. He wanted the best for all of us. He wanted us to WANT to learn more, to work harder, to have the best of everything. He never understood complacency. He worked with all he had. He ran Honeybaked Hams like it was his own company. He surrounded himself with the most wonderful people. When he knew you...he LOVED you...but he also loved your spouse, he loved your children. He loved your parents.. and your friends. Everyone was accepted. We are so blessed to have known this amazing man. We are devastated at the thought of living without him. Our heart breaks for Bernadette Woods, for Grant and Kylie Louise Woods, for our Bret L LaPoint, his namesake, for all his family...and for ourselves...for our grandchildren...who will never know what an Uncle Bret hug feels like. We love you Bret Woods.....and know that when you left...you took a little piece of each of us with you....*

Dee LaPoint - March 08, 2013 at 03:07 PM

 Bobbi
Schelkun

“ *Bernie, Our hearts go out to you and your family. Bret was a wonderful man and will br truly missed. Our condolences, Justin Vandersall, Bobbi & Drew Anne.*

Bobbi Schelkun - March 08, 2013 at 01:19 PM

TB

“ To Bret's family, friends and colleagues! It is difficult to put into words how sorry I am to hear of Bret's passing. I had just thought of contacting him last week to renew a potential project - wish so much I'd gone ahead and called him to chat. He was always so gracious, kind and thorough (of course), during our conversations about projects. I have no doubt that management at Honeybaked will be missing a very integral individual dedicated to their business. But so much more important to those who loved him - Bret was just an all around great person that I had the pleasure of meeting over the years and getting to know. I am so very sorry for your loss!!

Sincerely.....Terrie Benore

Terrie Benore - March 08, 2013 at 12:22 PM

RK

“ Woods family, so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know Bret as well as most, but I've heard many great stories about him from members at Toledo Sailing Club. May he rest in peace. Ryan Kurtz - TSC

Ryan Kurtz - March 08, 2013 at 12:13 PM

RG

“ Richard Gore purchased the Heavenly and Harm ony for the family of Bret Lee Woods.



Richard Gore - March 08, 2013 at 11:21 AM

RC

“ To Bernie and all who loved Bret, my family would like to send our condolences. No words can lighten the heaviness in your hearts but we pray that time, and having each other, allows to heal the pain. God Bless. ~Jose & Rachel Charles



Rachel Charles - March 08, 2013 at 10:57 AM

SS

“ To Bernie and Bret's Family,

From my entire family, (Dawn, Todd, Jenn, Heather, Aaron, Jenna, Kirsten, and I) we extend our Heartfelt sympathies and condolences. I feel very fortunate to have worked alongside Bret over many years. From the early days at Hill Ave it was clear that he truly was a unique person. From our trip to the NCOF Conference in New Orleans, to the memories of our "Chair Races", Hockey Games, Frisbee in the parking lot, (all done during breaks of course!), HoneyBaked Summer Picnics and Holiday Dinners, my Bachelors Party (although I do not remember much!), and the Annual Hobo Dinner at the Rugby Bay/Garage Sports Bar, they will always be etched in my thoughts.

His passion for life and his family will always be remembered.....

God Bless

Scott Saverstrom - March 08, 2013 at 10:24 AM

GM

“ To Bret Woods family and friends, Our heartfelt condolances and prayers are with you . May he rest in peace.
Pam and Gary MuszynskiTSC

Gary Muszynski - March 08, 2013 at 09:13 AM

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Gary Muszynski - March 08, 2013 at 09:13 AM

AN

“ *Bret was an amazing man. Gone but never forgotten Bret may you R.I.P. and watch over all of us. God has truly gained an amazing angel on his team. Bernie, Scott, Heather, Brandun, Christen, Kylie, & Grant you are all in my prayers.*

anonymous - March 08, 2013 at 08:39 AM

SC

“ *Steve Houston HBH Cincinnati purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Bret Lee Woods.*



Steve Houston HBH Cincinnati - March 08, 2013 at 07:59 AM

SH

“ *In loving respect for Brett and his family I thank him and them for all he shared with me during my visits to his work. I am at a loss of words for his family, he was a outstanding man. You have my prayers and God be with you all.*

Steve Houston Honeybaked of Cincinnati

Steve Houston - March 08, 2013 at 07:43 AM

K(

“ My heart goes out to Bret's family. Hold on to your wonderful memories of Bret and he will always be in your hearts. God be with you all.

Kathy Dosmas (Svehar)
HoneyBaked Ham Office in Mi. HR/Payroll Dept.

Kathy Dosmas (Svehar) - March 08, 2013 at 07:30 AM

TL

“ Cheers to "FREAKIN LIFE" MY FRIEND, I RAISE THE PARTING GLASS TO YOU! Balance and example best describes you. You are the finest example a man could be, family, faith, friends and work. They are all important and ou balanced them well. Having you in my life has been a blessing and through your example I am a better person...Bret once sent a tampon home with my wife with my name written on it because I failed to make one of our many gatherings....(that damn balance). Looking back even though he was surrounded by family and the gang he still thought of me and got my attention. Always in my heart, always my friend. I will never forget you.

Love you brother - your Irish Knucklehead,

Ted Lorigan.

Ted Lorigan - March 08, 2013 at 07:22 AM

Eric
Thomas

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Eric Thomas - March 08, 2013 at 07:15 AM

BB

“ *A true BEST friend. I will always cherish your love. Until we meet again my friend RIP.*

I love you.

Brian

Brian Barber - March 08, 2013 at 03:57 AM

BB

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Brian Barber - March 08, 2013 at 03:53 AM

Dee
LaPoint

now that is two handsome young men!! LOVE you both so much!!

Dee LaPoint - March 10, 2013 at 12:10 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Bret Lee Woods.*



March 07, 2013 at 09:24 PM



“ *Holding tight to so many awesome memories. I cry because you are gone. I smile because I know where you are. Love you Bret.*

Dawn Wigner - March 07, 2013 at 07:57 PM



“ *I will miss being greeted, no matter where we saw each other, with a hug and a "how's it going kiddo!". Bret was just an amazing person and truly will be missed! Your family will always be in my prayers!*

Cindy Gartee - March 07, 2013 at 06:19 PM



“ *16 years of "gettin er' done" each holiday season with your smile and hard work. It was an honor to have known you and shared many conversations about politics and HAM..... :-). You were a special spirit and I was blessed to know you. RIP Bret. You were truly loved and you will be missed by so many for so many reasons. My thoughts and prayers to Bernie and all of the Woods family. May God bless and comfort you.*

Sheila Fleming HBF

Sheila Fleming - March 07, 2013 at 04:52 PM

JU

“ *Bret, you will always be remembered never forgotten, you have left us with the memories of that smile, your joke's and those bear hug's, it was a honor working side by side with you being part of your team. Now i want to give you an Irish Blessing.*

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sunshine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Love One Oclocken

judy - March 07, 2013 at 04:50 PM

NM

“ *It was an honor to get to know Bret the past few years over at "The Garage". He always greeted me with a smile and a huge hug with a big "HI PUMPKIN". He always made me laugh and I always enjoyed talking politcs with him because we had the same views on just about everything. I will miss him but I will always celebrate his life, and being a Budweiser salesman in South Toledo I will miss his full market share. I always joked with him he was worth a full market share. I will miss you, but always cherish the fact I called you friend. Your CRHP BROTHER, and garage regular.*

Ned Mehling

Ned Mehling - March 07, 2013 at 04:20 PM

CH

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Coyle Funeral Home - March 07, 2013 at 03:37 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Bret Lee Woods.*



March 07, 2013 at 03:35 PM



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Laura Sartin - March 07, 2013 at 03:33 PM



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Dee LaPoint - March 07, 2013 at 02:27 PM



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Dee LaPoint - March 07, 2013 at 02:10 PM

TF

“ You will always be in our hearts.. I'm soooo glad I had the pleasure of knowing you. High fives and hugs from me to you. Love Tira Fleming

Tira Fleming - March 07, 2013 at 01:17 PM

 Ryan Noonan

“ There are so many happy memories with Bret that it's hard to pinpoint one to speak of. One thing that I will miss for sure are his crazy bear hugs. No one gives a hug like Bret Woods! He was a great friend and an incredible human being. To have known Bret is a true blessing and I'm grateful for the time I had with him. Bret will be missed dearly and it's hard to imagine a world without him in it. So, until we meet again...

Ryan Noonan - March 07, 2013 at 11:40 AM



Bernie and family - my heart goes out to you all. Even though I haven't been an employee at HBF for almost 13 years, I still remember Bret's always smiling face, his huge bear hugs, his zest for life and his friendship. My heart broke when I heard the news. While I'm sad for you and all his friends because he's no longer with us, I am happy for him to know he's up in Heaven watching down on us. Deepest condolences on your loss. He will be missed by all.

Nancy Shepard - March 08, 2013 at 03:46 PM