



The Story Behind The Bryan Mason Memorial Hockey Tournament

Hockey is so much more than a game ...it does become a life style for many parents and players. From practices to games to tournaments at home and away, the players and parents form friendships that last forever. In the case of Bryan's family, they became very close to some parents in hockey and with Bryan's passing the Duquette family wanted to remember Bryan because of his love for the sport.

Bryan Mason was born February 1, 1990 in the Alberni Valley and hit the ice to play hockey at the age of six, developing himself as a charismatic team player. Bryan contributed much to Alberni Valley Minor Hockey and his teams in the 12 years that he played. With a height of 6 foot 2 he played defence and was often chosen by teammates to captain the team, something he felt proud of. Bryan's character embodied the traits we hope to see in the development of young players in their conduct on and off the ice, with fun, sportsmanship, skill, tenacity and leadership.

After Minor Hockey Bryan continued to play three years in the Men's Non Contact Hockey League for the Canadian Tire team, his teammates described him as a great person on and off the ice. The team continues to wear Bryan's name and jersey number on all of their uniforms.

Bryan graduated from ADSS in 2008 and continued his studies at North Island in Automotive. He worked for Canadian Tire and Walmart's Automotive until he was accepted to start his apprenticeship with a brand new dealership Honda/Accura in Victoria, B.C. on March 7th, 2011. Sadly, Bryan's life was cut short by a tragic automobile accident on March 1st, 2011 at the young age of 21.

The family of Bryan has contributed to three educational bursaries to date and will continue to support education in Bryan' memory. We would like to thank Marc & Lori Duquette for initiating the "Bryan Mason Memorial Hockey Tournament". We wish all the participants in this tournament a fun and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Donna Douglas (Bryan's mom)