



M. Shane Vandermark

August 14, 1972 - June 30, 2016

M. Shane Vandermark, 43, of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at St. Francis Health Systems. Shane was born on August 14, 1972 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Roger and Joyce (Englund) Vandermark. Mr. Vandermark was a graduate of Grove High School Class of 1990, then graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College with an Associates in Fine Arts, then went on to Florida State University to attain his Bachelors of Fine Arts. He also spent one semester abroad. His career in television started at KSN in Joplin, Missouri, Then to KOTV Channel 6 in Tulsa, then to his current position at KJRH Channel 2 in Tulsa. He also worked at the BOK Center in Tulsa as a Jumbotron Cameraman. While at BOK he had also gotten hired to help film the BASS Master at BOK. Shane enjoyed reading, collecting books, films and writing. He was preceded in passing by his maternal grandparents Eldon and Ethel Englund and his paternal grandparents John and Eula Vandermark.

Survivors include his parents Roger and Joyce Vandermark of Miami along with many other relatives and friends.

Following Shane's wishes there will be no services. Cremation services have been entrusted to Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Shane's Tribute Page on the funeral home's website.

Tribute Wall

NG

“ I will miss you Shane Vandermark. You're a great person, hard worker, honest man, and good friend. The Tulsa video community has lost a brother.

Shane was passionate about film, books, and comic books, and often spoke so proudly of his parents. His father's good work ethic he had acquired. Shane worked smart, patient and calculated (which you have to when handling \$20k equipment), and could also work hard. He was as strong as a bear.

And every great meal we would eat while out on video jobs, Shane would compare to the

Gold standard, his mom's.

Shane was passionate about workers rights and against worker automation (ie : robots replacing human jobs), but would always quote the Hank Jr song "but a country boy can surviiiive!"

How many pinched fingers, head bonks, scraped knuckles, stubbed toes, sweaty trucks, knots tied, scissors lifts lifted, projectors hung, cables run, honey pepper bacon burgers eaten, 80's movies referenced, Oilers games and BOK events worked, Queen songs rocked to, new guys yelled at, old guys yelled from, and jobs we've kicked ass on!

You were a humble person who enriched the lives of anyone blessed to be your friend.

We love and miss you Shane.



Nathan Gray - August 18, 2016 at 09:53 PM

LE

“ Please accept our very deepest, heartfelt sympathy for Shane's family. We will be especially thinking of you, Joyce & Roger. Any time you need us, we are here for you. Les & Janiece

Les & Janiece Elder - July 20, 2016 at 11:43 AM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family. Shane was a devoted son and a great friend. It is my great privilege to know him and his family.
Shane was always positive and upbeat, a very creative and cheerful friend, I miss him everyday.
My heart and best wishes go out to his family and friends.
Shane and I shared a many interests, we often went to and discussed movies, we had very varying schedules, however we kept in close contact. We visited as often as we could, our discussions were hours long at a time.
Shane was one of the very best friends I'd made since moving to Oklahoma. He and his parents always made me feel welcome and appreciated.
I will miss him always, and I know I'll see him again when the time is right.

Al Jugo - July 17, 2016 at 11:17 AM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce and Roger.

Mary and Luke Elliott - July 12, 2016 at 07:37 PM

DP

“ 3 files added to the album *Shane and Friends*



Damon Pennington - July 11, 2016 at 01:02 PM

CP

“ We met Shane through our son Damon Pennington. Shane was a very good close friend to Damon. We will remember the times we went to the movies with them and afterwards listening to them discuss the movie between themselves. They could both bounce off each other with their knowledge. Priceless. The time he was in Damon's '24 Hour Race' video, at Preview night, I told him that I really liked his expressions in the video, that he was good at reacting to Damon's character. He said, I'm glad to hear that, you really think so?. He said that he really wanted to do good for Damon and he wanted to get it right, that he was worried about it. He succeeded, Damon was happy with Shane. It will be hard at first when Damon looks at that video but he will have those memories of Shane and him working together having fun but sad that that will be the last. He had planned on using him next year. He will be missed at Halloween. He always had something to bring or suggest for Damon to decorate his house with. Last Halloween he was the main attraction. With his height he wore a great costume and he would stand very still and when the kids got their treats he made his move and those little tikes couldn't move fast enough. He loved it. That was the first time I got to see a different Shane. He was having a blast. We all were He was planning on next years costume and other ideas for Damon to make his house more haunted. They worked together so well. He will be missed. He was such a gentleman and always had something interesting to talk about. There are no words that can express how deeply sadden we are on the loss of your son Shane. Our sincere condolences to his family

Bob and Charlene Pennington

Charlene Pennington - July 08, 2016 at 10:21 PM

DG

“ Shane was a customer of my store for almost 15 years, at first he would just come in and get his books and leave. As the years pasted, we started talking about movies and TV shows that we both watched and liked. It had got to the point that when he would come in he would hang out here till closing time and beyond. It had become a weekly event. Many was the time we talked for 2 to 3 hours and sometimes other customers would come by and join in on whatever we were talking about. It was something I looked forward to every week. He was my friend and he will be missed.

Doug Goodsell

Doug Goodsell - July 08, 2016 at 05:23 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the album *24-Hour Film Race Competition Video*



Damon Pennington - July 08, 2016 at 04:04 PM

“ I first met Shane back in the summer of 2001, when I interned at a local television station. We both worked as cameramen during the newscasts. After he decided I wasn't a normal intern, and was somewhat decent at the job, he took me under his wing, and helped train me to become a better camera operator! During that time, we discovered our mutual love of movies, comics, and other nerdy things that guys who work in television seem to like! Because of that, we quickly became friends, and would go to movies together about once a week when we were available to do so. And, we did that for the 15 years I had the pleasure of knowing him. Every weekend (and eventually every Tuesday), we would pick a movie to go see. Some Saturdays, we would spend the entire day in the theater, hopping from one film to the next. I think our record was 4 movies in one day...maybe 5. I was always running late to the theater, but Shane would always be there with a smile. He accepted my flaws, and for who I was.

Over the years, Shane became my closest friend. In between our film outings, we would correspond via Facebook pretty much every day. We exchanged interesting stories or videos we found on the internet, discussed the breaking film news of the day, or he would simply post a funny and sarcastic response to a picture or update I posted. He was always playfully sarcastic, which is why we got along so well! I understood his type of humor, he understood mine. He was a funny guy, and one of the most intelligent people I have ever met. His love of collecting and reading books made him one of the smartest people I have come across. He knew something about everything, especially when it came to history. He told me things I would have never known about! I always said, if I was ever a contestant on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, Shane would be my "Phone a Friend"...and I would have won the whole thing thanks to him! If you didn't know a piece of trivia, Shane would. He knew everything, it seemed, and he loved to research random topics most people wouldn't think (or know) about.

Shane was also a magnificently-creative individual. He was an

amazing writer, and would come up with some of the most imaginative stories to write about. He would occasionally read me some of the stories he wrote, and even though I only heard a very small portion of all he did, I knew he was a gifted writer. He constantly came up with new short-film and comic book ideas that he wanted to collaborate with me on. My one regret is that we never had the chance to create them together. However, just this year, we were able to work together on the 24-hour Film Race. Shane co-directed and co-shot the video with me and our team, and I even convinced him to act in it...which he was not wanting to do...and he did an amazing job! He was a natural actor, and I wish we could have explored that aspect of him further. I'm just glad we finally created something together.

He was always urging me to expand on my creativity, and to start making all the things I had bottled up in my mind. He wanted me to write my stories, make my movies and be the creative person I wanted to be. He was my source of encouragement. And, he wanted to be a part of it; to help in any way he could. We would get together and start throwing out story ideas, and help each other refine a script for a short film we wanted to make. We bounced ideas off of each other, and were honest with our opinions of what we thought would work and what we didn't. We respected each other's gifts and talents. We were a good team.

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Damon Pennington - July 08, 2016 at 01:48 PM

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Damon Pennington - July 08, 2016 at 12:49 PM

SB


“ I had the pleasure of working with Shane at KOTV and at BOK. He was a joy to be around. We talked about our connections with Coffeyville, KS. found we had mutual friends and knew members of each family. Praying for his Family. You may be gone, but Never will you be forgotten. RIP my Friend!

Steve Beeson - July 08, 2016 at 12:36 AM

BB

“ I worked with Shane at the BOK Center for several years. He was a smart and witty conversationalist; he was a diligent and focused worker; and he was always kind to me. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Beth Bridgewater - July 07, 2016 at 09:40 AM

 Ross
Greenawalt

“ Shane and I were friends for nearly 20 years - co-workers for most of that time, at two different TV stations, where he was a more reliable, talented studio camera operator than I'd ever seen anywhere. We bonded over comics, movies, TV, and shared countless conversations about all things popular culture. We frequented the same comic shop for more than 15 years, and after our last TV stint together, still ran into each other there often, and it was always great to catch up for a while. With another longtime friend, we attended an artist's meet-and-greet, and took a group picture together - which Shane soon framed for each of us. It wasn't easy to get into his inner circle of friends, but once you were in, you were family. We both had dealt with some health issues the last couple of years, and that his last messages to me were to ask about MY health says everything you need to know about the kind of friend he was. I'm sad to lose him, but I'm glad to have known him.

Ross Greenawalt - July 06, 2016 at 11:22 PM

ZH

“ *Shane was the first person I worked with in the production industry. I learned a lot from him he was a good guy. He will be sorely missed.* ”

Zach hartman - July 06, 2016 at 11:01 PM



Charline
Clithero-
Hadley

“ *Roger and Joyce Thinking of both of you. Prayers are coming your way in your loss! "Charlie" Charline Clithero-Hadley Brown* ”



Charline Clithero-Hadley Brown - July 06, 2016 at 12:23 PM

DB

“ *Gone to soon but forever in our hearts* ”

Dee Dee Berger - July 03, 2016 at 07:50 PM

DM

“ *Donna Mathis lit a candle in memory of M. Shane Vandermark* ”



Donna Mathis - July 02, 2016 at 06:23 PM

DM

A gift taken too soon but to stay forever in your hearts

Donna Mathis - July 02, 2016 at 06:25 PM

CF

So very sorry for this family's loss. Its hard to understand when someone so young passes away, however, none of us are promised tomorrow. Keeping the family in my prayers.

Charles Floyd - July 05, 2016 at 10:44 AM

MD

Shane was a good, gentle soul. I enjoyed our conversations. He was far too young to pass away but he will live forever in the stories we share about him.

M.J. Denman - July 05, 2016 at 12:18 PM

JK

Shane was a good friend. He liked to talk about books and movies, and gave me a lot of enthusiasm to keep collecting. I'm very sorry for his passing and the family he leaves behind.

Joe Kinkade - July 06, 2016 at 12:47 AM

CB

Thinking of both of you. Tried calling. Maybe Kyle & Shane will be friends in heaven! Love you both. So sorry! !!!!!

Cheryl Baunfofer - July 08, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JT

I met Shane only a few times, but he had a very easygoing way about him and he seemed like the kind of person you would want to spend time around.

Jimmie Tramel - July 14, 2016 at 07:54 AM