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Fictional Text

Friendship Eulogy

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Breanna Claire MacKenzie was born on April 5th 1973. She was born and raised in Morell by her parents Mark and Kimberly. She had one sister, Chloe and so many friends. To me she was my bestest friend no one could replace her.

My friendship with Breana wasn't one of nonstop hangouts and texting 24/7, but I always knew she was always going to be there for me. We met at Morell Consolidated School in grade one and although I had different friends I always had time to talk to her and I'm so glad I did. As we got older I realized how much she was a friend compared to my other so called friends.

I remember when we were younger Breanna couldn't skate, so at school skates I'd tie up her figure skates(which i would laugh at every time), and I'd try to teach her how to skate. Of course it never worked, I could skate but I couldn't teach someone the movements. But Breanna would always be so excited to go on the nice, it didn't matter she never knew how. That's how she dealt with life, she would jump right into something and try and understand it. That's what made her unique. We were so different but whatever I was doing she would try and understand it. Breanna would be someone you could confide in and know that she wouldn't judge you.

Breanna was a wonderful person. She touched everyone with her words of wisdom and when she broke out the guitar you knew it was going to be good. Her voice and dedication to music was nothing I've ever seen. And when she sang something changed in her and no matter how she was feeling she was happy and you could tell she loved it. Music was her passion and I couldn't picture her doing anything else.

Breanna is a person that everyone who she met, who she blessed with her presence will miss. She was an amazing lady that will be missed by all.

Friendship

Essay

What the Definition Doesn't Say

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Dictionary.com has three definitions of the term "friendship" that are 1. the state of being a friend; association as friends: *to value a person's friendship*. 2. a friendly relation or intimacy. 3. friendly feeling or disposition. Although these are the correct definitions I feel like friendship is so much more than that. Friendship isn't a term you can define. It's something you feel and something you can't define entirely.

Friendship is about being there for someone no matter what. It's about always having someone to rely on. A friendship, I've found out, it's about who you knew since you were five but about the people who came into your life and never left. Dorothy on the Wizard of Oz says it best when she says 'Oh, you're the best friends anybody ever had. And it's funny, but I feel as if I'd known you all the time, but I couldn't have, could I?' She says it best because when you click with someone like that it does feel like they were there for you the entire time.

Another thing about friendship the definition doesn't include is the way it makes you feel. Having good friendships affect your mood and there are six scientific reasons why. These six reasons are pretty self explanatory but here they are anyway. Birchbox website says it in an amazing list.

- "1. They reduce your stress when times are tough.
2. Being there for them cheers you up too.
3. They talk to you about the real stuff.
4. It's not just BFFs—even casual friends boost your mood.

5. Their good days are contagious

6. The good feeling of a friendship lasts...and lasts." (Birchbox). These are things they add to the definition of 'friendship.' The definition doesn't say anything about this. It just tells you the boring meaning. But the truer meaning is so much better isn't? The true meaning is about the feeling you get. Friendship is about the little things. It's about talking, spending time together and so much more.

Did you know that there are actual health benefits of friendship? Well there is. Having friendships can help physically, not only emotionally. For example, Tom Valeo of WebMD writes, "In 1989, David Spiegel, MD, a professor of psychiatry at Stanford University, published a landmark paper in *Lancet*. It showed that women with breast cancer who participated in a support group lived twice as long as those who didn't. They also had much less pain." (Valeo, 1) That proves that being with friends, even if you aren't the closest, is beneficial to everyone.

Personally, I define friendship as always having someone no matter what. Friendship is knowing they will always be on your side, and knowing you can be yourself. David Tyson Gentry defines friendship as, "True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable" What's your definition of friendship?

Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything. (Muhammad Ali)

Non-Fiction Text

Friendship

Memoir

Boatin' Bothers

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The sky was the perfect shade of blue, and the day had started off just like a regular Sunday. My family was off to church, some of us went to Morell and others went to St. Peters, so they could visit my Grandmother after mass. I did not have the privilege of going to the bay, as my family likes to 'divide and conquer,' when it comes to going places.

Anyway, it was around one o'clock when dad got the phone call from mom. She was informing us that my uncle Daniel was going out on the water and that if we would like to join them to be their by two. So, naturally, Brian, Dad and I start running around the house in a frantic because we can never find anything. I'm calling my friend Meaghan, to see if she'd like to come with us because I hadn't seen her all summer, and Dad starts yelling at me to hurry up. As we are leaving I'm texting her that we will be in the ebay shortly to pick her up on the way to the boat. We meet Meaghan and her mom at George's store, and I am beyond excited because going on the boat means, swimming, fishing and so much fun.

We arrive at the harbour in the nick of time. I'm sure they would have waited, considering they knew we were coming but they might not have and I wouldn't have wanted to wait and see. As we gather our things from the truck the others get the boat ready by spraying the bottom that was covered in blood, from fishing the day before.

Meaghan and I were so ready for this. We made it down to the boat and being who we are we took pictures for the occasion. But when the boat started moving that's when it all started to go

downhill for me. Sitting in the cabin wasn't the exciting experience I remembered it to be. I felt claustrophobic almost, like all the air was leaving the area. The stench in the air didn't help either. My head started to pound and my breath quickened. So, as soon as the boat stopped I went out into the open air, hoping it would help. At first I thought it was working. I started to breathe easier and I felt so much better, so why mention it, right?

Daniel took out jigging string and we started to scatter around the boat, hoping to not connect the hooks together. It was about here when the waves started to get bigger and bigger. With every wave the boat rocked, and rocked and rocked. We caught some fish and Meaghan and I took pictures with them.



Shortly after the picture fun my breathing started to quicken again and this time my stomach and chest started to hurt. I told my mom and she said I should just try and get my breath back for a little while. Well, it wasn't five minutes later that I vomited over the side of the Break Free.

Next thing I see is Daniel turn the boat around to go back in. After a couple minutes of vomiting I still didn't feel good. Maybe it was the rocking of the boat or maybe it was just the day, but as soon as I hit the land I felt so much better. My lungs opened up and my stomach started feeling better. Meaghan followed me off the boat, knowing I would want company.

My family went back out, to go swimming and left us on the beach. So, with Meaghan, we walked down the beach. We caught up on what was new with each other and we just talked. We talked about important things like school and family, and less important things like gossip we heard and things like that. Although we didn't get to go swimming it was one of the times days of the summer. It was the only time I saw her all summer and I'm glad she was with me. I'm happy that

she's in my life, because we don't always need to talk or be together but I always know that Meaghan is their for me if I need someone for anything.



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Collage Write-up

For my visual, I made a collage using google slides. In the collage I included different pictures that I feel represent friendship and different quotes. I picked different pictures for different reasons and I will tell you why.

For one I picked the picture in the middle of the two young girls holding hands and then hugging because it shows that friendship can start when you are young. To me it represents long time friends because it reminds me of Bethany and Emily for some reason and they have been best friends since grade one. I picked the picture of the hands that say "Best Friends" because it was super cute and because it shows us they know they are best friends and they are proud of it. Also, the picture of the girls holding hands and leaning backwards on the beach was picked because when I looked at it I thought of not just friendship but trust. Trust is a huge factor in friendships and that's why I picked that picture.

I added the quote "Sometimes your circle decreases in size, but increases in value." because in my experience it is so true, sometimes you have to take a look at your friends and decide who are truly there for you. "A strong friendship doesn't need daily conversation, doesn't always need togetherness, as long as the relationship lives in the heart true friends will never part," is my favourite quote in the collage because it really is the true meaning of friendship to me.