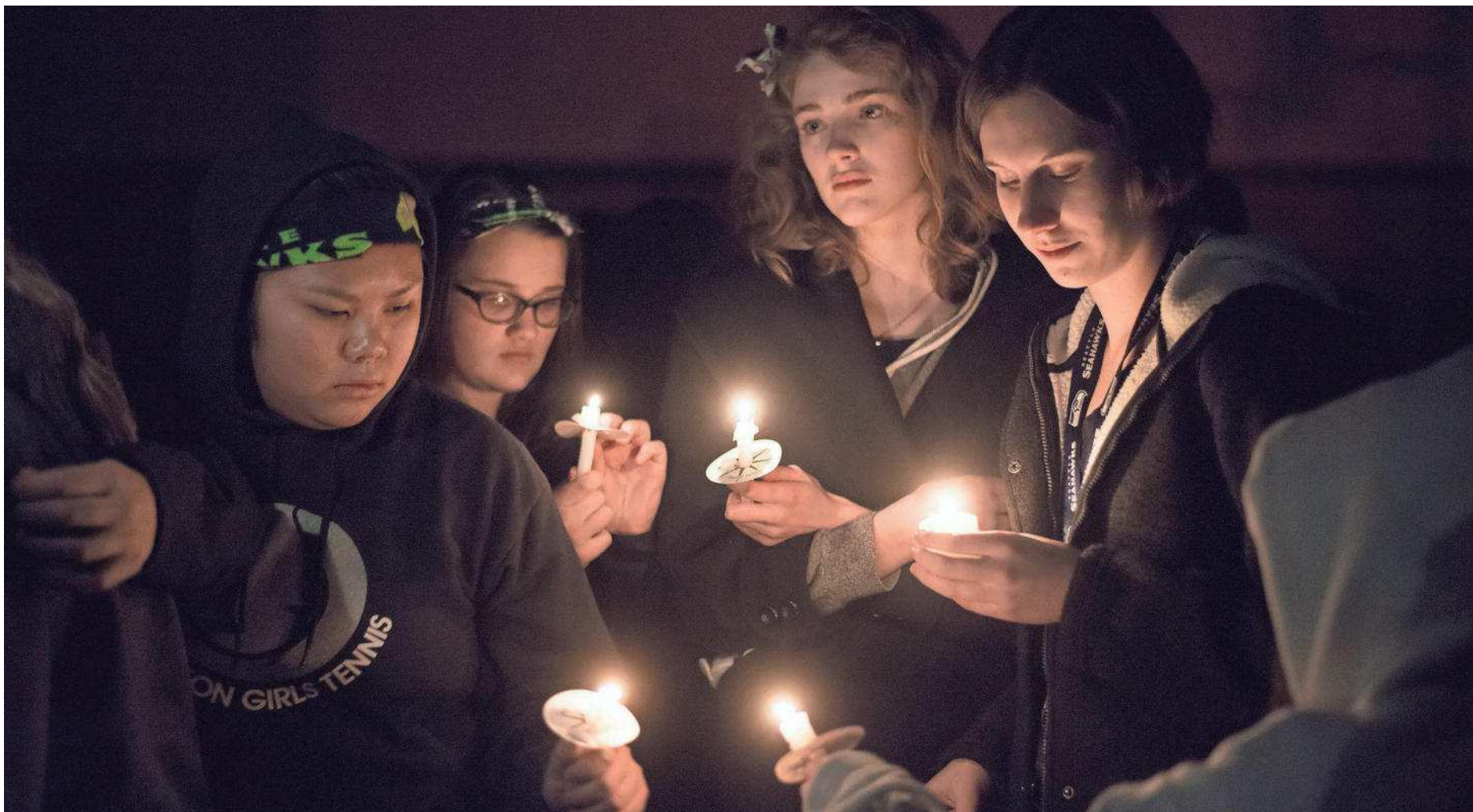


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Community members light candles at a vigil for Douglas Bonham and Matthew Albrecht at Bethany Charter School in Silverton last Monday. Many students from Silverton High School, where Matthew Albrecht was a junior, attended the vigil.

Vigil

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thany, and Matthew Albrecht, a junior at Silverton High School. Substitute teachers were available to step in for grieving teachers.

Bonham and Albrecht were killed in a single-vehicle crash shortly after 7 p.m. on Friday near the 32000 block of S Palmer Road. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office's Clackamas County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Reconstruction and Forensic Team responded to the scene and collected evidence. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Bonham had served as a mentor to Matthew for several years, said Andy Bellando, superintendent of the Silver Falls School District. The pair would frequently play basketball together and chat, according to family members.

Bellando described Albrecht as a "very talented, very involved young man." Not only did he take advanced courses and maintain a high GPA, Albrecht competed on Silverton High School's wrestling team, played on the football team and was a member of the jazz band, he said.

Bethany Charter School Principal Kathy Frank said students wore red and black on Monday to honor Bonham, whose favorite team was the Trail Blaz-

ers.

"We are really coming together as a community," she said.

A candlelight vigil was held Monday evening at the charter school to honor Bonham and Albrecht, a former Bethany student.

Frank said Bonham was a well-loved teacher and coach for the boys' and girls' basketball teams.

"Kids would get excited waiting to be in his class," she said.

Bonham taught at Bethany Charter School for eight years and worked as a business administrator for Silverton Gymnastics LLC, a local business his wife owns and coaches.

"Doug was an incredible presence in all the lives he touched," said Travis Loose, Bonham's brother-in-law. "Many will miss him greatly."

Loose, a reporter for the Forest Grove News-Times and the Hillsboro Tribune out of Washington County, authored an online memorial for Bonham and invited friends, family members, students and others who knew him to post their memories.

"Douglas Bonham was truly the best teacher I've ever had," wrote Jazmyn Lewis, a student at Bethany Charter School. "He wasn't afraid to tell us about the real world, politics, or the dangers that are currently happening. He had a goal for each student in his class, and he would not give up until each of the goals



Douglas Bonham, a teacher at Bethany Charter School, and Matthew Albrecht, a junior at Silverton High School who Bonham mentored, were killed in a car crash on Friday.

were completed."

Parents of former and current students also posted their memories of Bonham and Albrecht.

"They had so much more to give, to influence, to inspire — so much more life to live," wrote Kendra Bartelmez-Forster, a mother of three of Bonham's former students. "Both Doug and Matt were full of life and amazing energy."

She wrote that Bonham served as a

role model for her children.

Bellando said Bonham was a fun, energetic instructor who taught to the individual needs of his students. He had wanted to be teacher since he was a child.

Bonham is survived by his wife, Megan, and two children.

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