

Obituaries

Ian Doyel Davies

May 25, 1988 – June 23, 2015

Ian Doyel Davies, 27 years old, of Norfolk, Virginia passed away peacefully at home on June 23, 2015.

Ian will always be loved and tremendously missed by his father, Owen; his mother, Norine; his step-mother, Tricia; his oldest brother and best friend, Colin; his loving sister, Nicole and her husband, Chris; as well as his other brothers, Zachary, Ian-Michael, Sean, Connor; and numerous family and friends around the world.

Ian was born in Fort Walton Beach, Florida and lived in Alaska, Washington State, and Oregon where he graduated from Sisters High School in 2006. He traveled to Africa and Brazil before coming to Virginia to attend college and begin a career as a heavy-equipment operator. Ian lived his life passionately, and it was perhaps best expressed in his music and art. Ian had a natural talent for guitar and loved random jam sessions with friends, family and, in many cases, total strangers. His talent for music is what brought people together and put smiles on their faces.

Ian loved traveling the world and spent time in Africa, Europe, and South America. Wherever Ian was, his heart yearned to return to the family and friends he left in the Pacific Northwest. His desires will be honored with a homecoming celebration of life on July 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shevlin Park, where family and friends are welcome to gather to celebrate his precious life. A private ceremony is set for earlier in the day.

Ian leaves behind his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and



nieces and a legacy of love and kindness. His friend Amie summed up what Ian meant to many who knew him in her thoughts below:

A beautiful man.

You're not here with us now, but I can feel you always.

You took a part of my heart and your spirit lives inside me.

You capture hearts with your smile, and in your presence spirits fly freely.

A creator of beautiful things and a soul that runs deeply.

Can't help but fall in love with your beautiful soul,

You taught me how to embrace moments and live life so full.

I owe you so much, I wish I could tell you what you've done for me,

I'd give anything to get you back, for me, your friends, and your family...

I love you dearly my friend. With all of my heart.

In lieu of flowers or cards, the family requests that you forever keep Ian in your heart; honor his joyful spirit by taking time to get outside and run, laugh and play. He would have wanted all of us to enjoy every day.

Fly-in event helps Sisters soar

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

One of the most innovative education programs in Sisters High School is the Flight Sciences program. Benny and Julie Benson, owners of Sisters Eagle Airport, are key supporters of the program, which includes their daughter Cammi, and they are putting some wind beneath the programs wings on the Fourth of July with a fundraiser fly-in at the airport.

Festivities will begin at 7 a.m. with pancakes, the buzz of arriving planes for the fly-in, and the rumble of classic cars for the hot rod show. Sisters Rotary Club will be flipping the pancakes, while planes arrive from all over the Northwest.

New this year will be the Runway Run 5K, which will begin at 8 a.m. Participants can register online at <http://sistersairport.com/july4flyin.php>. The \$35 entry fee also includes a T-shirt and pancake breakfast.

The Sisters Fly-in signature event, the Great Rubber Chicken Drop, will take place at 10 a.m. Participants can purchase a two-by-two-foot numbered square, which is chalked on the runway,



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Jon Renner, Cammi Benson, Seth Roy and Julie Benson with the Outlaws Aviation plane that helps get students into the air.

for \$5 each. A plane flies over the matrix, and rubber chickens are flung out. Each chicken represents a specific prize, ranging in value from \$50 to \$400. The person who purchased the square that each rubber chicken lands on wins that prize.

The event supports the Flight Sciences program, which has grown to 32 students enrolled for next year.

Upon successful completion of the class, the students have finished all the ground-school requirements needed for their private pilot's license.

Sisters Eagle Airport is

also a full partner in this program, making their facilities available to the class whenever necessary. This makes access to local planes, pilots, and instructors compatible with student participation during the school day.

While they can't solo until they are 16, and they cannot be issued a private pilot's license until they are 17, the students can take lessons with a CFI, and the hours they log apply toward the 60 hours they need to qualify for their license.

Cammi Benson has done a solo flight and Seth Roy will do so soon.



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