



Brian Daniel Adkins was a U.S. Diplomat who worked for the State Department as a Foreign Officer in Addis, Abba Ethiopia. Brian was taken home to his Lord January 31, 2009 at the age of 25. He graduated 2001 from Whitehall Yearling High School. He then went on to earn his bachelor degree, Magna Cum Laude, in International Affairs and Economics at George Washington University 2005. He earned his

Master Degree from George Washington University in 2007. Brian joined the Foreign Service in 2007. A skilled linguist, Brian spoke seven languages, including Amharic, French, and Arabic, which he studied in Morocco. He was recognized by his superiors and colleagues for his excellent performance of duties, devotion to the Foreign Service, and building peace and understanding between people wherever he went. Unusual to the Foreign Service, Brian was also a classical violinist and a certified Suzuki Method instructor, as well as an accomplished dancer and outstanding cook, who often graced the tables of the Consular Section with freshly-baked surprises for his colleagues. Prior to joining the State Department, Brian worked as an International Trade Specialist at the Department of Commerce. After studying at the Sorbonne, he then served in Tunisia as a Pickering Fellow with the U.S. Department of State. Brian then began his career in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as a Consular Officer, arriving at post in the summer of 2008. Survived by parents, John (Dan) and Christine Adkins; sister, Tiffany (Gary) Cooper; brother, Mike Adkins; nephew, Chase Cooper; grandparents, John and Sharron Adkins, Jack and Lynn Parfitt; aunts and uncles, Shelly (Tom) O'Connors, Larry Adkins, Traci (Reese) LeMaster, Tammy (Joe) Greene, Jack (April) Parfitt, Stacy Parfitt, Jill (Larry) Bell; cousins, Tommy (Melissa) O'Connors, Jonathan Adkins, Zachary, Jacob, Peyton LeMaster, Jaimee (Bryce) Boley, Jeremy and Justin Albaugh, Brittany Lewis, Shane Parfitt, Tyler, Dustin, Rhiannon Adkins, Adam Parfitt. Family will receive friends Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the MAEDER-QUINT-TIBERI FUNERAL HOME, 1068 South High Street. Reflections of Brian's life will be shared Friday at 7 p.m., a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. followed by The Knights of Columbus service. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 684 S. Third St. Procession will form at the church. Burial Obez Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Brian Daniel Adkins Memorial Fund at WesBanco Bank. To view the on-line video and sign the on-line register, visit www.MaederQuintTiberi.com. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God." -Matthew 5:9