



Beaufort County Republican Party

"Your Conservative Voice"

Sunday, October 31, 2021

To the Bumgarner Family:

On behalf of the 750+ members of the Beaufort County Republican Party and our affiliate clubs, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss of Marty.

When we think of Marty, one word comes to mind most often: Special. Marty was a special person to the BCRP and all of our Beaufort County Patriots. We would like to thank Jennifer and the entire Bumgarner family for sharing Marty with us. Some other words to describe Marty: dedicated, loyal, smart, giving, funny, and lastly, Marty was a natural leader. All of us recognized those qualities the first day we met him. Marty oversaw the most successful precinct organization ever seen on Hilton Head Island. He did this even as many former leaders were stepping down. Marty helped recruit a whole new team of leaders and transformed our Hilton Head/South Region into a well-organized and engaged group. The Regional Director, Tom Hatfield, admired Marty and recognized his achievements with the precincts. Tom had been thinking about retiring from his position, but it wasn't until he had confidence that Marty would replace him that he actually did resign. Shortly thereafter, Marty was nominated and unanimously approved by our Executive Committee in June 2021.

Marty was special in part because many of us knew him for only a year or so. There is so much to be said about a man we knew a short time, but who made such a big impact. We were proud when Marty and Jennifer honorably represented Beaufort County at Senator Tim Scott's campaign announcement in Charleston.

Marty was special because he was such a dedicated hard worker, and went above and beyond on every issue he tackled. We will all benefit from his work on Election Integrity.

Marty was special because he was dependable and loyal. Marty was special because he always followed through and finished what he started; with one exception, Hilton Head Precinct Meetings. Marty texted Kevin Hennelly a few weeks ago from his hospital bed, "I truly regret not being able to fulfil those obligations". Kevin let Marty know we would finish the job. Thanks to Xiaodan, Jonathan, Sherri, Kelley, Susan, Lisa, and others we will finish this for Marty and in his memory.

Most Special are the Bumgarner Family. You gave us Marty. You sacrificed your precious time with Marty. You gave us as much or more than Marty. We know you admired the same traits in Marty as we did. We know over the years your love for Marty grew because of what he was: Special.

The people here today are testimony to how many people Marty touched in less than a year. Our tribute today is a fitting farewell for a very special person. We know Marty is looking down upon us and smiling. We hope and pray he continues to look down and guide us going forward.



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We are all going to miss Marty; he was Special. We lost a friend, a colleague, an advisor, and a great person in our lives. With undeniable ease and willingness, Marty helped so many of the people here over the past year. He was a selfless person, and he cared about all of us. We will NEVER forget Marty.

This letter was read at a "Tribute to Marty" on Sunday, October 31 2021 at Shelter Cove Park, Hilton Head Island, SC. It will be read at the next BCRP meeting and recorded in our minutes.

We present this letter with great sympathy and gratitude to Jennifer Bumgarner and the rest of Marty's family on October 31 2021.

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