

*The Dash Poem ~ By Linda Ellis*

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone  
From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time  
That they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them  
Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,  
The cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be rearranged.

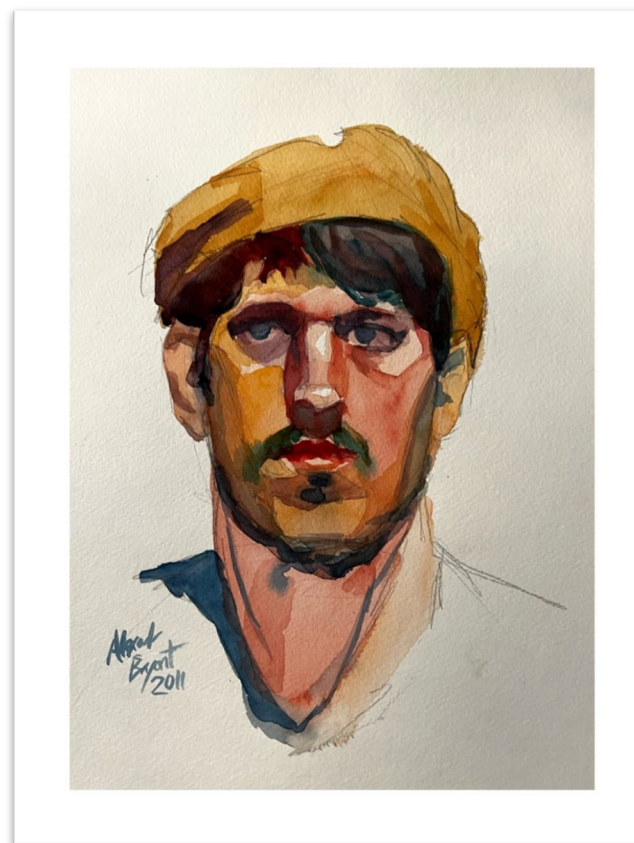
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering this special dash  
Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent YOUR dash?

*Celebration of Life*  
*Alex Bryant*



March 1st, 1988 - March 14th, 2022

Saturday, March 26th, 2022

11:00 am

Ardella Baptist Church

Lakeland, FL

## *Order of Service*

In Loving Memory of

*Alex Bryant*

*Slide Presentation - A Celebration of Life*

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Pastor Mark Bedwell

### **Tributes**

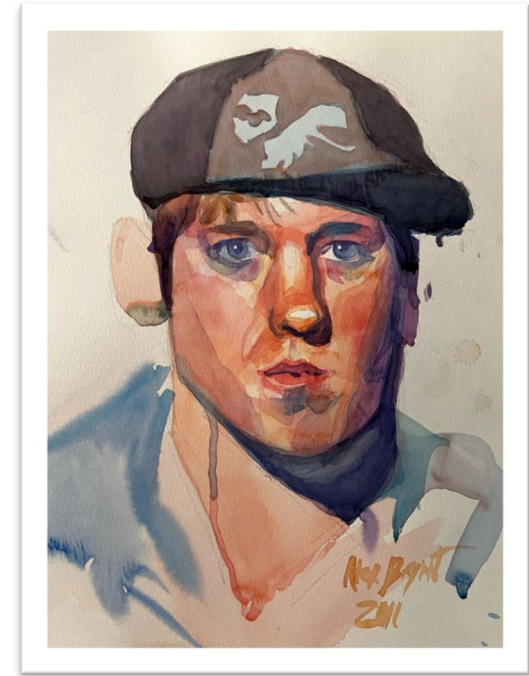
Ryan Dubose

*"The Dash Poem"*

Pam Bryant

*"Reflections of My Son, Alex"*

*"Reflections of My Nephew, Alex"*



### **Ministry in Song**

*"Thy Will"*

Jessica Fowler

### **Message**

Pastor Mark Bedwell

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Mark Bedwell

### *Thank You*

The Dubose and Bryant families would like to thank you for attending today. We appreciate the prayers, support and sympathy you have shown us. We are thankful for everyone who has shared and served in today's service.