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Wishkah mourns a young 'angel'

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WISHKAH VALLEY — When Brian Eager's friends found out he had colon cancer, he was often the one to console them rather than the other way around.

"He was the strong one," says family friend Brenda Johnson.

Now, the Wishkah Valley mourns the loss of a 19-year-old who fought for his life with courage and optimism. Brian died Saturday after a two-year battle with cancer. His death hit the close-knit community so hard that the staff at the Wishkah Valley School unanimously decided to close school today — the day of his funeral at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen.

Brian's parents, Bob and Muffy Eager, are both teachers at the school, and he had been a student there virtually all his life.

"Everyone is so connected in Wishkah," said Joel Tyndall, principal of the school. "The superintendent and I felt why should we try to have school on a day since most of our staff and many of our students will be at the funeral?"

