



Brian Phillip Hannah

March 29, 1981 - August 6, 2019

Major Brian Phillip Hannah, Ph.D., was born to Edward Hannah and Dr. Aleta (Mosley) Hannah-Brown on March 29, 1981, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They later moved to Dover, Delaware, where Brian was raised by his loving and devoted mother.

As a child, Brian was affectionately known by family as “Hamburger” and later as “Bri” or “BH”. Several friends referred to him as “B” and “Big Kid”. Brian was a fierce friend, father, leader, scientist, and entrepreneur, who dedicated nearly 10 years of his life to service in the United States (US) Army. He was also an avid traveler and reader, who loved technology, a good debate and intellectual conversation. Brian was not afraid to speak his mind, question the status quo or to stand alone for what he believed was right. His smile lit up a room and his laughter was contagious. With his impeccable style, good looks, height and infectious personality, he rarely went unnoticed in a room. Many people were drawn to him and admired his intelligence, wit, ambition and sense of humor.

Brian graduated from Dover High School in 1999. While there, he excelled in band and tennis, and was a member of the National Honor Society. After graduating, he attended Xavier University of Louisiana. In 2003, Brian graduated from Xavier with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. From 2003 to 2008, he attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine,

where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology.

Brian began his professional career in 2008, as a Postdoctoral Fellow for the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He was also an Adjunct Instructor of microbiology at Philadelphia Community College. In 2010, Brian enlisted in the US Army and began his military career with the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID), as a Principal Investigator at Fort Detrick, Maryland. In 2012, he was promoted to Chief of Operations, and served as a member of a US Army Senior Leadership Team that was responsible for overseeing a US biological defense lab and 830+ soldiers. From there, he served in several military leadership positions in Germany for the Department of Defense (DoD), Science and Technology Center-Europe and the US Africa Command, DoD, as a Science and Technology Advisor. In 2017, Brian returned to the US and served as a Chemical Defense Instructor for over 2,000 soldiers in the US Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, until most recently. In April 2019, Brian founded his own company, pH Botanicals and shortly after, he earned his Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification. His vision was to find alternative medication for prescription drugs.

Brian Phillip Hannah's memory will be cherished and remembered with love by his son, Miles Hannah; his mother, Dr. Aleta Mosley Hannah-Brown (Ned); his father, Edward Hannah (Marcia); his sister, Renee Hannah Cozier; his uncles, Milton Mosley (Rachel) and Robert "Kelly" Mosley (Belinda); his cousins, Marion and William "Mickey" Shumake; and a host of cousins, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Phillip and LaVerne Mosley; his aunt, Phyllis Evans; and his cousins, Jeffrey Shumake and Cora Greene-Smith.