

## OBITUARIES

BRADLEY B. NEUMAN • TROY, IDAHO, FORMERLY OF NORTH SIDE

## Animal lover raised alpacas, rescued dogs

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As a member of the National Anatolian Shepherd Rescue Network, Brad Neuman traveled throughout the United States to rescue abused or discarded dogs.

In August 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, he traveled to New Orleans to pick up two Anatolians that were abandoned by their owners.

Bradley B. Neuman of Troy, Idaho, a Perry High School graduate who previously lived in the North Side and Boston, died of natural causes on Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, in his home. He was 53.

"My brother was known as an Anatolian 'angel,' a man who would go anywhere in the coun-

try to rescue an Anatolian dog," said his sister, Judy LaLonde of Moscow, Idaho.

"As soon as he bought his farm, he flew to California to pick up his first Anatolian dogs."

Because of their size, great strength and need for considerable exercise, the breed is unsuitable for the average pet household.

Mr. Neuman was introduced to the dogs, natives of the Anatolian region of Turkey, when he bought a large tract of land in Idaho to raise alpacas — which

produce a valuable fleece — and needed a guard dog, his sister said.

She recalled her brother's interest in the workings of livestock farms when he was still in elementary school. "When he purchased 80 acres of land in Idaho, he started with three alpacas. Before Brad died, he had 50 alpacas."

Born and raised in the North Side, Mr. Neuman was one of three children of electrician Ralph August Neuman and his wife, Eleanore LaLonde Neuman.

In 1971, after graduation from Perry High School in the North Side, Mr. Neuman was employed by Mellon Bank. He moved to Boston, where he became an offi-

cer with Fidelity Investments.

"Although my brother never went to college, he had the intelligence to move ahead with Mellon," his sister said. "He started in the mailroom and by the time he left Mellon to join Fidelity in Boston, he rose to the position of trust officer."

LaLonde recalled that even though her brother lived in cities, he fit in well with the community of Troy, Idaho, where she made her home.

"Brad would join me in purchasing school materials for the youngsters in our grade school. He enjoyed volunteering at the grade school and going on field trips with the youngsters," she said.

"Each year, Brad would have

the elementary school children tour his farm to learn about the alpacas."

Mr. Neuman took one of his alpacas to the Washington State University Veterinary Hospital, where new students could experience the use of ultrasound when treating animals.

In addition to his sister Judy, Mr. Neuman is survived by a brother, Gregg Neuman of San Diego.

A memorial service will be conducted today in Moscow, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Short's Funeral Chapel, Moscow.

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