

Bryan's Story

ALS changes your life in an instant.

Bryan's world was turned upside down when, after three medical opinions, he was officially diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) on April 6, 2017. It was devastating to hear, and it took a long time before he was able to accept the new road that lay ahead of him.

Bryan Wayne Galentine, known in "Music Land" as Bryan Wayne or "BWayne" (like JLo!) to his close circle, family and friends, lived in Nashville, TN with his amazing wife Staci, and two awesome sons, Grayson and Bennett. Bryan spent his career as a professional songwriter for nearly 25 years.

When he first received the ALS diagnosis, countless questions paraded through Bryan's mind:

What the heck is ALS?

How long do I have?

Will my kids get it?

How will I continue to provide for my family?

How will I pay for treatment?

Will everything in my life just stop?

What will I become?

The answers to these questions came after he realized that, even though the diagnosis was his alone, he was certainly not alone in his fight. It was first through family, then through friends and foundations, that Bryan began to build networks of support and eventually became an advocate. And as for the

question, "What will I become?" —Bryan realized that he would be exactly the same person that he's always been and will always be: a father, a husband, a friend, and a musician. **"ALS isn't who I am. It does not define me."**