Brian Craig Nowlin

March 13, 1963-July 30, 2015

Brian Craig Nowlin died July 30, 2015, after an almost seven-year battle with cancer. He was born March 13, 1963, in Joplin, MO, where he was reared and educated. He experienced a transformative year as an exchange student in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in high school, and went on to graduate from Missouri Southern State University with a degree in biology before moving to Washington, DC, in 1988. He worked for almost a decade at Acacia Group, and has worked in the Psychology Department at The Catholic University of America as Assistant to the Chair, since 2002. He was a long-term member of Foundry United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Tuesday evening Bible Study, the Hunger Mission, and he was often seen working the welcome table on Sunday mornings. He will be remembered for his passion and activism surrounding social justice and the environment, his wry wit, his exceptional loyalty to his friends, his ability to interact with children, and his fierce competitiveness in playing Words With Friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Nowlin, and he is survived by his mother, Helen Nowlin, brother Kent Nowlin and his wife, Brooke, and his sister, Tara Nowlin Thomas, and her husband Michael, as well as several aunts and uncles, including his mother’s twin sister, Hazel Wescott, ten nieces and nephews, and his beloved Jack Russell terrier, Loki, as well as many dear and heartbroken friends. Burial will be in Joplin, MO. A memorial service will be held Sunday, August 30, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th St., NW, Washington, DC, with a reception to follow. The service will be live-streamed at www.foundryumc.org.