

## **Brett Alden Starnes**

Brett Alden Starnes was born 17 July 1961 in Hampton, Virginia to John Alden Starnes and Craig Williams Starnes. Alden was baptized as a Christian on 2 February 1969 at Union Baptist Church in Achilles, Virginia. He graduated from Gloucester High School in Gloucester, Virginia in June 1979, and proceeded to his formal education. In 1983 he received a B. A. degree in Mathematics and a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. In 1985 he received an M. S. degree in Mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Later that summer he was employed as Instructor of Mathematics by Bluefield College in Bluefield, Virginia. He married Mary Elizabeth Moler in May 1987. In 1991, Alden commanded the 304<sup>th</sup> Military Police company, U. S. A. R. in Hafr Al Batn, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as part of the U. S. forces in the Gulf War. In 1994 he received an M. S. degree in Statistics from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1996, Alden received the Distinguished Faculty Award at Bluefield College and was also promoted to the rank of Major, U. S. A. R. In 1999, he won the Best Student Presentation at the Statistics meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science annual meeting at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and gave a presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference for the Statistics Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Later that year, Alden received a Ph. D. degree in Statistics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He currently continues to teach Mathematics and Statistics at Bluefield College, and resides with his wife and children, Elizabeth and Enoch, in Bland County, Virginia.