



Brian P. Berry

October 31, 1969 - May 13, 2020

Brian P. Berry, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2020 after a courageous struggle with a cardiac event several months earlier. He was born on October 31, 1969 to the late Michael and Rita (nee: McCurry) Berry and spent his life in South Philadelphia. As a teenager he made many lifelong friends growing up in the Grays Ferry area and was very proud of his Irish Heritage. Brian was a former employee of the American Red Cross and more recently has worked at the Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School. He had a love for life and enjoyed joking and laughing with family and friends and he also brought out the best in people around him and it was said by his daughter, Hannah that he exemplified the best qualities that a person could have and share in this life. Brian is the beloved husband and best friend to Colleen (nee: McBride). Devoted father to Hannah, Hailey and Aidan. Dearest brother of Anne Marie (late John) Pettineo, Robert (Loretta) Uditsky, Michael (late Ellen) Uditsky, Mickey (Diane) Berry, Maryanne (Randy) Brabazon, Rita Mary Berry, Sean (Colleen) Berry and the late Patrick (Patty) Uditsky. Son-in-law of Joseph and Marianne (nee: McLaughlin) McBride and brother-in-law of Sean (Tammy) McBride and Brian (Katie) McBride. He will also be sadly missed by his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends. A gathering will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 6 to 9 PM at the Murphy Ruffenach, Brian W. Donnelly Funeral Home (3rd & Wolf Sts.). Funeral Mass private. Memorial contributions may be made to his family to assist with the future education of his children.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Brian W. Donnelly Funeral Home, Inc. - Philadelphia
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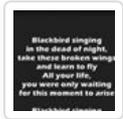
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Murphy Ruffenach - Brian W. Donnelly Funeral Home, PC - May 27 at 11:40 AM



“ I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of Brian. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Robin - May 27 at 05:48 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear about the great loss of Brian. I will always remember Brian 's smile and laugh. My condolences to his wife, Colleen , his children, the McBride and Berry families. My deepest sympathy, Lisa Olivieri

Lisa Olivieri - May 26 at 09:30 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the McBride and Berry families. Growing up around the corner from Brian and hanging out as kids, he always had a smile on his face. Always quick to give advice and an opinion on anything. Brian could make friends with anyone. He was a good man with a huge heart and it was a privilege to call him a friend. He will be sadly missed. Rest Easy brother!!!!

Tommy Gura - May 26 at 01:52 PM



“ My condolences to the Berry and McBride families. Brian's passing is so heartbreaking. He was such a wonderful person and I consider myself lucky to have known him. He truly was a warm, funny, sweet guy who always had a smile on his face! That's how I'll remember him! Prayers for his wife and children. Rest easy Bri.



Brigid Rafferty - May 24 at 05:00 AM



“ Audrey Leavitt and Margaret Ann & Jim Burness purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Brian P. Berry.



Audrey Leavitt and Margaret Ann & Jim Burness - May 22 at 05:21 PM



“ Colleen,
I am so sorry for you unbearable loss of your husband. Brian would walk by the nurses office in the east building from time to time. He never walked by me without saying a simple “Hello” with a friendly smile! I will truly miss his greeting and smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your children and family.

Shana DeAngelo - May 21 at 12:54 PM



“ Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of your loss. Brian was the, sweetest best dad and colleague ever. Sending our heartfelt condolences to your family. You and the children are in our prayers. - Diaz Manfrini Family

Romualda Diaz Manfrini - May 20 at 11:03 AM



“ Brian you will be greatly missed
My condolences to the family

Tamika Roland - May 22 at 09:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian P. Berry.



May 20 at 10:41 AM



“ Just a truly kind man who loved to stop by and say a quick hello or talk at length about his kids, Brian always brought a smile to my face and I always looked forward to even short interactions in the hallway with him. Praying deeply that God offers peace, comfort, and consolation for each of you!

Joe Tetreault - May 20 at 08:12 AM



“ Brian was an amazing person! Last summer, I was decorating my door before school started and Brian was working in the building. I asked him his opinion on how it looked and if things were straight. When other people started to admire it he decided to take credit for the whole thing! He always did things like that to make us all laugh. Brian will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Colleen, the kids, and all of his family.

Joann Ash - May 19 at 09:58 PM



“ I knew Brian from the neighborhood and also worked with him at PPACS string theory he was one of the nicest and funniest guy you ever meet and also loved his kids dearly He will sadly be missed. Praying for his wife, kids and family

Taira Landi - May 19 at 04:52 PM



“ Brian was always a nice guy, he would always say hello and always strike up a great conversation. This truly saddens me as he was such a caring person my thoughts and prayers go out the family.

Matthew Carasso - May 19 at 02:48 PM



“ Saddened to hear this. I worked with Brian at PPACS when I was a substitute teacher and he always said hello and made conversation in the teacher's lounge. He was warm and approachable, and I'm sure will be missed.

Andres Rodriguez - May 19 at 01:34 PM



“ Wishing you all well. Brian was a phenomenal co-worker at PPACS. An amazing and friendly individual who always kept positive and enthusiastic around us all. His care for those around him was nothing short of admirable and extraordinary.

James FitzPatrick - May 19 at 12:09 PM



“ We'll always remember hearing how much you loved October 31. Not sure if was because of your birthday or Halloween or maybe it was both...
Brian you will be forever missed. RIP
Patty & Bill Byrne



Pat Byrne - May 19 at 11:54 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I knew and worked with Brian for a short while but always appreciated his sense of humor and how committed he was to work. He will be missed by all of us at PPACS. Sending love and thoughts of support to his family.

Aaron Gerwer - May 19 at 10:19 AM



“ Colleen and family I am so sorry for your loss.



Jennifer Smith - May 19 at 10:08 AM



“ Colleen and Joe and family, My deepest condolences on the passing of Brian. I know what a blessing he was to all of you and his life was surely cut short by many more years than was expected. I got to know and respect him when we worked together last Fall on creating a playground for the East Building. May God give you the strength to accept His will. It is most certainly a challenge to move forward after such a loss but I'm sure it is what Brian

would want . God bless, as always, Jack Carr

Jack Carr - May 19 at 03:27 PM



“ So incredibly sorry to hear this. I met Brian at PPACS, he helped me out many times, watching my class, escorting students. He was an incredible human being, with such kindness and caring for others. I will treasure even more his handwritten ricotta cookie recipe. Sending love to his wife and children.

Jenni Desnouee - May 19 at 09:58 AM



“ Colleen, Hannah, Hailey and Aidan - We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all of you. - Sam, Kristin, Aubrey & Samuel Salamone

Kristin Salamone - May 19 at 09:17 AM



“ Colleen & family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Brian. He was such a great person, always made me laugh when I was talking with him. Sending prayers to you at this most difficult time
Love,
Natalie & Renee Sassani

Natalie Brocco-Sassani - May 19 at 09:16 AM



“ So sorry for your lost. Prayers for McBride and Berry families.



Liz - May 19 at 02:56 AM



“ I'm so so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for strength through this difficult time
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Roe Kelly - May 18 at 10:18 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Colleen. Brian was a great person and will be missed. May he rest in peace. Love Joy

Joy Fortino Bertino - May 18 at 10:00 PM



“ My condolences go out to Colleen and the kids. You are all in my prayers. Such a wonderful man to know. He was an amazing husband and father to Colleen and the kids. Sadly missed. Rest In Peace until we meet again



Jaclyn McBride - May 18 at 09:52 PM



“ My Condolences to The Berry & McBride Families. Brian will always remain in a lot of hearts & memories. I knew him when we were in our teenage years. Also, had the opportunity of working with him. He was a kind soul, loving man, loved his family & his personality shined. He was a hard worker. I will keep All of You in my Thoughts and Prayers. May He Rest Easy in Eternal Life. God bless...

Deborah Dee Keele Clancy - May 18 at 08:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Colleen
Prayers for your family
Eileen Gormley Haigh

Eileen Haigh - May 18 at 08:29 PM



“ Colleen, Berry and McBride Families -
I will keep you all in my prayers. Brian was such a nice and great guy.
Love - Crissy Paull

Cristine Paull - May 18 at 08:27 PM



“ Gerri Barry-Matkowski lit a candle in memory of Brian P. Berry



Gerri Barry-Matkowski - May 18 at 08:12 PM



“ Rest In Peace Brian
My thoughts and prayers are with Brian's Family



Karen Suwald - May 18 at 07:33 PM



“ Mikki Fiorile lit a candle in memory of Brian P. Berry



Mikki Fiorile - May 18 at 07:29 PM



“ RIP Brian, so very sorry to have to say good bye, what a great guy. Brian was my partner at USAir, back when we had the trailers. To say we had a few laffs is an understatement. Brian was so fun to be around, I must say he was a pleasure to work with. It's hard to believe that was more than 20 years ago..God bless the Berry/McBride family at this very sad time. Love and prayers..

Mikki Fiorile - May 18 at 07:26 PM



“ RIP Brian, prayers for Colleen and your family

Maryann, Mike Kane - May 18 at 07:14 PM



“ Brian was the best person I knew. He was so loving and caring. I didnt know him a long time but he made me and my grandchildren feel like family. He will be missed very much especially from his little Hot Sauce girl. She looked forward to seeing him every day in school. He will be missed dearly. I have never seen a man who loved his family as much as he did. Rest in Peace Brian aka (Mr Hot Sauce)

Maria Branca - May 18 at 06:30 PM



“ Margaret Miller lit a candle in memory of Brian P. Berry



margaret miller - May 18 at 05:53 PM



“ R.I.P. Brian. sending prayers to your family and friends you were a great guy always look out for everyone R.I.P. my friend

Peggy miller - May 18 at 05:57 PM



“ Brian was such an awesome person . He always had a smile on his face and loved joking with everyone. He was a wonderful father, who adored his children and was a loving husband to Colleen, who he also adored. An ultimate family man. Godspeed Bri...I'll see you in Heaven and we'll share another Guinness.
Love Brian, Katie, Connor and Brian!

Brian McBride - May 18 at 05:37 PM