



Brian Kelly Barnes

April 5, 1961 - January 13, 2019

Brian Kelly Barnes, 57, of Ft Myers, FL, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Formerly of Central Pennsylvania, he had been a Florida resident for over 25 yrs. He was born April 5, 1961 in Clearfield, PA, the son of George and Minnie Barnes.

A graduate of Penn State University, Brian moved to Miami for several years before relocating to southwest Florida. In Ft Myers he established a successful career in water resource management, eventually becoming a partner/Vice President/ Principal Scientist at Water Science Associates. Brian enjoyed photography, tennis, windsurfing, cycling, Penn State football games, poker, travel and spending time with his two rescue cats. He was a talented amateur artist and spent his final months creating digital art for family and friends.

Brian is survived by his loving mother, Minnie (née Belt) Barnes of Woodland, PA; his sisters and brothers, Jackie Barnes of Clearfield, PA, Valerie (Bill) Barnes of State College, PA, Ken (Anne) Barnes of Woodland, PA, Tracy (David) Barnes of Seattle, WA, and Scott Barnes of Woodland, PA; numerous nieces and nephews; and his cats, Pete and Abbey.

He was preceded in death by his father, George William Barnes.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Naples Cat Alliance (info@naplescatalliance.org; 424-835-1523).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian Kelly Barnes*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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Kenneth Barnes - December 08, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Brian was a cool cousin that I had the wonderful experience of sharing a rock concert with many years ago. I don't even remember which concert it was or if we ever even went inside the arena for the actual concert! I know he and Scott both came to my hometown go to the concert and I was so proud of showing off my gorgeous cousins to my friends..... That was my fondest memory! Brian was the first to turn me on to the group 'Kansas'. He sure had good artistic taste.*

Michele Manners - February 11, 2019 at 01:42 AM

VB

“ My thanks to all of you for your kind words. I love the memories that also bring a smile and chuckle. Brian was a dear, sweet brother with a great sense of humor. Becky, I loved your reference to him running around on the garage roof dropping 'well deserved' water bombs on Uncle Bill. There was a time once when he didn't find a prank funny - when we pretended to swap Brian's car door with Scott's door. They were similar vans. The tools were out and heads were intently pretending to work on Brian's car door when he emerged from the house, demanding to know what we were doing. He was told that Scott's door was dinged, and we knew he wouldn't mind swapping the doors. Valerie

Valerie Barnes - January 25, 2019 at 12:38 PM

TR

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Brian's death. I want to tell you how sorry I am and to extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. Brian was a great man to work for and was always willing to help and answer any questions. He will be missed. With my deepest and heartfelt condolences.
Tracy Russett (Water Science Associates)

Tracy Russett - January 21, 2019 at 04:25 PM

BB

“ An incredible man – from an incredible family. I knew his parents. I knew his brothers and sisters. Every one of them so intelligent, gifted, accomplished and so caring. I will miss you so very much, my brother.

Bob Baumgardner - January 20, 2019 at 04:19 AM

RB

“ I always thought of Brian as one of my brothers. We had a lot of great adventures together. I am very sad.

Rodger Baumgardner - January 19, 2019 at 03:02 PM

BH

“ Brian was my classmate at Clearfield High School (1979). He was an enormously talented artist and a nice, decent guy. He was also one cute boy!



Our class is grieving for Brian. Just in the past few months, we lost four other classmates, including Karl Kendrick, who was a great friend of Brian's in junior high. Brian is the forty-first classmate to pass away.

Beth Fulesday Hallstrom - January 18, 2019 at 09:35 PM

BG

“ Brian was fun loving and kind. He was always nice to me, even when he got stuck with me on his team - a definite handicap! He was competitive, but kindness was more important to him. I always thought Brian was very cool, he was one of the daring cousins who ran around on the garage roof dropping water bombs on Uncle Bill. There was always something fun going on if Brian was around. I didn't see him often, but we all loved him and I will miss him. Becky Groele

Becky Groele - January 18, 2019 at 09:13 AM