



Brian L. Hardesty

December 17, 1960 - September 8, 2015

Brian L. Hardesty 54, of Labelle, FL died unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from natural causes. He was born December 17, 1960 in Lorain, OH the son of Lynn L. Hardesty and the late Janet R. (neé Stoskopf) Bruce. Brian had been a resident of Southwest Florida for the past 34 years coming from Ashland, OH.

He was a graduate of Mapleton High School in Ashland, OH. Brian was the owner of Hardesty Farms in Labelle, FL, serving the horse industry with high quality hay and feed supplies.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Lynn L. and Judith Hardesty of Labelle, FL; two sisters, Denise A. Hardesty-Sutton of New York City and Leanne Hardesty of Temecula, CA and numerous nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 PM. A graveside service will be held Monday at 10:00 AM at Naples Memorial Gardens with burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions in his name be made to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples, FL 34102 or at www.conservancy.org.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Graveside Service

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Naples Memorial Gardens
525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian L. Hardesty*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Kimberly Hollen sent a virtual gift in memory of Brian L. Hardesty*



Kimberly Hollen - January 09, 2018 at 11:40 AM



Thank you <3 xoxo

leanne hardesty - October 26, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ *I just found out about Brian's passing last night my condolences to the family whoever is left out there probably is sister and half brother this is Kim Kim that lived in Golden Gate Brian and I were together for almost 2 years I always loved him and always thought we be back together one day I'm so sorry for everyone what a terrible loss he was healthy as an ox didn't drink, or smoke !! Ate honey instead of sugar, work like a dog, from sunup to sundown I'm so sorry for your loss .*



Kimberly Hollen - January 09, 2018 at 11:32 AM

LH

Thank you, Kim. Sorry I did not see your post until now. We miss him every day. My sister DD and I, and our dad find it unbearable really that he is gone. I will never forget when you and Brian came out to California to visit me and we went all over wine country. Sweet memories. All the best, Leanne

leanne hardesty - October 26, 2019 at 01:34 PM

Warren
Watters

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Warren Watters - January 23, 2017 at 05:09 PM

DS

Thank you so much, Warren! I really, really miss my brother. He was such a good person.

Denise Sutton - May 25, 2017 at 10:37 AM

WW

“ *My condolences to Brian's family. I just read about his death today when I did a search on Google for him... He was such a great friend to me when we were young growing up in Bonita Springs. He and I had last gotten together years ago (1979 Or 80) I believe he was living in Cape Coral. I wish we would have kept in touch, he was such a super guy. I will post a couple pictures of him that I have. Again, God bless his family!....if anyone wants to call me feel free. Cell 941-456-6596.*

Warren Watters

Warren Watters - January 23, 2017 at 04:53 PM

LH

Hi Warren, I am just now seeing your note. Thank you so very much for posting this photos, it means the world to DD and me, our dad too. We actually tried to find you when Brian died to let you know, I'm sorry we did not get through. Thanks for your number, my email is lhardesty@hotmail.com

Leanne Hardesty - May 24, 2017 at 04:33 PM

BR

“ Bonnie Riggi lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Hardesty



Bonnie Riggi - September 13, 2015 at 10:53 PM



Thank you.

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:12 PM

DS

Thank you, Bonnie. Your kindness means a lot to our family.

Denise Hardesty Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:40 PM

LO

“ Though I did not know him in his later years, Brian was a good man and for a while a very dear close friend. His Mom Janet was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. She had a kind heart and Brian found kindness from both his Mom and Dad. DD and Annie, I know you were close with him and I pray for both of you in my prayers, your family will always mean so much to me. I can still remember going with Brian for his senior picture, he wouldn't smile so Mr Carter had me come and take the picture. He laughed for those pictures. Memories - remember the good ones.

Lois - September 13, 2015 at 09:21 PM



Leanne Hardesty

Thank you so much, I am sitting here in tears of gratitude <3 Brian was indeed kind, he was a real gentleman. I love to hear these stories about him, like the senior picture story, I did not know that story and I'm so glad you shared it. Being able to talk about him is very healing. Thanks again, you were very special to him xoxo. In gratitude, Leanne

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:11 PM



Denise Sutton

Thank you, Lois. Our memories of Brian are a blessing.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ Bonnie Riggi lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Hardesty



Bonnie Riggi - September 13, 2015 at 05:18 PM



“ We will miss him..our condolences to the family. Mike and Marcia Denius/DreamCatcher Stables

Madenius - September 13, 2015 at 05:05 PM



Leanne Hardesty

Mike and Marcia, thank you for your kind words. I read your note to our dad who is 78 years old. He appreciates hearing how much people loved Brian. One of Brian's joys was to serve his customers. He loved people but he also considered your horses his customers. Literally the consumers of his product. He took great pride in his work and cultivating genuine relationships. I know a lot of horses that are going to miss him, but he is smiling down on them. Love , Leanne Hardesty xoxo

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:17 PM



Thank you, Mike and Marcia.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ A kind man says it all. Brian and his dad are the reason s they have my business. You could just tell these people are good hearted family value people it was my pleasure to have known brian I will miss our every other Tuesday's chat when he delivers our hay. We are very saddened and our hearts go out to his family

bruce totterdale - September 13, 2015 at 08:51 AM



Bruce, it is a great comfort to read these words. A couple of weeks have passed since the shocking news that Brian died and we are still trying to figure out what lies ahead without Brian in our lives. He was a bright light, a real special person. He was gifted, and in my opinion, highly evolved. Brian cared so much about people and as my sister DD eulogized at his funeral, it was his legacy. With much gratitude, Leanne Hardesty

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:26 PM



Thank you, Bruce. Brian was a shining star in so many lives. My family is grateful for the outpouring of love.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:44 PM



I just learned of Brian's passing when I Google'd his name...such a shock.. I feel so sad that I did not try and find him again sooner. My prayers for DD and Leanne and all his surviving family. Him and I had so much fun growing up together in Bonita Springs. Racing with his and my minibikes...playing hardball croquet that left us laughing like crazy.. I still remember his great laugh. I will try and post a few pictures of him and anyone wanting to call me feel free anytime..941-456-6596..God Bless...

Warren Watters - January 23, 2017 at 05:03 PM

LZ

“ My condolences to Brian's family. Brian was my hay supplier for many years until I moved to Ocala. So sorry to learn of his passing. I have to believe that we are all on loan here on earth, and I am glad to have known him, although for much too short a time. Heaven has gained another angel. My prayers to the Hardesty family.

Lynn Zachary - September 13, 2015 at 01:56 AM



Leanne
Hardesty

Lynn, yes he is an angel now. He loved these rainy season storm clouds and lightening bolts that light up the Florida sky at this time of year, so if you are inclined, think of him when you see a beautiful sky. Last night, on my sister's last evening Herr, we were driving back from Brian's ranch and we are pretty sure he had something to do with the lightening firework show that was sprawled out before us. It was just like him to comfort us. Thank you for writing your thoughtful comment, love Leanne Hardesty

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:31 PM



Thank you, Lynn. Brian was a very spiritual person and would appreciate your sentiments.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JT

“ Sending our prayers of comfort to the family in this time of need. RIP Brian.

Tom and Janet Thomas

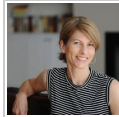
Janet Thoomas - September 12, 2015 at 06:56 PM



Leanne Hardesty

Thank you Tom and Janet. We so appreciate your thoughts and sentiments. We know that you understand all too well and we send you love and wish you peace too as we are sure this stirs up memories of your own loss. I hope that if you come back to Fla that you have the chance to stop and see my dad , I know he would like to see you guys. In gratitude, Leanne Hardesty

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:35 PM



Denise Sutton

Thank you, Tom and Janet.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ *Karin Becker lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Hardesty*



Karin Becker - September 12, 2015 at 06:29 PM



LH

Thank you Karin.

Leanne Hardesty - December 23, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ I'm in total shock to hear that Brian has passed . I work with him for years delivering hay to customers in SW Fla.His family was so good to me .I'll never forget the summer I helped him and his father bale hay at there farm in Zanesville,Oh . We laughed and worked hard to get the job done .When I needed help building my barn on my small farm in N. Fort Myers he came over and helped. We had a good old fashion barn raisen with neighbors and friends .He was a true gentlemen and friend .I will miss him

*Karin Becker
Mansfield,Mo*

Karin Becker - September 12, 2015 at 06:28 PM



*Karin, I am so glad you mentioned the Zanesville farm, that was a big part of our lives for a number of years. And the barn raising story made me smile big, I can just see his excitement at the prospect of building a barn! Yeah, he knew how to work hard and have fun doing it . xoxo
Sincerely, Leanne Hardesty*

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:39 PM



Thank you, Karin. Working with Brian was always fun and he never hesitated to lend a helping hand. In fact, two days before he passed away he was helping his cousin and his family paint the restaurant they are going to open in Fort Myers next month. He loved his family and friends.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:49 PM

RH

“ *Ruth Hughes lit a candle in memory of Brian L. Hardesty*



Ruth Hughes - September 12, 2015 at 03:00 PM



Leanne Hardesty

Thank you <3

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:39 PM



Denise Sutton

Thank you, Ruth. Your kind words are a comfort to our family.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have known Brian for many years. He was one of the most honest, kind and honorable people I have ever met. My thoughts and prayers go to Brian's family. Heaven has gained another angel . Thanks for being my friend. RIP Brian*

Ruth Hughes - September 12, 2015 at 02:58 PM



Leanne Hardesty

He's an angel now. <3

Leanne Hardesty - September 12, 2015 at 09:45 PM



Leanne you say he is an angel now and I'm sure it has always been so... It's wonderful to read all of the memories others have of their time with him:) kind hearted, funny and hard working, qualities we all need and find so comforting in others. Continuing prayers for the family.

Samantha simon - September 18, 2015 at 11:49 AM



Leanne Hardesty

Samantha, I am floored at the outpouring of love on this page. It helps us soo much. We are still reeling from losing Brian. Some moments I don't know how to get through this so your comment is so appreciated. In gratitude, Leanne

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:42 PM

GB

“ I (Cypress Ridge Horse Farm) was pleased to have known Brian and did business with him receiving hay for my horses and referred him to many of my real estate clients. He will be greatly missed in the SW Florida equestrian community and we will all miss his company.

Brian always made time to chat and ask how things were and if all was well he was a caring person and a good friend and family man. Our prayers go out to him and his family at this time...God Bless you Brian and thank you for all that you did for us!

Glen Bigness, Naples FL

Glen Bigness - September 12, 2015 at 11:38 AM



He believed in the inherent goodness of people and he modeled that in his daily life in caring about others. Thank you for your words, you have no idea how much this means to us. <3

Leanne Hardesty - September 12, 2015 at 09:48 PM

SL

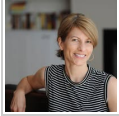
I was informed today of Brians passing and am so shocked and saddened. Knowing Brian and the Hardesty family will always leave me with only fond memories. Brian was truly "His Own Person" and those who knew Brian were fortunate to have known a fine man. We spent many a day driving down the road in our Pickup with our co-pilot "Duffy" (Brian's' Dog) in the bed. My prayers go out to the family. Steve Lowrie

Steven Lowrie - September 17, 2015 at 01:35 PM



Steve, oh my, thank you so much for your kind words. I will make sure that DD reads your note. You have been a friend to our family over many years and it is a comfort to us to hear from you. I will read my dad what you said. In gratitude, Leanne Hardesty

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:45 PM



Thank you, Glen. It was a pleasure to meet you when my Dad, sister, brother-in-law and I delivered the last load of Brian's hay to your ranch after he passed away. It was healing to meet some of his customers and to honor the work he did so well. Your kind words are appreciated.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:53 PM



Steve, Thank you for prayers and for the lovely image of Brian you captured so well. DD

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ Brian was a wonderful person and a true friend to the equestrian community here in SW Florida and was well respected. I had the pleasure of knowing him through hay sales and referred him to many of my real estate clients looking for a hay supplier. He was trusted and always took the time to chat and ask how you were and was very personable.

We will all miss Brian and will say a prayer for him and his family...God Bless you Brian and Thank you!

Glen Bigness, Naples FL

Glen Bigness - September 12, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ To the family of Brian, I am very saddened to here of the loss of Brian. He was a man who would give of himself to make other's happy. My brother's and I will always remember the kindness he showed us over the years. May we all remember the time and memories we had with Brian. Billy, Glen, Kevin & Daryl Gnann

Billy Gnann - September 12, 2015 at 10:47 AM



Leanne Hardesty

*Dear Billy, your words are so true, he did so much to make people happy and that is what fed his soul. He was a bright light on this physical plane and now is a bright light in a higher place. In gratitude,
Leanne Hardesty*

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:55 PM



Billy, Thank you very much for your kind words about Brian. We loved him so much and miss him. Reading these tributes is a comfort.

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:55 PM

DK

“ You are in my prayers.

Donna Kane - September 12, 2015 at 10:26 AM



I am so very saddened that Brian is gone. He was not only my hay man, he was everyone's friend. Always kind, always happy and always willing to lend a hand. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to have known Brian, and how sorry I am that he is gone. I will never forget Brian. Heaven has another angel.

Ellen Ferguson

Ellen Ferguson - September 13, 2015 at 09:39 AM

LC

We remember Brian as a soft spoken, hard working kind man, never said a bad word about anyone, a man we can all model after. So sorry our friend has left us. Lark Campisano

Lark Campisano - September 16, 2015 at 07:42 AM



Leanne
Hardesty

Lark, Ellen, and Donna

The outpouring of love from all of you is very comforting to my sister DD , our dad Lynn Hardesty, and step mother Judith. We can't imagine our future without Brian , but we are faced with the terrible reality of just that. It is so unbearable. So your words mean so much. Please keep praying if you pray. Thank you. Wishing you peace and love, Leanne Hardesty

Leanne Hardesty - September 24, 2015 at 05:51 PM



Thank you all. As we all grieve, it is a comfort to read your expressions of sympathy and to know that Brian touched so many lives in a beautiful way. Love, DD

Denise Sutton - September 25, 2015 at 01:57 PM