



Brian Sullivan

December 11, 1970 - September 12, 2023

Brian Joseph Sullivan passed away at his home on September 12, 2023. He was 52 years old. A son of the Sullivans and O'Connells, Brian was raised in Toledo's south end. He attended St. Charles elementary, Bowsher High School, The Ohio State University, and the University of Findlay, where he earned an MBA degree. He was employed by the City of Toledo's Division of Water Reclamation for 21 years. He was a father, brother, uncle, devoted son, and loyal friend. His children, Brennan and Samantha, were the fountain of his joy and pride. Brian was a fan of the Buckeyes, NFL football, the Detroit Tigers, and movies (favorites included Platoon, Bad Santa, and Tropic Thunder). As a proud Irish descendent, Brian reveled in the celebration of St. Patrick 's Day. Even more, he loved Christmas. Brian was a connoisseur of Chi Chi's, Taco Bell, and Gino's cuisine (extra sauce, please) We'll laugh when we see photos of Brian as a child in his high-wasted pants, and we'll laugh again when we see him in his signature pose for nearly every adult photo. We'll smile when we recall Brian's quiet penchant for flowers and Yankee Candles (family referred to him as Martha), and we'll smile again when we remember his claim of ending his quest for Olympic swimming gold after careful reflection at the age 10. We will be warmed by Brian's affection for his group of life-long friends, we'll be grateful for the love that they returned, and we'll miss Brian's regaling of their youthful exploits. We will be proud when we remember Brian's loyalty to his family, and we will be comforted knowing that he is at peace and once again under the care of Pat

and Denny. Brian is preceded in death by parents, Denny and Pat Sullivan. He is survived by his cherished children, Brennan and Samantha, by the mother of his children, Kelly Sullivan, and by his sisters, Bridgett (Sullivan) Emhuff and Maureen (Sullivan) Freeman. Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road., on Sunday, September 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Memorial Service and sharing of memories will be held at 3 p.m. Please view Brian's video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Carla Kaser lit a candle in memory of Brian Sullivan*



Carla Kaser - September 17, 2023 at 01:40 PM

BF

“ *The Flynn family has so many great memories with the Sullivan family! Rest in Peace Brian. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. 🍀🇮🇪❤️ Love to you all from the Pat Flynn family*

Becky Flynn - September 17, 2023 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ *Reading the Obituary and watching the video shows how much Brian was loved by his family and friends. I am pleased that I had an opportunity to visit with Brian at my cousin's (Mike and Juli Flynn's) wedding this past April. Also, I had never met Bridgett before, although I had heard many wonderful things about her, I had the chance to meet her. My husband and I had many fun times when visiting Columbus meeting up with Mike and his friends, Brian being one of them. Having grown up in the South End and graduating from St Charles there was an immediate bond, even though I was 20 years ahead of them!!!! I would like to express my sadness and extend my prayers to his family as they deal with this loss. Colleen Flynn. Both her*

Colleen Flynn Bottcher - September 17, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Brian, we love you and lots of love and prayers to your family from Arizona. We had great times and you were an amazing friend/college roommate. You will be missed but never forgotten. - Bob Mika and his family.*

Bob Mika - September 17, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 17, 2023 at 01:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.*



September 16, 2023 at 06:24 PM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 16, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.



September 16, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.



September 15, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.



September 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Sullivan.

September 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.*



September 15, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Sullivan.*



September 15, 2023 at 04:56 PM

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“ Brian and I worked together at the City. I remember him with fondness thinking back to when we were working shifts together - both pursuing our Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. When I graduated, he gave me the Dr. Seuss book "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" with a sweet and funny message. Always gruff to the outside world, he was a softie to those he loved or considered a friend. I was so impressed with his ability to overcome all of his recent health struggles and being able to return to work, in spite of the fact that he was unsure if he could do it. We recently talked about the book that he gave me at graduation and he mentioned that he was going to "help me run this place" (work) and gosh how I wish he was able to keep that promise. In every conversation we had he would mention the love that he had for his children, and his sister, and his family. We always ended up in a story about his friends and his younger years and how proud he was of his lifelong friends.

From the book that he gifted me so long ago...

"Wherever you fly, you'll be the best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest." "KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!"

Brian, your mountain is waiting but you will be missed, my friend.

CHRISTINE MINOR - September 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM