



Brian Orton

September 3, 1949 - December 25, 2021

Racine-Brian Orton, 72, passed away at his residence on Christmas Day, December 25, 2021.

Brian was born to the late Myland and Ruby (nee Luedtke-Orton) Pokovich on September 3, 1949, in Racine. He was united in marriage to Cathy Wolfe on April 28, 1973, at United Methodist Church in Union Grove, Wisconsin. They were married for 47 years until Cathy's passing in February of 2021.

Brian served his country in the United States Army as an infantryman. He was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. After the army, Brian worked for Goodwill Industries and then worked at InSinkErator for 5 years. He decided to go back to school to earn his associate degree in engineering. Upon graduation, Brian worked for McGraw-Edison for 7 years and then worked for Ruud Lighting. Brian retired from Ruud Lighting in 2009. He enjoyed music, his favorite decades being the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Brian played bar league softball and then played softball for Domanik and Borzynski's. He was a huge fan of all Wisconsin sports, such as the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Milwaukee Bucks. Above all, Brian was a devoted husband and father. He cared deeply for his family and friends.

Brian will be deeply missed by his son, Derek (Melissa) Orton; grandchildren: Braden, Aaron, Caleb, and Nora; brother, Robert (Marcella "Marcy") Orton; and several other relatives and friends.

Brian is predeceased by his wife, Cathy Orton.

A private inurnment with full military honors will be held at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery on a later date. Memorials in Brian's name may be directed to Wisconsin Humane Society Racine Campus (8900 16th St, Mt Pleasant, WI 53177), The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA.org), and /or The American Cancer Society – Wisconsin (PO Box 902, Pewaukee, WI 53072).

Cemetery

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street

Union Grove, WI, 53182

Comments



“ Rest in Peace Brian glad I had the opportunity to work with you at Ruud Lighting always loved to hear you laugh when something tickled you. You will be missed.

Charles C Jones - January 13 at 10:23 PM



“ My dad was the best! A lot of people say that, but I can safely say it with confidence. He taught me what the meaning of being a family man is. But more than that, he taught me what keeping your vows and promises actually means. No matter what I did or what mistakes I might have gotten myself into, he always was there to listen, help, and encourage in any and every way that he could. I will miss him dearly and will remember the passion that he had for sports, being on a team, and making sure that his family was well taken care of! I will carry on his memory by being the best in the various roles in my life; father, husband, teacher, friend, colleague, believer, and so much more!

Love,

Derek

Derek Orton - January 13 at 10:47 AM



“ Brian was such a loving, caring husband to my sister Cathy. He was always there for her. Now they are together again.

Jayne Dresen - January 08 at 07:47 AM



“ My sympathy to the family of Brian Orton. He was my boss at Ruud Lighting for a few years until I retired and he was a great person. Sincerely, Darlene Burchell

Darlene Burchell - January 03 at 01:01 PM



“ Brian was my brother-in-law. I am Cathy's sister Sandy. Brian loved Cathy and I believe they are reunited in that wonderful place we call Heaven. May they both rest in peace till we see them again. My sympathy to their family. Brian and Cathy created a legacy that will live on for many years to come.

Sandra Swantz - January 02 at 07:35 PM



“ I worked with Brian at Ruud Lighting My sympathy to his family RIP Brian

Tina Nissila - January 05 at 09:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.
Roger & Sandy Therkelsen

Roger Therkelsen - January 02 at 07:15 AM



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Roger Therkelsen - January 02 at 07:13 AM