



Brian M. Waldron

October 4, 1939 - September 24, 2018

Brian M. Waldron, age 78, formerly of South Bend, Indiana, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2018.

He spent his career working as a Teacher in South Bend, IN and Monroe, MI. Brian was preceded in death by his loving wife Genevieve; step-daughter, Patricia Hammer and grandson, Joseph Hammer. He is survived by his step-children, Greg (Ann), Steven (Michelle) and Ronald Hammer; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation, a Memorial Mass will be planned at a later date. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

BR

“Probably every student has a few teachers who stand out as having a particular impact, and for me Brian was one of those few. His influence on my education went a good deal beyond the single Shakespeare class I took from him.

Brian was a very demanding teacher, who pushed his students to think. He had a way of turning a simple "How are you?" in the hallway into a lesson on the Socratic method as applied to metaphysics! Often enough, when someone asked him a question about a passage in Shakespeare, his response would be "Well, what do you think?" Then, when he got an answer, he would rather gleefully poke holes in it. He helped me develop my habit of researching my opinions before I form them, and I owe such critical thinking skills as I have in part to Brian's early lessons in high school.

I'm indebted to Brian for pulling a very hard-headed teenager aside and giving him a private scolding one afternoon. I was playing with my mind, he said. Wasting my talents, he said. He was right, of course, and the message sank in. I won't say that that talking-to caused me to do an immediate about-face -- stubborn soul that I was and still can be -- but he helped to set me more firmly on the path of making something of myself, and to like the person that I have become.

Condolences to his loved ones. Brian was one of the great teachers, and I'm sure that he will be much missed.

Bob Rodes - December 20, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JK

“ I would like to add my condolences to Brian's family and friends. I knew Brian at Penn High School where he was a dedicated and caring English teacher and I was a school counselor. Brian was an affable, conscientious and fun colleague. I am sorry to learn of his passing.

Joanne Kelly

Joanne Kelly - October 09, 2018 at 04:22 PM

LL

“ Tom and I send our deepest sympathy to Brian's family for their loss. We have always known him as a neighbor, friend, and mutual foodie. Brian could be counted upon to bring a delicious wine and interesting conversation to dinner parties. Over a few years we have shared many meals, stories, music, and movies. Brian enriched our lives and memories will keep him close. All who knew Brian respected his strong faith and honor and can hold him in high regard.

Lynn Lollis-Pinter and Tom Pinter

Lynn Lollis-Pinter - October 03, 2018 at 07:31 PM

LS

“ I send my sincere condolences of the passing of your step-father. I worked for him at IU South Bend as his secretary in the English department for many years. He was a adjunct that taught writing on a part-time basis. He care for his students wanting all of them to succeed. He had a great sense of humor.

Linda Schultz-Heidrich

Linda Schultz-Heidrich - October 02, 2018 at 07:50 AM

SC

“ I am writing because Brian was a member of the South Bend Press Club in South Bend Indiana for many, many years. He was so much fun and helped with many parties we had over the many years. He will always be remembered for his quick wit and infectious smile. Thank you Brian for all the fun and laughter, you will always be remembered.

Cyd DeNardi Maravolo
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SB Press Club - October 01, 2018 at 03:03 PM

KS

“ I fondly remember playing cards with my grandpa Brian and grandma Gen for hours every time we visited. We all enjoyed it and were quite competitive. We had a lot laughs and memories shared in our card games. I am very blessed that my kids were able to meet my grandpa Brian and we will be able to look back at pictures with him. He was very generous and will be greatly missed.

Katie Struewing - September 25, 2018 at 08:22 PM