



Brian Louw

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Brian Louw, 75, of Orem, UT passed away Thursday, August 5, 2021. He was born in Springs, South Africa to I.C. and Mavis Louw with older siblings Ron, Marlene, and Beverley. His family immigrated to Calgary, Canada when he was 14. As an adult, he eventually followed his family to Southern California where he met and married his beautiful wife, Leslie Snelgrove.

Brian is survived by his wife Leslie and their six children, Hiedi (Josh), Stephanie (Brandon), Jennifer (Ian), Gwen (Eli), Marnae (Dennis), Izak (Kensie), and their 17 grandchildren.

Brian was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served an LDS building mission in Utica, New York and the Eastern States in 1964. Brian was loyal, honest, trustworthy, and patriotic.

Brian was unforgettable with his booming voice and energetic laugh. He had a huge passion for life. Beneath his tough exterior was a tender heart. He showed his love through service and by sharing his talents with family, friends, and neighbors. He was a genius when it came to anything mechanical, engineering projects, creating his own tools, or coming up with solutions to fix problems and things. He worked with his children to build, customize, and remodel their homes.

Brian believed in working hard and playing even harder. He loved anything automotive. He built and raced a professional funny car “Banzai”, being undefeated until he gave it up to raise a family. He operated an outdoor go kart track for several years, fabricating over 50 custom karts. He loved being in the mountains, motorbiking, clearing trails for others to enjoy, or cycling. He loved swimming, water skiing, jet skiing, boogie boarding, and being at the beach. He loved dancing and earned the nickname “rubber legs”. He loved chasing and teasing his kids and grandkids and was affectionately known as the “tickle monster”. He was a jokester as a kid and as an adult, often playing pranks with his siblings and friends.



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To participate in the services online please visit the link below.

Online video

<https://youtu.be/Mwqesao3jJg>

Family and friends are invited to join in celebrating Brian's life at any or all of the following times on Friday August 20, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints chapel at 150 W 1600 S Orem, UT.

11:00 Mingling with friends and family (no viewing)

12:00 Funeral services in the chapel

1:30 Family prayer and lunch

2:00 Open mic memories

Brian did not like black, so please feel free to wear bright colors or Hawaiian shirts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Brian's life through an act of personal service, such as donating blood. Brian had 20 transfusions in the last weeks of his life and these blood donations were a blessing that could be paid forward. Another cause Brian liked to support was the general missionary fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



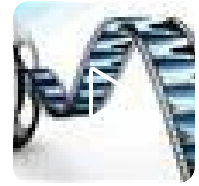
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Premier Funeral Services shared a **Video**.



August 11 at 11:27 AM



Marilyn Stumpenhous posted:

My best Christmases ever, were the ones spent at your house Brian. Braaivleis, tons of food, and watermelon! Then after we ate, we had those watermelon rind fights. We were so sticky.. but then we'd go swimming. Perfect Christmas. And then the huge fires on Guy Fawkes night!! They were and still are some of my best memories. Always gonna love you Brian..you are, and will always be my best cousin ever!

August 25 at 8:10 AM



Floyd Hassinger posted:

Brian used to live next door to us. He did mechanic work out of his garage. His booming voice would ricochet off the house across the street from him. We could stand on our front porch and hear every word he said! Our favorite: "You can't put a Chevy engine in a Ford truck!" Our second: "Matta of fact..."Floyd Hassinger

August 17 at 6:08 AM



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RB

Ruel Barker posted:

Dear Leslie and family, I suppose my tribute and memories of Brian will be a bit different from most of the others. I know Brian and love him very much. I first met Brian when he was around 11 years old in South Africa. Brian's father, I. C. Louw, was a Counselor to the Mission President, President Fisher. President Louw was a true friend to all the Missionaries, and because we were close to President Louw we became well acquainted and close to his family. One day President and Sister Louw invited all the missionaries in the East Rand District out to their home for dinner and a day of fun, play, and relaxation. Brian took charge of the play and taught all of us missionaries how to play rugby and cricket. We soon found out that when you play with Brian, you don't just goof around but rather you get serious and do your best. We had a wonderful day and the best part of it was that we made a great friendship with a young boy in South Africa that was to last for a lifetime. Leslie, I send sincere condolences from my family to yours. With love, Ruel Barker

August 12 at 9:03 AM


RO

Roman April 10 at 7:50 AM

grampa

GR

Gwenyth Robertson August 18 at 11:16 AM

Thanks for sharing! Fun to hear memories we haven't heard before. 

WB

William Bayne posted:

I met Brian when my family moved in down the street from him. I owned a restaurant at the time and Brian built some banquets for me. He was constantly trying to help me as I worked on the restaurants. He would come in for lunch and see we were having a problem and would just come back to help, whether that meant fixing an oven or welding a table. What a wonderful man. I loved being around Brian and will miss him. I'm sad to hear of his passing and grateful that I had the opportunity to come in contact with him. He is such a great man. Billy Bayne

August 12 at 6:30 AM

GR

Gwenyth Robertson August 18 at 11:17 AM

Thanks for sharing Billy!



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Jenny Tyler posted:

Shawn and I will forever treasure the memories of the time that you and Brian spent with us in South Africa and our travels with you both when we visited the USA. Shawn loved his WhatsApp calls with Brian. He will live in our hearts and memories until we meet him on the other side. So grateful for eternal family links. Sending much love to you, Leslie and to your beautiful family. ❤️
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August 11 at 6:49 PM



Gwentyth Robertson August 18 at 11:18 AM

Thanks for sharing Jenny. 💙



Maryannfreesmith posted:

Please accept my sympathy on the death of your father. I appreciated reading his obituary and finding things out about him. Be blessed in every way. Love, MaryAnn Free Smith

August 11 at 5:56 PM



Gwentyth Robertson August 18 at 11:19 AM

Thank you MaryAnn 💙



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ME

Marj Eldard posted:

My favorite memory of Brian goes back to the year we took out a tree on the Meyers/Paulson property. He could see us struggling, went home, got his chain saw, and pitched in to fill not just my truck, but his truck too with the many branches and trunk pieces. We both took a trip to the dump that day--Brian was always about service! What a great man--one who will be deeply missed in our neighborhood.

August 11 at 12:26 PM

JW

John Weiss August 16 at 12:47 PM

Every trail I ride and every time I ride them is a memory of Brian. He showed/lead me on them all. We rode motorcycles together at least once a week from snow melt to snow fall and then in the San Rafael, for the ten years we were neighbors and for years after I moved. I've stopped numerous times (just last week) on those trails to point out the logs we cut to clear the trail. We adopted the Great Western Trail from Tie Fork to Big Springs. Brian's philosophy was that we'd maintain all those trails just by riding them; always stopping to clear the way. He taught me all I know about setting up a bike for trail riding, maintaining them and how to ride. Many hours were spent pouring over his Topo maps. Thanks Brian. Yo da man! John Weiss

GR

Gwen (Louw) Robertson August 11 at 4:10 PM

Great story. Thanks for sharing! ❤️

KJ

Kent Jackson posted:

I've known and loved Brian Louw for 41 years. When I heard of his passing, it was a blow to me and a cause of great grief. But I've never thought of Brian without smiling, so I'm smiling now as I remember him. There was no end to how he and I teased each other. When I last spoke with him a couple of weeks ago, we discovered that we both had the same taste in cheap Hawaiian shirts. I think of him now in the spirit world, with his big laugh, telling stories to his ancestors, who were awaiting his arrival with excitement.

August 11 at 9:50 AM

GR

Gwen (Louw) Robertson August 11 at 5:06 PM

Thanks for sharing Kent.



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Dennis Autrey shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A great guy who lived and loved life to it's fullest. Nothing but fond and cherished memories of a great man. You will be missed! RIP

August 11 at 9:47 AM



GR **Gwenyth Robertson** August 18 at 11:20 AM
Thanks for sharing!

MI **Minda** August 11 at 4:43 PM
One day Dan and I were walking around the neighborhood as we were passing his house brother MaCartney and brother Louw were chatting in front of there front yard and so we stopped by. He said Leslie is not home and said he misses her a lot. Brother Louw is a kind man.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Brian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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