



Brian C. Derby

January 6, 1957 - August 22, 2024

Townsend - Brian C. Derby, 67, of Townsend and the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2024 from injuries sustained in a quarry accident in Sterling.

Brian was born on January 6, 1957, in Concord, a son of the late Richard and Flavia (DeMars) Derby and had resided in Maynard, Groton and Pepperell before more recently moving to Townsend.

Brian was a heavy equipment operator throughout his career. He was a big strong guy who worked hard, loved hard, and was a fierce protector. He enjoyed his time with his grandkids, his very close group of friends, and frequent trips to his home in Vermont.

He had a passion for motorcycles, snowmobiling, car racing, golf, and above all else his family. He loved to travel and had taken over 8 trips out west on his motorcycle to Yellowstone and Sturgis.

He leaves his wife of 47 years Nancy C. (Grierson) Derby of Townsend; two sons, James R. Boardman and his longtime companion, Lisa Hjelm of Ashby and Timothy B. Derby and his wife, Rachael of Groton, VT; a daughter, Barbara A. Cardarelli and her husband Frank of West Boylston; two brothers, Richard Derby of Maynard and Philip Derby of Blairsville, GA; two sisters,

Linda Dalton of Jacksonville, FL and Loretta Laskey of Pooler, GA; his grandchildren, Michael Boardman, Luke Stelmach, Alice Derby, Wyatt Guptill, Wyatt Giroux; his great-granddaughter Addison Boardman, and several nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by a grandson, Conor Stelmach, his nephew, Jeffrey Derby, two brothers, James Derby and Jeffrey Derby, and two sisters, Anita Sedillo and Roberta Franklin.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 7 from 12:00 – 5:00 at The Westford Regency, 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Aquinnah Cultural Center, 10 Black Brook Road, Aquinnah, MA 02535 Checks may be made out to: Aquinnah Cultural Center.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ To Nancy and family

*I'm so sorry to hear of your loss
Brian was a great man my relationship goes back to school days
with both Jimmy and
Brian in high school and his blue van*

*I would see him over the years when he was at power America with
Phil and when he was with LI&S doing water and sewer work in
Ayer awhile back before I retired
I am truly sorry and heart broken for the family Brian will be greatly
missed and loved by all
May you all find peace in your time of loss*

*John loomer
and family*

John Loomer - September 06, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Brian C. Derby.*



September 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *Laura, Andy & your At Home family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Brian C. Derby.*

Laura, Andy & your At Home family - September 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

LK

“ Love, Jim & Debbie Kelley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brian C. Derby.



Love, Jim & Debbie Kelley - August 30, 2024 at 06:19 PM

LK

“ Love, Jim & Debbie Kelley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian C. Derby.

Love, Jim & Debbie Kelley - August 30, 2024 at 06:19 PM

RK

“ Just a little description of a big man Brian was in my wife’s class in school I was in his brother Phil’s class. Brian was always a strong individual and he proved it daily! When he worked with Assabet Tree he fell and broke his back they said he would never physically work again but his strength proved everyone wrong. His pride in his work was equally as big as his strength. When he worked with LL&S I was lucky to have Brian on a couple of my jobs but one really stands out to me Brian excavated the foundation 60’x344’ backfill,compaction wrapped the building with a major12” water line for the Town of Ayer installed all drainage and detention ponds and installed all sewerage for 16 units. He was definitely in charge of that project! His confidence was as big as his strength. I could go on and on about Brian’s talents. He will be greatly missed by family and friends and all who knew him in his industry until we meet again.
Roger K

Roger K - August 28, 2024 at 10:58 PM

AF

“ *To the entire Derby Family.
Sending my deepest condolences to everyone. I never met Brian but, knew Jim very well. Jim spoke of Brian (and other family members as well) often.
RIP Brian
A friend from Maynard*



A friend - August 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

TC

“ *Sending our condolences from Gourmet Donuts, Townsend. He was such a sweet regular customer we got to see bright and early every day. Such a tragic loss*

Taylor Croteau - August 27, 2024 at 09:24 PM

AB

“ *Nancy and Family
My heart is broken. My thoughts are with you all. Loved our days on Throne Hill and happy to have met you all. Sending hugs and love to you all. See you at the Celebration of Life. Love, Aine*

Aine Bellofatto - August 27, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BF

“ *Brian Murphy and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brian C. Derby.*



Brian Murphy and Family - August 27, 2024 at 07:57 PM

MR

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Love Michelle Rata and Gary Sammarco

Michelle Ratta - August 27, 2024 at 07:44 PM

LD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone. We will be at the celebration of life. Love Lisa and Phil



Lisa Derby - August 27, 2024 at 06:45 PM

KD

“ A very tragic loss to our family, my prayers are with everyone. Forever my Uncle Bunny. Love Kate, Sienna and Mia. See you soon.



kate derby - August 27, 2024 at 06:42 PM

PC

“ Nancy & Family,

Though it's been a while since we last connected, I was deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. I'm sending you strength and comfort, as you mourn Brian. May all of the happy memories help to ease your pain during these difficult days ahead.

With Sympathy and Friendship

Patty Chambers, Maynard



Patty Chambers - August 27, 2024 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ *Dunnigan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian C. Derby.*



Dunnigan Family - August 27, 2024 at 05:28 PM



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



August 27, 2024 at 05:14 PM

RJ

“ Red & Ellen Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian C. Derby.

Red & Ellen Jordan - August 27, 2024 at 05:14 PM