



Brian R. McNeil, of Fitchburg

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Brian R. McNeil, 72, of Fitchburg, MA, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family and a dear friend, after a courageous three-year battle with throat cancer.

Born in Worcester, MA, Brian grew up in New Bedford. He earned two master's degrees from Boston College and dedicated his career to helping others as a social worker. He retired from St. Vincent Hospital, where he made a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Brian is survived by his beloved wife, Cynthia Haudel-McNeil of Fitchburg; his daughter, Jenny Montvitt, and her husband Mark of Grafton; his son, Brian D. McNeil, and his wife Julie of Sicily; and his cherished grandchildren, Owen Moreira, Joseph and Fiona Montvitt, and Brycen and Aubrey McNeil. He also leaves behind his sister, Eileen Clark, and her husband Richard of Holden; his brother, Kevin McNeil, and his wife Karen of Sutton; and his sister, Maureen Trimby of Oakham.

In his younger years, Brian found joy in surfing and skateboarding. He had a passion for playing pool, building dune buggies with his longtime friend Rick

Bayer, and later in life, sharing his love of the mountains as a snowboard instructor at Mt. Wachusett, Waterville Valley, and Crotched Mountain. Always eager to learn, he had recently taken up Morse code, adding yet another skill to his many interests.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the wonderful and caring staff at The Highlands in Fitchburg for their kindness and support.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Brian's memory, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Brian lived life with passion, kindness, and a loving spirit. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Calling hours will be held at Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg, MA, on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A prayer service will begin at 12:00 PM.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg
316 Clarendon Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-4407

Prayer Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Cindy and Family, my Sincere Heartfelt Condolences to all of you for your loss. I did not know Brian personally, but knowing Cindy, he had to have been one heck of a Terrific Guy.

Always in My Thoughts and Prayers,
God Bless,
Denise Kuehl



Denise Kuehl - April 10, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MR

Hi Brian
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Melissa Rorick - April 12 at 04:33 PM

MR

Hi

Melissa Rorick - April 18 at 03:16 PM

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“ Cynthia, Jenny and Brian, please accept my sincere sympathy of Brian's passing. The last few years he really suffered. We kept in contact with each other and I actually thought at he had a chance to get well. I will you and Brian in my prayers. Uncle Bob Eckland

Robert B Eckland - April 09, 2025 at 09:46 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the family, for the loss of a great Human Being. Brian was an avid Crisis Assessment Team member at St. Vincent's Hospital Emergency Room for many years. As a "CAT" team member and for the 4 years I worked with Brian, he shared and taught me many lessons and life stories. Brian, I am grateful for our arguments, our heated quarrels at times that soon after became a candid, honest friendship with much respect towards each other and laughter. Thank You for the very short amount of time our paths crossed in which you certainly left a forever kind print in my heart. Your CAT colleague, Mirza. May you rest in Peace my friend.



Mirza Lugardo - April 08, 2025 at 05:00 PM