



Brian G. McDevitt

June 24, 1955 - July 4, 2021

Rye - Brian McDevitt, 66, of Rye, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021 from complications due to pancreatic cancer. Always in charge until the very end, he elected to halt medical treatments so that he may pass on his own terms. He left this life just as he lived it – on his terms. And, just like the fireworks that day, he left a booming impression on us all.

Brian spent his entire career in the family business, McDevitt Trucks, Inc. He loved the company, coworkers, customers, and vendors. He established a reputation as a tireless advocate for customers. He often drove overnight or met at “O’Dark Thirty,” as he would say, to resolve a service issue, customer complaint, or make a sale!

Brian made the most of every day of his life and made every day an adventure. He was expert at piloting a plane, helicopter, or a yacht, running a dump truck or an excavator, and operating a motorcycle or snowmobile – no machine could escape his prowess. He was not only expert with machinery; he loved camp, the outdoors, and skiing. If cooking and eating were an Olympic event, he’d take gold.

Brian’s most significant accomplishment was not only making the most of every day of his life, but more importantly, making the most of every day with those whose lives he shared. One cannot think of Brian without cracking a

smile. Always loud and upbeat, and constantly armed with a tease, wisecrack, or, “How come...,” a visit from Brian would always leave one laughing, or baffled, or both.

Brian was not just a comic, despite his carefree disposition. He was an intelligent and articulate businessperson. He served as Vice President as well as various sales and management positions with McDevitt Trucks throughout his entire career. His insight and guidance helped steer the company throughout its very successful 47-year history. The company will proudly carry on, as Brian would have wished.

More than anything, Brian loved family first. He is survived by the love of his life, Kelly, with whom he shared 25 years of marriage and adventures. Together they enjoyed the outdoors, travel, or simple nights with friends. Brian is also survived by his mom, Pauline, and his brothers Jack, Kevin, Dennis, and Michael, and their families. Brian was predeceased by his beloved father, Jack, Sr, in 2015. We can be certain that the two of them are causing trouble somewhere right now!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, July 16th at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH 03871. A reception and celebration of life will immediately follow at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club, 60 Wentworth Road, Rye, NH 03870.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Brian's name to the American Cancer Society by clicking here (https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en&_ga=2.254790862.776271909.1625752035-621198002.1623602502) and by mail to P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to the charity of one's choice.

Rest in peace, Brian. We loved you.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Celebration of Life

JUL 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Wentworth By The Sea Country Club
60 Wentworth Road
Rye, NH 03870

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian G. McDevitt*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I flew with Brian many times in a Lake Renegade seaplane. Brian was an outstanding pilot with many great stories to share. Fantastic knowledgeable fun person. I will miss him.*

ross - March 19, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *The CHI Aerospace team sends its condolences to Brian's family and friends. Brian truly was a pleasure to be around and a inspirational pilot. We all feel so grateful to have known him, to have shared aviation stories and experiences with him, and to have laughed with him. He will be greatly missed.*

CHI Aerospace - August 03, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Kevin - July 17, 2021 at 03:46 PM

RN

“ Kelly & Family I'm so sorry for your loss, Brian was the real deal in all aspects of life

Richard Newcomb - July 16, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JD

“ My sympathies to Kelly, Mrs Mcdevitt and the rest of his family. Brian was a character, there was seldom a dull moment with him around. R.I.P Brian.

Jim Delacoe - July 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

HW

“ We are extremely saddened over the passing of Brian. Sugarloaf will not be the same without him. We feel very blessed to have met him and spend some wonderful times together. Our sincerest condolences to Kelly and the McDevitt family.

Neil Cogsley and Heather Wood

Heather Wood - July 15, 2021 at 05:06 PM

RD

“ Dear Kelly, Pauline and the entire McDevitt family,

Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with you at this very sad time. All who have had the privilege to know Brian will remember him as "legendary" for his bigger than life personality and unforgettable antics. He will be sorely missed.

Until we meet again..... God Bless!

Rich, Donna & Corey Dion

Rich Dion - July 15, 2021 at 03:44 PM

JB

“ It's been 35 plus years since I first met the McDevitt clan. Over that time, Brian created countless memories, leading his family and friends in life loving fun and adventure. His beautiful obituary tribute says it all. I am blessed to have known Brian, shared in part of it, he is the only one who could get away with calling me "toots".

To Pauline and brothers, and to Kelly, your loss is great. Brian rests in peace, his spirit lives on in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

Love, Jody Barrett

Jody Barrett - July 15, 2021 at 12:17 PM

KK

“ So saddened to learn of the passing of Brian. It was always a pleasure seeing him. Thinking of you, Kelly. Brian, you will be missed dearly.



Kenady Kelly - July 15, 2021 at 12:11 PM

DT

“ Condolences to the family and friends of Brian. He was a great guy and customer of ours. Dennis and Janice Tatman. The lunch truck at McDevitt Trucks Inc for forty years. Rest in peace Brian.

Dennis&JANICE Tatman - July 15, 2021 at 09:03 AM

GF

“ Absolutely beautiful words of the obituary. The words fit him to a “T” ! A friend since childhood, one of my fondest memories is from the two of us making our Sacrament of Confirmation . He wanted us to take the names of Hercules and Samson ! I can still hear him saying “our folks will go crazy “ . When time came and we were told NO WAY . His said well , let’s stuck with something Irish, Patrick was the outcome ! There are so so many stories , one funnier than the next, they would actually make a great Comedy Movie !! My condolences to Kelly and to the entire McDevitt Family . Godspeed “Mack” , May you Rest in the Arms of the Angels now. Till we meet again.....God Bless

Gregory Fox - July 14, 2021 at 05:47 PM

KS

“ Brian was a friend and fraternity brother while we were both UNH students some 45 years ago. Sounds like he remained the personable, considerate, all around great guy we knew at the SAE house! Phi Alpha brother.

Keith Sullivan



Keith Sullivan - July 14, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CO

Great picture of Brian.

Cheryl O’Neil - August 22, 2021 at 05:59 PM

“Kudos to whoever wrote Brian's obituary. Well done, be sure to read it.

*I have fond memories of Brian G. McDevitt. I first met him about 45 years ago while he was having breakfast at Augi's Restaurant in Manchester. Our friendship grew over the years and Brian was an exciting guy to hang with. We rode snowmobiles and flew seaplanes up to the McDevitt camp on Parmachenee Lake in Maine. We went on motorcycle trips with the first bike he owned and nicknamed "The Clam". Brian organized white water raft trips down the Kennebec River in Maine. Back in the early 80's, Brian, Sam Audley and I built a log home on Acres Pond in Errol, NH. "Let the games begin" ... waterskiing, snow skiing, snowmobiling and drinking parties at Frank Roy's camp. We had a ball!
Brian and I would fly our amphibious ultralights from Bow, NH over Mt. Washington and land in Acres Pond. Great memories!*

Brian called me one day with a lead on ten condos for sale on Lake Winnepesaukee. Before we hung up, we decided our group of friends should buy all that was left. And we did. The units were so small, they were soon nicknamed "The Closets". During Bike Week, our group would entertain a parking lot full of rubber burning party animals.

We flew powered parachutes all over NH - which was basically a lawn chair with wheels and a snowmobile engine. Brian was always the life of the party. I had the privilege of enjoying some of Brian's fun filled adventures and will cherish those memories forever.

Then he met the love of his life, Kelly. They had a kick ass wedding up in Jackson, NH at the Eagle Mountain House. Ask Bruce Cole sometime about our cooler ride down the stairs. Kelly and Brian surely enjoyed a thrilling life together for 25 years.

Shortly after Brian's diagnosis I sent him a card saying how he was dealt a lousy hand. But he took the sad news like the gentleman that he was. I also wrote in my note, that I loved him like a brother.

Becky and I send our sincere condolences to Kelly and the entire McDevitt family. We will all miss Brian, but he will never be forgotten. To celebrate his 66 years of life on earth, grab a drink and take a swig. Here's to Strummer! The pick of the litter.

Michael Audley

Michael Audley - July 14, 2021 at 12:37 PM

SM

“ *Brian entered my husband Russ' and my life one Corvette Club weekend and from that moment on, we always expected the unexpected from Brian. He did bring lots of laughter to our lives whenever we had the good fortune of being with Kelly, Brian, Jack and Deb. Our families have had the very good fortune of knowing each other for many years and Brian has been instrumental in providing our son Bob with that excellent McDevitt truck service! I'm sure my husband Russ has welcomed Brian with cannon shots and fireworks! My deepest, deepest sympathy to Kelly and the entire McDevitt family.*

Susan MacDonald - July 13, 2021 at 02:34 PM

BL

“ *In addition to all of Brian's acknowledgements, you missed that for a short time in his career, Brian was a "Go Kart Racer". Rest in Peace Brian*

Brian Lee - July 12, 2021 at 12:18 PM

SA

“ We have had the privilege of knowing Brian for over 35 years and Kelly for over 26. They have been some of our closest friends and we have many terrific memories of experiences we've shared with them over the years. Brian will be greatly missed by all who have had the privilege of knowing him and our deepest sympathy to Kelly and the McDevitt family.

God Bless,
Sam & Caryl

Sam & Caryl Audley - July 12, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ Melissa Maddock lit a candle in memory of Brian G. McDevitt



Melissa Maddock - July 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM

HM

“ Kelly,
The Mills family is lifting you up in prayers. We are so sorry to hear of Brian's passing.
Love,
Holly and Anthony

holly mills - July 10, 2021 at 01:06 PM

DS

“ Dear Kelly,
Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences on Brian’s passing. He and Steve are proof positive of that song “ Only the Good die young” or in this case The Great! May Brian Rest In Peace and you find peace in your life with all of Brian’s wonderful memories.
David and Debbie Schofield.

David Schofield - July 09, 2021 at 10:36 AM

KM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kevin McDevitt - July 09, 2021 at 07:41 AM

LZ

“ Kelly & family, We are so very sad to hear and send our love and condolences. Brian was always smiling and sharing a funny story or adventure. We have fond memories at the lake and skiing..such a fun, warm friend. Prayers and ❤️, Lisa & Tory Ziebell

Lisa Ziebell - July 08, 2021 at 08:52 PM

BG

“ Dear Kelly,Pauline, Jack,Kevin,Michael ,Dennis and the entire McDevitt family. My deepest sympathy in this most difficult time. Brian was a lifelong dear friend and shipmate. He is truly in my heart, forever. Gibby, is forever at a loss without Mack onboard. God Bless Brian McDevitt.

Brian "Gibby" Gibson - July 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

LM

“ Dear Kelly, Pauline, and the entire McDevitt family, I am so sorry about Brian - you are in my thoughts. Brian was one-of-a-kind and everyone loved him the moment they met him. Sending a heartfelt hug to all of you. Lisa Merrill

Lisa Merrill - July 08, 2021 at 08:28 AM

SB

Kelly, we are so sorry for your loss and for the entire McDevitt family. Brian's memory will live with all that had the good fortune to know him



Sandy bell - July 11, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JH

So many kind, helpful, funny, sincere ways Brian touched our lives and made such an amazing impression on us. May we always hear Brian's voice reminding us: if you can't say something nice, then Or count the times we shook our heads when it was a super ski or boating Sunday and Brian ducked out early to go clean his hanger. Heaven must now have the cleanest hanger ever and already stuffed full of amazing big-boy toys. Only Brian could say you kook and fruitcake with so much kindness. Brian had a way of turning even a 5-day rain storm during a 6-day ski vacation into total fun. With Brian as our role model, we can all strive to be better people so Brian better enjoys the huge place we have for him in our hearts. Kelly, Pauline, Jack, Kevin, Dennis, Michael and family, we share your loss and send our love. Jeannie and Frank

Jeannie VanKuren & Frank Heidenreich - July 13, 2021 at 08:00 AM

CB

Our Condolences to Kelly, Jack, Kevin, Michael, Dennis and families. The memories Brian and I have had will forever be with me. Every time Brian and I got together I always had a smile because I new it was going to be a great day. I wish the families all the best. Chuck Bellemore and family, Rest in Peace my friend.

Chuck Bellemore - July 14, 2021 at 02:15 PM

FU

who ever wrote about brian hit it right on the head , he was one of a kind, a great friend and always a gentleman, ive got memories of brian from back when the family lived in lincoln, he was a character then and he always will be, he will be missed rip fuzzy

fuzzy - July 16, 2021 at 02:16 PM