



Michael Brian

June 6, 1940 - August 6, 2020

This man, Michael Brian

Michael Brian was born on June 6th 1940 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to parents Ilene and Kenneth Brian and brother and sister Ken and Debbie.

From there he would graduate from high school in Stroud, enter the military in the engineering division of the army and graduate with a technical degree from Panhandle A&M in industrial electronics.

He found and married the love of his life Janet Ruth Hayden in 1963. They moved to the Dallas area in 1965 where he worked for Rockwell International and was awarded 3 government patents for his work as an R&D technician.

In 1994, having decided to take early retirement, he returned to his birthplace of Okmulgee and opened a wholesale nursery while dedicating time to The First Presbyterian Church as a devoted elder, a choir voice tenor and many times as the church's volunteer handy man.

So far the things that are mentioned don't describe the character of the man. We would like for all those who read this obituary to know, that his needs never rose above anyone else's, that his selfless deeds never were spoken and that his acts of self sacrifice were never known.

One day he came home from the doctor's with a diagnosis of cancer. He had already fought off a heart attack and had extremely poor blood flow in one leg. He knelt down at his wife's feet who herself was quite ill, and promised that he would do his best to live long enough to see her comfortably go from this earth. On February 3rd 2018 he made good on his promise.

Watching now, he probably is not happy with us telling his story, as of course, humility was also part of his character. But now it is written, the generous contributions of this man, Michael Brian.

On August 6th in Jenks, just two months after completing his 80th birthday, he went on to meet his wife and parents.

He is survived by his daughters Cathy, Susie, Julie, son-in-law Douglas, son Mike and daughter-in-law Pilar, five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Michael will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday August 15, 2020 at the Okmulgee Cemetery with Mr. Dan Sulivant and Reverend Jeffrey Francis officiating.

Honorary casketbearers will be Alvin Arterbury, Dan Sulivant, Dr. Tom Alexander, Chris Woods, Nick Zografos, and Doug Bryan. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 S. Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Okmulgee Cemetery
2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Brian*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *So deeply sorry for Mike's passing. He and Jan were some of the first members of the Okmulgee Presbyterian Church that I met years ago when my daughters were young. We attended the Henryetta church but because we had so few children in our congregation, our two congregations combined forces for Bible school and youth group. Mike and Jan's devotion to their church family was evident then and continued through the intervening years. After Jan's death, Mike continued to worship with his church family as often as his health allowed. We will sorely miss his presence but are grateful for the decades we were able to worship together.*

Kathy Brison - August 11, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Michael Brian*



david miller - August 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM

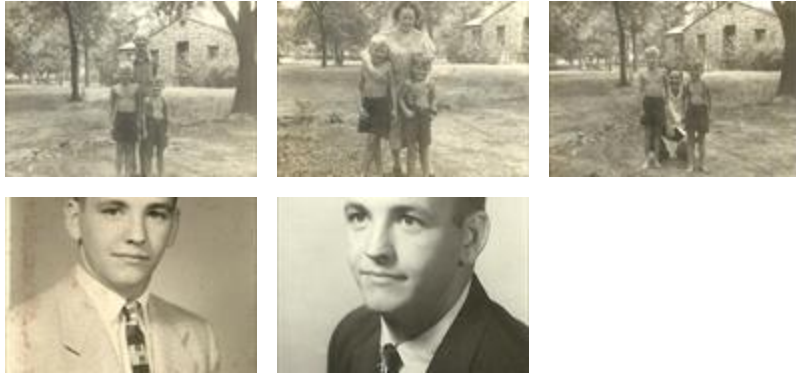


“ *We appreciated Mike's many years of using our barber shop. He was a nice man. - Ralph & Roger*

Ralph Kovarik - August 11, 2020 at 09:21 AM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Jill - August 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Bryan - August 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM