



## Brian Jon Cardosi

March 17, 1964 - October 22, 2020

Brian Jon Cardosi, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL he was 56 years old. Born, March 17, 1964, in Kankakee, he was the youngest of 4 children to Paul and Donna Cardosi. He graduated from Kankakee Eastridge High School class of 1982 and earned a Bachelors degree in Consumer Economics and Family Management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

After graduation from SIU, Brian began working in the family business for PAC Trucking, a regional petroleum carrier operating in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan area. In 2000, Brian became co-owner and Chief Financial Officer of PAC Trucking and after 33 years, he retired in 2018. Brian was a 3rd-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a former Kankakee Rotarian, and a former member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee.

In his retirement years, Brian celebrated life, with his partner and love of his life, Lolita Carter. Brian and Lolita loved traveling together. One of his favorite places was Biloxi "Cruising the Coast" vintage car show. He loved their trip to Belize, with its crystal clear waters and beautiful sand beaches. He was an avid drummer, master on the conga drums and played in a band that performed in DuSable Harbor in Chicago. He enjoyed the jazz scene in Chicago and playing drums in his home. He loved fishing on the Kankakee River for "Northern Pine"

Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Donna (Mitchell) Cardosi who passed just recently on October 6, 2020. Brian is survived by his beloved son, Mitchell Cardosi and former wife, Lucy Pommier both of Momence, IL. Brian lived life with his loving partner, Lolita Carter of Kankakee, IL. He is also survived by his father, Paul Cardosi of Fountain Hills, AZ, He was a beloved brother to sister Kim Cardosi and husband Don Jasinski of Oak Park, IL, brother Paul Cardosi and wife Annette of Scottsdale, AZ., and brother Craig Cardosi and Pamela Partenheimer of Chicago. Brian was a loving uncle to 8 nieces and nephews Tess Aulet, Emma and Nora Jasinski, Caroline Eaton and Ahren, Cameron, Zach and Leigh Cardosi. He was a great uncle to three great nieces and nephews. He was second father to Lolita's two children Erica Shaw and Nick Barber and Lolita's six adoring grandchildren Andrew, David, Morgan, Gavin, Kalyn and Kylie. who called him "Grandpa Brian", "GPB", and "Poppa".

Man's best friend, his dog, Bear was Brian's constant companion. Bear will miss his bubbly baths of dish detergent and Old Spice cologne. Brian always wanted Bear to be "Fresh". A master jokester, and great dancer, Brian had a huge heart and fabulous smile. He will be missed but never forgotten by his family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 11:30-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home at 1480 West Court Street in Kankakee. We ask that everyone wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. A member of the funeral home staff will be at the door to take everyone's temperature. As per the state mitigation guidelines, we will be limiting the number of people to 25 inside the building at a time.

The family of Brian Cardosi and the funeral home staff thank you for your patience and understanding. At the conclusion of the visitation, the procession will leave the funeral home for an outside graveside service at

1:30 p.m. at St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Post Covid, there will be a memorial service and Mass for Brian Cardosi and Donna Cardosi to celebrate their lives for family and friends in 2021 with a date to be determined.

For condolences to the family, please visit the Clancy Gernon Funeral Home website [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Brian's honor to the Kankakee Knights of Columbus 187 S. Indiana Ave, Kankakee IL 60901

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

OCT **31**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. James Cemetery in Irwin  
Irwin, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I remember working for Brian and was blessed to have a great friendship with him. He always had a smile and knew how to make that smile contagious. I was also blessed to have fond memories, you will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy,  
*John & Renata Guerrero*

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**John Guerrero** - October 31, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PM

“ We were so happy that Brian stopped by to see us last month and so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a good friend and will be missed. Our prayers and condolences to Mitch, Lolita, and their families.  
*Pat and Patti McKenna*

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**Pat McKenna** - October 31, 2020 at 11:23 AM

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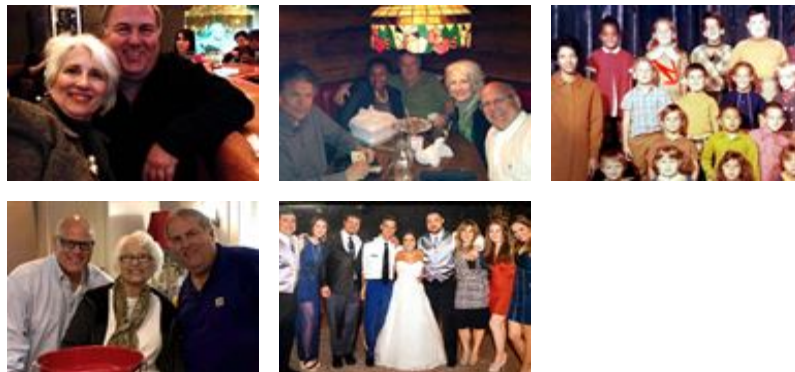
“ Brian was an extremely kind man who loved many people. I haven't seen Brian in many years, but I know that his kindness was genuine and he will be missed by many who's lives he touched throughout the years. God bless Brian and his friends and family as I am very sorry for your loss at this tough time.

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**Stephen Ryan** - October 30, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ 103 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - October 30, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RD

*Kim and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your mom and now Brian. Thoughts and prayers to all of you!  
Ruth (Birr) Denoyer*

**Ruth Denoyer** - October 31, 2020 at 09:40 AM

EL

“ *My sincere condolences to Brian's family. He was such a nice guy. May he rest in the arms of the Father* 🙏🙏🙏



**Ethel Lee** - October 29, 2020 at 11:17 PM

SM

“ I always enjoyed babysitting for the Cardosi kids! Many years later, I ran into Brian out on the Kankakee River! I didn't realize he was Matt Olszewski's neighbor. The Olszewskis are also a big part of my Kankakee days.  
All my sympathy goes out to you Kim, Paul, Craig, Lolita, and of course Dad Paul. I had just learned of Donna's passing when I saw her beautiful picture online. For a normally lovely month, October has not been kind. Thoughts are with you, Love, Sandy Mackey LaPlant, Santa Rosa, Ca.

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sandra mackey - October 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM

TN

“ Sorry for u guys loss with Donna And Brian god be with ur family prayers so sad thinking of u guys Jerry and J udy Norton

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The Nortons - October 29, 2020 at 10:24 AM

  
Christina Eggert

“ I am blessed to have known Brian. Brian and I have shared many stories and laughs. I pray for peace and comfort to Lolita as I know how much they love and care for each other. I pray for peace and comfort to all his family and friends. I pray for peace to poor little Bear, I can imagine he will fill lost.

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Christina Eggert - October 28, 2020 at 03:53 PM

  
Christina Eggert

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Christina Eggert - October 28, 2020 at 03:54 PM

BA

“ *Rest in peace Brian. You will be missed.*  
*Ralph(Mick) & Barb Young*



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**Barb** - October 28, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Marcia Samuels lit a candle in memory of*  
*Brian Jon Cardosi*



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**Marcia Samuels** - October 28, 2020 at 07:12 AM



*My Condolences to The Family.*

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**Marcia Samuels** - October 28, 2020 at 07:13 AM