



Raymond B. Brian

September 21, 2023

Raymond “Ray” Bare Brian, 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Born in Lancaster, PA as the youngest of ten children, he was the son of the late George W. and Mary Emma (Bare) Brian. Ray was married to his loving wife Naomi Lydia Brian for 61 years.

Ray graduated from East Lampeter Township HS and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. He worked for the Lancaster City Fire Department for twenty-eight years, until retiring in 1995.

He and Naomi attended St. Andrews UCC for a long time. Family was important to Ray as he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, they always brought a huge smile to his face.

Ray enjoyed activities such as hunting, fishing, and beach vacations in the Outer Banks. He watched Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and NASCAR, with Tony Stewart as his favorite driver. Ray listened to country and Western music and loved Naomi’s spaghetti. Ray was a member of the 8th Ward Club since 1987.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Michele R. Kleinhaus (Brian) of Lancaster, his son R. Mike Brian (Therese) of Manheim, his four grandchildren, Justin Brian (Jackie), Jordan Kleinhaus (Alexandra Perate), Jennifer Heisey (Cody), and

Kirsten Dimitris (Luke), six great-grandchildren, Ava, Tanner, Myles, Jett, James, and Emma, and his sister Helen Leaman.

Ray was preceded in death by his siblings: Ivan, Arlene, Ruth, Anna, Jay, Grace, Robert and Leroy.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ray's Funeral Service at the Groff Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Bruce Tully officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. The interment will be held at Riverview Burial Park following the service with Military honors from the Red Rose Honor Guard.

Please consider a memorial contribution to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org in Ray's name.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Burial Park

South Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Friends and Family

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Raymond B. Brian

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Stan and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of Raymond you are in our prayers always. Sincerely, Stan & Myrna cramer

Stan and Myrna cramer - September 28, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ Myrna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond B Brian.

Myrna C. - September 27, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond B Brian.

September 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Brian.



September 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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“ *Brian Kleinhaus lit a candle in memory of Raymond B. Brian*



Brian Kleinhaus - September 24, 2023 at 04:54 PM

BD

“ *Barry Dusel lit a candle in memory of Raymond B. Brian*



Barry Dusel - September 24, 2023 at 08:49 AM

BD

“ *I spent quite a bit of my career at Station 6 with Ray. A outstanding Man, Mentor, and Firefighter. He will be missed I'm certain. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with you all. You did good Ray, now you can rest.*

Barry Dusel - September 24, 2023 at 08:48 AM