



Brian Kalahar

October 27, 1954 - October 2, 2015

Brian Kalahar 60 year old resident of St. Joseph, MN passed away Friday, October 2, 2015 at his home in St. Joseph, MN surrounded by his family. Funeral service will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Pastor Jean Megorden officiating. Burial will take place in the Darling Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Tuesday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and from 11-12 P.M. on Wednesday at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Brian was born on October 27, 1954 in Little Falls, MN to Mary (Thelander) Kalahar and the late Veryl Kalahar. He grew up in Little Falls where he attended school, graduating from Little Falls Community High School with the Class of 1972. After graduation he went on to Brainerd Vocational School for auto mechanics. He was united in marriage to Candy (Pater) Vukelich on June 28, 1997 in St. Joseph, MN. Brian was employed at DeZurik Manufacturing in Sartell for 41 years as a machinist. He was a car enthusiast that loved restoring old cars. He completely restored a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS and his grandfather's old Farmall tractor. Brian was also very proud of his 1932 Ford coupe that was in mint condition. When he was not working on his own vehicles he loved assisting friends at truck pulls in the pits and he also loved four-wheeling with his wife Candy. Brian will forever be remembered for his contagious sense of humor and his witty one liners. He had a way of always

keeping things positive even towards the end when his health was declining. Brian had many friends and everyone he met wanted to be his best friend. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by many.

Brian is survived by loving wife Candy Kalahar of St. Joseph, MN; mother, Mary Kalahar of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Kristin (Abe) Fischer of Albertville, MN and Tiffany (Andrew Schrupp) Kalahar of Chanhassen, MN; stepson, David (Jen) Vukelich of Elk River, MN; sisters, Lani (Ron) Larson of St. Francis, MN and Sharon (John) Strack of Sauk Rapids, MN; grandchildren, Gabe, Sam, Sawyer, Peja, Will, and Brynnlee; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Brian was preceded in death by father, Veryl Kalahar; grandparents, Hugo & Sonja Thelander and Thomas & Gertrude Kalahar.

Cemetery Details

Darling Cemetery

10815 190th Street
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian Kalahar*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 06, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ *Brian Kalahar*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dear beloved family of Brian Kalahar, please take comfort in knowing that the true God (Psa 83:18) is aware of your loss and will provide you with comfort & strength during this difficult time.*

Lois - November 06, 2015 at 01:00 AM



“ *We have always been a fan of "Big Orange" since the 1st time we seen it at a show in Duelm. We always enjoyed Brian's company at car shows. He will be missed!*

Jeff Drussell and Michele Jackels - October 07, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.*



October 06, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ *I graduated with Brian in 1972. He was always a happy guy. He was the kind of person that always fit in. Great sense of humor and personality. Really saddens me to hear he is no longer with us. My prayers are with you.*

SHANNON PROZINSKI - October 06, 2015 at 01:15 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 06, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.*



October 06, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.*



October 06, 2015 at 01:04 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.*



October 06, 2015 at 12:09 AM



“ *So sorry you had to leave us so soon. Say "hi" to Randy for me. You will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Candy, Kristen, Tiffany, David and Aunt Mary. May you find comfort in the arms of your memories. Deb*

Deb Kalahar - October 05, 2015 at 11:05 PM

DK

“ *Deb Kalahar lit a candle in memory of Brian Kalahar*



Deb Kalahar - October 05, 2015 at 10:43 PM

ML

“ *Brian, you were right, a 22 oz. hammer is the best. Thanks for all the mechanical tips that you gave me. I'm sorry that we never got to ride together.*



Michael Leyk - October 05, 2015 at 08:46 PM

ML

We both know that orange is a cool color!

Michael Leyk - October 05, 2015 at 08:48 PM

JG

“ Dear Candy, Kristen, Tiffany and David.
Dear Aunt Mary and my cousins.

Brian is gone and has left a hole in our hearts.

As my slightly older cousin I looked up to him. As a mechanic I was in awe of him. When we were teenagers he loved "souping up" those old Chevys- and would take me for rides while he "pounded gears" and "got a little second gear scratch." We must have made a thousand trips past the St. Francis girl's high school just to get a wave.

Looking back I realize he was pretty tolerant of his younger tag a long cousin.

He loved pulling a car motor in Grandpa Hugo's old garage and fixing on Grandpa's 1939 Plymouth pickup.

Good times- great memories.

Recently he and I placed some paver stones for an outside patio for his Mom. Working with Brian really spoils a guy- He knows what he is doing and makes a complicated job look easy.

Bet he's having an Old Mil with Unc right now.

He is missed.

-John and Renée Gustafson

John Gustafson - October 05, 2015 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. you will
be missed. may you rest in peace Brian. gone too soon.

DIANE SPETRINO - October 05, 2015 at 06:26 PM

MK

“ *Mark & Glenna Kalahar lit a candle in memory of Brian Kalahar*



Mark & Glenna Kalahar - October 05, 2015 at 06:08 PM

NL

“ *I will never forget helping him with his Chevy Luv project when he lived in Kutzman's addition! Learned a lot for this wonderful guy! RIP Brian! You will never be forgotten!!*

Neil Lange - October 05, 2015 at 05:18 PM

KW

“ *My sympathies and hugs.*



Karen (Przybilla) Waddell - October 05, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 05, 2015 at 01:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.



October 05, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.



October 05, 2015 at 10:40 AM

LD

“ Lynn Duxbury lit a candle in memory of Brian Kalahar



Lynn Duxbury - October 05, 2015 at 09:16 AM

LD

Mary - I am so very sorry for your loss. I never met Brian but with all the kind and wonderful things you have shared with me and our fellow family here at Bethel, I know that he was special! May God be with you and your family. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified for the LORD your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut 31:6)

Lynn Duxbury - October 05, 2015 at 09:20 AM

DT

“ Candy so sorry for your loss. Love & prayers for your family now and in the days ahead.

Dean & Kathy Taylor

Dean & Kathy Taylor - October 04, 2015 at 08:32 PM

JK

“ Remembering helping build the addition onto Brian and Candy's house. Watching Brian up on the rafters swinging like an agile monkey. It was so fun. They had lots of friends help. And, Candy's family came and helped. They would come to our house with the motor home and park in our yard on the 4th of July. We would go out on the pontoon and have so much fun. He was a happy guy and was our brother-in-law and we will deeply miss him.

James and Cyndra Kaz - October 04, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Brian Kalahar.*



October 04, 2015 at 06:50 PM



“ *It saddens our hearts to learn the passing of our dear friend Brian. Candy, Kristen, Tiffy, Mary and family you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss his smile and optimizim, he was truly an inspiration. His zest for live was unbelievable. The fond memories of Brian we will charish in our hearts forever. God's blessings to you all.*

Laural & Darryl Jarshaw

Laural &Darryl Jarshaw - October 04, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayer's to the family of Brian. May he rest in Gods care. God bless his family & friends. Richard & Thomas Schneider.*

Richard & Thomas Schneider - October 03, 2015 at 08:18 AM



I had the honor to work with Brian for 36 years he was a hell of a mechanic.And was hard to bet in pool we played when we worked 2nd.shift and would go for a beer.God has a good guy on his side now.

steve vogl - October 04, 2015 at 04:42 PM

LY

So sorry to hear this. Happy that Brian was able to share our party with us and give us one of his incredible smiles and hugs. Our prayers to you all.

Lynn & Yvonne - October 04, 2015 at 04:54 PM

JK

Candy and family. So sorry to hear of Brian's passing. I remember his great laugh and sense of humor when I worked with him at DeZurik. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Jim Koetter

Jim Koetter - October 06, 2015 at 11:16 AM

BP

Candy and family.

I had the privilege of working with Brian on what would be his last project at DeZurik. It was rebuilding the automation for one of the valve test benches. He did all the fabricating and I worked on the controls. His work in my book is second to none. He was a very competent man, hard working, insightful and thoughtful. I happily learned during that project that it was a great pleasure to work side by side with Brian. Although I was not able to spend much time with him other than that project and perhaps a car show or two, I feel fortunate to have had that time with him.

As the first anniversary of his passing is here, you will be reliving some of the pain and feeling the loss again. Thats ok. It hurts, but it helps. I cannot say I know how you feel, no one can say that except the Lord Jesus. He does know and he does care very much about you all. Cast your burdens on him. He can and will carry you.

My father was my best friend, we lost him very suddenly. It took a very long time to get over that loss. The hole in your heart never gets filled, but God gives grace and helps with the healing.

May God bless you all.

Brian Prigge

John 3:16, Acts 16:31

Brian Prigge - October 13, 2016 at 09:25 AM